

May 31, 2026

The Most Holy Trinity



St. Mary 's Immaculate Conception Parish

7176 Esker Road, Custer, WI 54423

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Website: www.stmaryscuster.net

Please submit bulletin notices to stmary@wi-net.com
by noon on Tuesday.

Parish Mission Statement

St Mary's Parish is a practicing Catholic Community providing spiritual, social and educational opportunities for all God's people that we may deepen our love of God and one another through prayer and deed.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 2, (SH)
8:15 am +Mark Groshek by Virginia Groshek

Wednesday, June 3
8:15 am +John Britz by Julie, Kenny & Family

Thursday, June 4 @ SH
7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions
8:15 am +Terry Lepak by Conrad & Delores Lepak



Friday, June 5
7:30-8 am Confessions
8:15 am +Chuck Egle by Family
9 am Silent Adoration

3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Closing Benediction

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, @ Convent
8:15 am +Patricia Kluck
by August & Caroline Trzebiatowski
+Dorothy Gagas by Helen Basinski
+Tom Printz by Mary, Kim, Andreas Family
+Karen Liebe by Tom & Julie Wanserski
+Fran Zaborowski by Tom & Julie Wanserski

2:45 pm Confessions
4:00 pm St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart
Parish Families

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, The Most Holy Body & Blood Of Christ (Corpus Christi)

8:00 am @ SH
+Dennis Groshek by Virginia Groshek

10 am +Prosper & Evelyn Gosh by Family

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Mark Miller, Pastor 715-600-6942

fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com

Deacon Jim Sniadajewski

dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com

You may reach Father Miller for both emergency and non emergency situations by calling Sacred Heart office at any time of the day.

PARISH STAFF

Secretary-Donna Wierzba....stmary@wi-net.com

Bookkeeper-stmaryicfinance@gmail.com

Coordinator of Religious Education-

Jessica Bielen

Custodian-Jeanne Hintz

Maintenance/Grounds keeping

Josh Genskow





"Mary is the most beautiful flower ever seen in the spiritual world. It is by God's grace that there have ever sprung up at all flowers of holiness and glory. And Mary is the queen of them. Therefore she is called "the rose", for the rose is of all flowers the most beautiful. But moreover, she is the "mystical" or "hidden" rose, for mystical means hidden. How is she now "hidden" from us? Her body was taken into heaven." - St John Newman

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Prayers for those in need are so very important; so if you would like someone added to the list please contact the parish office. Always be sure you have permission to add someone's name.

Please remember in your prayers

Please pray for the following and all who are ill in our parish:
Tom Sbonik, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Shirley Pliska, Denny Elsenrath, Henry Gagas, Joe Raschka, Valerie Stanczyk, Sharon Zblewski, Jim Zblewski, Jerry Lepak, Bob Zimauer, Brigid & Al Pellatt

If anyone is in need of spiritual care at your home or hospital (e.g. Confession, Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick) please call the parish to make arrangements. Father Miller is here for your spiritual and sacramental needs. Also, be aware that if you are in the hospital for an extended period of time, and would like a visit, please contact parish. Hospitals do not make aware of these situations.



Building Together
Uniting Hearts and Spaces

Effective JUNE 1st the sidewalk from the parking lot to the front doors of the church will be closed throughout the summer.

Foot traffic—Please follow the map to enter the church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

While we are very excited to have the work started on this project, we want to make sure everyone is staying safe.



CEMETERY WATER:

Water is available, there is a hose hanging on the construction fence. Please hang the watering can back on the fence when done.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

May 24

Offertory	\$	105.00
Project Milk		25.00
Vigil lights		78.85
Adult Env		
& ACH		1216.00
Total	\$	1424.85

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED AND CONTINUE TO DONATE TO OUR BUILDING FUND



Envelopes for the Ground Level Hall and Church Renovations can be found in your Parish support envelopes. This project is for current and future generations of St. Mary's parishioners.





St. Mary's I.C. Faith Formation Program

Coordinator of Religious Education

Jessica Bielen (715)347-3367 or jwier319@gmail.com

Please keep *Cordelia Carey, Sayer Konopacki and Opal Konopacki* in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion, next Sunday, June 7th at the 10 AM Mass.



BUY SCRIP After Mass Sunday, June 14th & *21st
If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775) **Thank you for supporting our scrip program**

St. Mary's I.C is looking for a **part time bookkeeper**, set your own schedule to do parish payroll, accounts payable and receivable, federal & state reports, bank and balance sheet reconciliations, monthly reports and general administration tasks. Need some bookkeeping & accounting experience, be familiar with Microsoft Office and accounting software. Hours add up to 40+ hours monthly. Send or email 'resume' or letter of interest to St. Mary IC, 7176 Esker Rd, Custer, (stmary@wi-net.com)

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION June 5th

9am - 3pm at St. Mary's I.C. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 pm followed by Benediction. All are welcome and encouraged to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please consider "adopting" an hour to sit with our Lord. A sign-up sheet is located in the table in the Church entrance.



Convent Gazebo Gift Shop. This June our country is being Consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You can find Sacred Heart images/artwork available in the Convent Gazebo Gift Shop located in the Convent grounds behind the Convent building. Open daily and self serve. Check it out!

- Rummage Sale every Saturday until October 10th. Items are still being accepted! Please call the convent at 715-592-4213 or 715-340-2006 if you would like to donate anything to our rummage sale. ~Thank you



**CAUTION:
RENOVATIONS HAVE BEGUN**



Please use caution when visiting St. Mary's.

While this is an exciting time to witness the changes we are making, please be respectful of the equipment and materials.



Happy BIRTHDAY!

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

TO BE ADDED TO THE WEEKLY BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT, PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME AND BIRTH DATE TO DONNA.

STMARY@WI-NET.COM
715-592-4330


birthday blessings

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st-Mary Vodra 4th-Pat Wierzba
5th-Dorothy Wolloch
13th-Denise Glodowski, Joe Johnson
14th-LeRoy Wierzba
17th-Paul Woyak 19th-Jeanne Hintz
21st-Barb Soik 23rd-Lori Kluck
24th-Tony Charneski, Brian Vogt
28th-John Bustamante

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING - Monday June 8, 12:00 pm, praying of the rosary in church, followed by a snack prepared by Rose 2. Followed by meeting, discussion, and a good time of games and Bingo with prizes. Bring a friend, **all women of the parish welcome.**

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from First Choice Pregnancy in Stevens Point, call 800-712-help or www.firstchoiceprc.org, or Catholic Charities at 844-644-7223 (844-64-GRACE) or text 715-600 6391. To learn more, cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant. Additional resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources.




CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION
(weather permitting)

Sunday, June 7th
Following the 8:00am Mass

Sacred Heart Parish
Polonia

NO MASS at St. Mary's I.C. on FRIDAY, JUNE 12th



On Friday, June 12th, the parish celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day.
Consecrating our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and joining the U.S. bishops in celebrating the 250th anniversary of our nation!

- **8:15am**—Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- **All day adoration**
- **3:00pm**—Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic procession, Litany to the Sacred Heart and consecration, Benediction

A plenary indulgence (the complete remission of temporal punishment due to sin) may be gained by confession within twenty days of the feast, communion, and praying at least an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father. One must also renounce all attachment to sin, and be free of even venial sin.



**Join us Sunday, June 14,
after the 10 am Mass for our
COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL**

ALL ARE WELCOME

Hosted by Group 1

PROJECT MILK \$100.00 = 1 50 lb sack of Milk
1 sack of Milk=feeds 72 orphans for one week
LET'S SEE HOW MANY BAGS OF MILK WE CAN FILL
(last year we sent 12 bags) So far we have collected \$1390.00!
This is Great! God Bless you!

Bring a bouquet! Plant Flowers in your garden to share with St. Mary's I.C. this summer. Help us add beauty to our Church by donating bouquets for our sanctuary.



Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, June 7

LECTOR Kirk **USHERS** Betty & Ron
SERVERS Sammi, Spencer
MONEY COUNTERS Jeremy, Lisa, Kirk
MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

SUNDAY, June 14

LECTOR Christine **USHERS** Randy & Vincent
SERVERS Keaton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS Randy, Joanna, Tom
MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

A BIG THANK YOU to

JAY'S
LAWN & CARE
SNOW REMOVAL
715-572-4438

Jay donated the landscape mulch to St. Mary's I.C. If you still need mulch, give him a call.



June 6 & 7 St. Joseph Annual Picnic Under One Roof

June 6 4pm Mass
5pm All Events Open
Concessions, Music, Kids Games, Cherry Tree, Country Store, Refreshments, Pull Tabs, Sweepstakes, Basket Raffle (drawing at 8 p.m.)

June 7 9:30am Corpus Christi Procession Begins at St. Stephen, processing to St. Joseph
10:30am Polka Mass with the Choraleers and Old Time Brass
11:30am All Events Open
Concessions, Refreshments, Cherry Tree, Country Store, Pull Tabs, Basket Raffle, Kids Games, Bounce House, Sweepstakes.
11:30am until 4pm continuous music with The Old Time Brass
4pm Basket Raffle & Sweepstakes Drawing.

Fun for All Ages! \$1,000 Sweepstakes Prize!

Air Conditioned Comfort!

St. Joseph Parish
1709 Wyatt Ave
Stevens Point

Located at the Corner of Jefferson & Wyatt
www.PointCatholicFaith.org
715-341-1617



ST. MARY'S I.C. FOOD PANTRY

Please continue to donate to our Food Pantry your non perishable items and monetary donations go to local families. Please help us help those in need. Drop off items in the cart in the entrance of Church. Please check the expiration date on items you are donating.

Priest Prayer Calendar – June 2026

- 1st – Pope Leo XIV
- 2nd – Bp. Battersby
- 3rd – Fr. Jared Clements
- 4th – Msgr. William Dhein
- 5th – Fr. Francis Dias
- 6th – Msgr. Joseph Diermeier
- 7th – Fr. Billy Dodge
- 8th – Fr. Clayton Elmhurst
- 9th – Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh
- 10th – Fr. William Felix
- 11th -- Fr. Victor Feltes
- 12th -- Fr. James Genovesi
- 13th – Fr. John Gilbert
- 14th – Msgr. Richard Gilles
- 15th – Fr. Joseph Glatczak
- 16th -- Fr. George Graham
- 17th -- Fr. Alan Guanella
- 18th – Fr. Brandon Guenther
- 19th – Fr. Jeffrey Hennes
- 20th – Fr. Fernando Hernandez
- 21st – Msgr. Joseph Hirsch
- 22nd -- Fr. Jerome Hooser
- 23rd – Fr. Ethan Hokamp
- 24th – Fr. Thomas Huff
- 25th – Fr. Wesley Janowski
- 26th – Msgr. Steven Kachel
- 27th – Fr. Peter Keiffer
- 28th – Fr. Keith Kitzhaber
- 29th – Fr. Justin Kizewski
- 30th – Fr. Michael Klos



Please pray some kind of prayer for the priests listed each day. It's good to pray for our priests in general of course, but also specifically. Thank you



Our Life as a Gift

Building Self-Identity through Wonder

The rise of anxiety and chronic depression, especially among young people has led many to question why the modern self-identity seems so fragile. The Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor contrasts a modern version of self-identity, how one sees oneself, with an older view of the self, one more open to grace, nature, and the divine. In earlier times, people discovered who they were through family, community, faith, and shared history. The modern self, by contrast, builds walls of independence, separating identity from family, tradition, and the sense that life might be shaped by something greater than ourselves. The modern self-identity claims a radical independence.

Young people, especially, may think they have a self-made identity. Trying to claim independence isn't really a new phenomenon. However, as we mature, we should see that no one is really independent of their culture. Today's secular and technology-driven world creates its own issues. Social media tempts us to measure our worth by likes, clicks, and followers. What appears to be freedom — the power to define ourselves — often hides a deep insecurity. We become dependent on the approval of others to measure our own self-worth.

Psychiatrist and author Iain McGilchrist offers a similar insight. He argues that modern culture has come to be ruled by the left hemisphere of the brain — by analysis, control, and abstraction. We live by models and metrics, forgetting the living reality they were meant to represent. What Taylor calls the modern self, McGilchrist describes as the “left-hemisphere world,” one that values mastery over meaning, efficiency over relationship, and control over wonder.

Taylor invites us to remember the moral and spiritual realities that give life its direction. McGilchrist calls for a “revolution in attention,” an awakening to the world as gift, something to be received with gratitude rather than managed or consumed. The challenge of Taylor and McGilchrist is deeply personal: *Do I approach life as something to control, to measure, or to quantify, or as something to receive with wonder and humility?*

Reality is always larger than our ideas about it. Life is not a project we invent but a gift we are invited to live. Meaning, beauty, and love are not things we create; they are already woven into the fabric of existence by our Creator. Our sense of the sacred — our longing for connection, our intuition that life means more — these are the

whispers of grace calling us to a greater identity.

The fragile, anxious self of our age is healed not through greater self-definition but through deeper belonging: to God, and through Him, to one another. When we receive the truth that we are beloved children of a generous Creator God, everything begins to change. We grow freer, more loving, and more at peace. And like St. Paul, we can begin to say with quiet confidence, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”

By Father David Olson
Priest of the Diocese of
La Crosse