

November 23, 2025

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*



## ***St. Mary 's Immaculate Conception Parish***

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Please submit bulletin notices to [stmary@wi-net.com](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com)  
by noon on Tuesday.

### **PARISH CLERGY**

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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](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com)

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**Coordinator of Religious Education**-  
Jessica Bielen

**Custodian**-Jeanne Hintz

**Maintenance/Grounds keeping**  
Josh Genskow

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Couples requesting the celebration of Marriage should contact the parish at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Please contact the parish to schedule a baptism class and request a date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Parents are encouraged to attend before the birth of their child.

### **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, November 25,

8:15 am (SH) +Virginia Lepak by Family

**Wednesday, November 26**

8:15 am +Phyllis Klesmith

*by Kevin & Laurie Meister*

**Thursday, November 27, at SMIC**

**\*\*No Adoration & Confessions**

**9:00 am** +Chuck Egle

*by Hank & Diane Zblewski*

**Friday, November 28,**

**\*\*No Adoration & Confessions**

**NO MASS @ SMIC**

**Saturday, November 29,**

**NO 8:15 am MASS @ SH**

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +Val Blaskey

**November 30,**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 am @ SH St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred  
Heart Parish Families

10:00 am **David Mansavage**

*by Elsie & Family*





"We all know that we must be innocent of greed. However, it is an excellent rule for us to banish greed beyond the reach of scandal." - St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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 :  
*Kenny Rozek, Joe Raschka, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Valerie Stanczyk, Shirley Pliska, Henry Gagas, Denny Elsenrath, Sharon Zblewski, Deagen Selner, Adam Cohen, Betty Kowalski, Jerry Lepak, Ken Wierzba, Jim Zblewski, Bob Zimbauer, 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.

For prayer support through the unpublished **St. Mary's I.C. Parish Prayer Chain** please call *Elsie Mansavage 715-592-4174*, or the Parish Office 715-592-4330 or *stmary@wi-net.com* **FIRST NAMES ONLY** will be used; members promise to respect your request in confidence.

**BUY SCRIP** After Mass **\*\*NOVEMBER 30th**, and December 7th & 14th If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775)

Remember: **SCRIP MAKES GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!**

**Thank you for supporting our scrip program.**

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU WANT ANY SPECIAL ORDERS** (things that we usually don't carry (items on the back of our sheets) & especially Amazon) that **Sunday, 30 November** is the last day that Shelly can order them before Christmas

**BIG THANK YOU** to those who helped with the **150th Anniversary Social**. Especially to committee members, Eunice Zwicki, Marie Helminiak, Bernie Fritschler, Debbie Sniadajewski, Carolyn Iwanski. To Diane & Russell Wysocki for the flowers in the Church, Jessica Bielen for Christmas card photos and presentation. Jeannie Hintz for delicious cake, and Nora Stransky, Joanna Taylor, Denise Glodowski, Fr. Miller and everyone else that was there to help us enjoy 150 years of Christianity.

IN LOVING  
**Memory**

During the month of November, we will be lighting a candle in memory of our deceased parish family members that passed away this past year....**Jean Miller, Marie Gill, James Palbrach, Louise Betro and Patricia Somers**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**November 16**

<i>Offertory</i>	\$ 105.00
<i>Altar Society</i>	100.00
<i>Flowers</i>	85.00
<i>Adult Env</i>	
<b><u>&amp; ACH</u></b>	<b><u>1460.00</u></b>
<i>Total</i>	\$ 1750.00



AS THE FATHER HAS  
 SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU.  
 - JOHN 20:21

[DIOLC.ORG/STEWARDSHIP](http://DIOLC.ORG/STEWARDSHIP)

GOAL **\$22,655.00**

COMMITTED AND RECEIVED **\$16,142.50**

# OF DONORS **40**

**% of Goal Pledged: 71.25%**

Thank you to those who have contributed to the **Diocesan Annual Appeal**. Please consider making a gift to this year's Appeal if you haven't already. Thank you THERE ARE EXTRA FORMS & ENVELOPES FOR THE APPEAL IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.

**REMINDER:**

**Please contact the office:**  
**stmary@wi-net.com or**  
**715-592-4330** if you have a change of address, phone number, or if you would like to join our parish family.  
 Thank you



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

*Coordinator of Religious Education* Jessica Bielen  
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**GIVE - THANKS  
GIVE - BACK**



**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TOWARDS OUR FOOD DRIVE! It was a great success! 3 parish families have received bags of groceries and are very thankful. If you know of anyone who could use some groceries, please call the office 715-592-4330. Our **Little Pantry** outside has also been restocked.

We will continue to collect items through December so we can give a food basket to our families for Christmas. Please remember to check expiration dates, we will not accept outdated items. We also except scrip gift cards. THANK YOU for your generous support!



## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 27th,  
9AM Mass at St. Mary's I.C.

NO MASS at St. Mary's I.C.  
on Friday, November 28th.  
NO 8:15 am MASS at Sacred  
Heart on Saturday, Nov 29th  
Fr. will offer the intentions while  
he is away.



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

23rd-Bonnie Kosobucki  
27th-Marlene Schulist



**HOOKED ON LOVE** candy canes are up and ready to be selected. The holiday season is a time of loving and giving. We are asking you to add another one to your giving list. Think of single mothers, the joy baby supplies will give them. You would like to give but have no idea how to do it. With Hooked on Love, we try to make sharing your love easier.

At the entrances of the church is a Christmas tree with color-coded candy canes. TAKE A CANDY CANE, YOUR RIBBON COLORED CHOICE, IS THE AMOUNT YOU WANT TO SPEND. The color of the ribbon indicates the cost of the suggested item. The **RED RIBBONS** (\$5-\$10.00 suggestions), **WHITE RIBBONS** (\$10.00+ suggestions), and **GREEN RIBBONS** (\$25+suggestions). SCRIP; \$25.00 Target, Wal-mart, Aldi or Metro Mart gifts cards are accepted along with any monetary donations, (Mark envelopes **Hooked on Love or Baby Supplies**) and drop it in the church collection. **NO formula or perishable food items or used items. Items need to be new**, a full listing of needed items on entrance wall. Please drop off in the crib in the entrance of Church before 11AM on Dec. 14th. They will be packed for delivery after Dec. 14th Mass for the First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center.

**WANTED NAMES OF PARISHIONERS THAT COULD USE EXTRA Baby Supplies!** If you know of **anyone** in the parish or area who could use help with baby supplies contact Marie Helminiak (715-592-4971 or 715-592-4330) and leave a message on the recorder as soon as possible, before Dec. 14th. Names will be kept confidential.

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING -Tuesday, Dec 9, 12 noon**, praying of the Rosary in church, followed by a lunch prepared by Rose 2 Gift exchange; each attendee is asked to bring 3 doz. homemade cookies to be exchanged plus 3 extra cookies for lunch. Bring a friend, **all women of the parish welcome**.





## Liturgical Appointments

### SUNDAY, Nov 23

**LECTOR** Christine **USHERS** Kyle, Vincent  
**SERVERS** Samantha & Spencer  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Jeremy, Lisa, Marie  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Cheryl

### SUNDAY, Nov 30

**LECTOR** Nora **USHERS** Anthony  
**SERVERS** Hutton, Keaton, Nolan  
**MONEY COUNTERS** David, Rosemarie, Joanna  
**MUSICIANS** Bob & Sandie

## ST. THERESE HOLIDAY SHOWCASE 112 W. Kort St. Schofield



Matching funds sponsored by:  
 St. Mary's Court #498 Catholic Order of Foresters

## Advent begins Nov. 30th

Advent is the season of preparation for the birth of Christ that includes a call to purification through personal spiritual renewal, receiving the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), and making simple acts of penance and sacrifice. Purification is a key theme, involving the cleansing of hearts and minds from worldly distractions to focus on Christ's coming, asking for the grace to "purify hope" and preparing for the Lord.

The priest's vestments during Advent are purple, the color of penance and sacrifice. They are a constant reminder of our need to get ready—to be cleansed and purified. Advent is a season for stepping back from our busy lives, taking time in stillness and solitude, to reflect more deeply on the mystery of God's Incarnation—Jesus taking on human flesh to be among us. This can also include something like not having dessert occasionally, or turning off the TV for one night or setting aside an electronic device for an hour. Or this can include helping someone in need or visiting a person who is lonely. We offer small sacrifices to spend this Advent in true preparation for the real gift of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

**MAGNIFICAT Subscriptions:** The parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's I.C. are again extending an offer to parishioners to sign up for, or renew, an annual subscription to receive a monthly copy of the MAGNIFICAT for a reduced price. The renewal period will be after the January 2026 issue.

The standard price for an annual subscription is \$49.00; however, your price will be \$39.00. Each month your copy will be available for pickup at the parish. If you would like to reserve or renew your subscription, please complete the order form located below and return it in the collection with your \$39 payment made payable to St. Mary's by December 3rd.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be holding there annual Cinnamon Roll and Turn Overs on November, 30th after Mass. Money from this will go to X-Mas is for Children.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION envelopes can be found in your Church Support envelopes and also in the Church entrance. Please include the name of the person you wish to donate in memory of. Thank you.



## MAGNIFICAT ORDER FORM

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Qty:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Make check out to St. Mary's, please return by Dec 3rd)