

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday



St. Mary 's Immaculate Conception Parish

7176 Esker Road, Custer, WI 54423

Phone: 715-592-4330

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.

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Mark Miller, Pastor 715-600-6942

fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com

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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

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Jessica Bielen

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Josh Genskow

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 26, (SH)

8:15 am +Betty Kowalski

by PCCW

Wednesday, May 27

8:15 am +Paul Cieslewicz

by Elsie & Family

Thursday, May 28 @ SH

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +David K. Trzebiatowski

by Deb Adamski

Friday, May 29

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Rick, Marilyn & Eric Werachowski

by Family

SATURDAY, MAY 30, @ SH

8:15 am +Tom Printz by Chuck Estermann

+Ellen Wysocki by Tom & Julie Wanserski

+Souls in Purgatory by Deb Adamski

2:45 pm Confessions

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

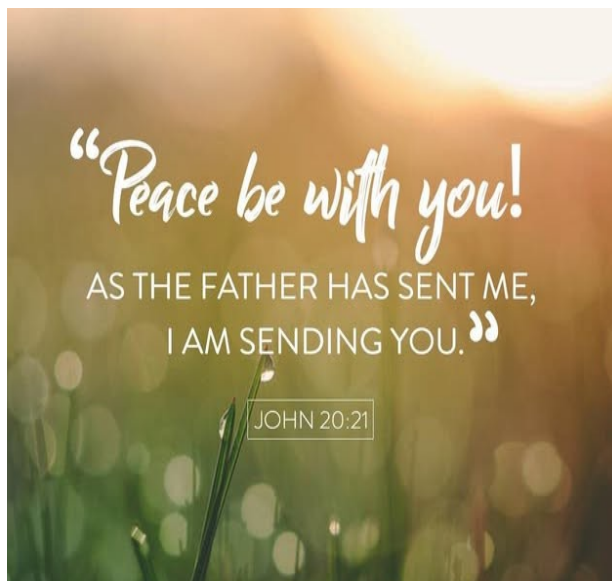
SUNDAY, MAY 31, The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am @ SH +Fran Zaborowski

by Family

10 am +Dennis Przyblski & Bill Kolinski

by Denise Glodowski





"St. Paul calls elect souls vessels of honor: of honor, because they are elect or chosen; and vessels, because, through the love of God, they are filled with God's heavenly and holy grace. How much more then is Mary a vessel of honor by reason of her having within her, not only the grace of God, but the very Son of God, formed as regards His flesh and blood out of her! Mary was a martyr without the rude dishonor which accompanied the sufferings of martyrs."

- St. John Newman

Dear Parishioners:

With the great Solemnity of Pentecost, the liturgical Season of Easter comes to a close. For the last fifty days, we have been celebrating at Mass and in the Divine Office Christ's resurrection and what that meant for the early Church, and of course, for you and me. How have we been living the past fifty days? Have we embraced the resurrection? Have we asked the risen Christ to come into our lives and transform them? Even though liturgically we are moving into Ordered Time, the effects of the Resurrection, just like the Ascension, and Pentecost, and the Lord's Nativity and His Incarnation are still ongoing. The reality of those events is still happening. We just have to acknowledge them and live in them!

Cordially,
Fr. Miller

A Catholic Word to Understand Better: Conversion

Conversion involves a response to God's call to turn from something, joined with His beckoning to turn to the Person of Jesus Christ. It is helpful to know that "conversion is first of all a work of God's grace" (CCC 1432). God will always help us with His grace in turning to Him and seeking to know Him better, even though we may not recognize it initially. Conversion is a life-long process.

PROJECT MILK provides milk for the Casa Hogan Orphanage in Lurin, Peru. With your donation, you are not only supporting the orphanage but also promoting the use of Wisconsin 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 \$1355.00! God Bless you! Envelopes are in the pews, **please make your check out to St. Mary's**, and return next week.

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:

*Macie Cohen, Tom Sbonik, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Shirley Pliska, Henry Gagas,
Joe Raschka, Denny Elsenrath, Valerie Stanczyk, Sharon Zblewski, Jerry Lepak,
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.

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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

May 17

Offertory	\$	95.00
Building Fund		1400.00
Project Milk		445.00
Adult Env & ACH		2375.00
Total	\$	4315.00

Thank you to those who have contributed to the **Diocesan Annual Appeal**. We have **EXCEEDED** our Goal! Any additional contributions to this year's appeal will be refunded back to St. Mary's I.C. Reminder **JUNE 30th** is the deadline for your contribution. Please consider making a gift to this year's Appeal if you haven't already. Any amount is welcome.



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 on June 7th.

Stebenville "WORTHY" For the Battle belongs to the Lord, July 24-26, St Thomas University MN... Youth 8th gr-12th and young adults up to 20yrs are invited to participate in a life changing experience. Sold out, sought out Christian Retreat. A few tickets remain but must be claimed by June 1st. Call Cindy Klish 715-347-4441 to secure a ticket.

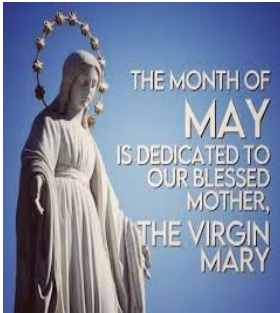
BUY SCRIP After Mass Sunday, May 31st If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775)
Thank you for supporting our scrip program

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.



The Importance of Praying the Rosary in May The Rosary is important because it focuses on the pivotal moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary, known as the "mysteries." In reflecting on these major events of Jesus' life, you will come to recognize more how much Jesus loves you personally. You will also be guided by the Holy Spirit to make connections between each mystery of Jesus' life and your own life. And you may ask the Holy Spirit to help you see how this mystery gives guidance to your life right now. Praying the Rosary, with the repetition of the Hail Marys, creates a quiet, contemplative space in a noisy world, allowing the mind and heart to focus on God. Take 5 minutes to pray a decade of the Rosary (one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, and Glory Be) with your family.

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)

The Polonia Convent — Throughout the summer, MSDI will be having **Saturday rummage sales**. If you would like to donate any items to our rummage sale, please contact the convent at 715 592-4213 or 715-340-2006.

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 unusual prizes. Bring a friend, **all women of the parish welcome**.

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS
24th-Steward Kepler, Duane Kluck
27th-Jacquie Wille, Bob Armatoski
28th-Brian Britz
31st-Cheryl Sbonik

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, May 31

LECTOR Deb USHERS volunteer
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton
MONEY COUNTERS John, David, Rosemarie
MUSICIANS Bob & Sandie

SUNDAY, June 7

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

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from First Choice Pregnancy in Stevens Point, call 800-712-help or www.firstchoicepc.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.



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.

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

A BIG THANK YOU to

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



Building Together
Uniting Hearts and Spaces

Update May 24, 2026 CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN!

PLEASE BE CAREFUL around the work site. While we are very excited to have the work started on this project, we want to make sure everyone is staying safe. If you have any need for assistance, please don't hesitate to ask for help.

The Building Committee had a meeting with Ellis Construction, the General Contractor and several sub-contractors on May 19th to go through the schedule for the next 6 weeks. The group will be meeting every two weeks, or more frequently if needed. If at any time you have questions, you may reach out to the Building Committee of Father Miller, Russell Wysocki, Kirk Wille, Ron Wierzba or Nora Stransky.

So what is happening right now? Foundations and footings are being poured, underground plumbing and electrical is being installed, Work to set up heating for the sacristy extension and the entrance hall is being done. Every time you come to church, you will be able to see the progress made. It has taken the significant contributions from our parishioners to get this project off the ground. Our anonymous donors agreed to step up to fill the void so we could start Phase 1, but we are still in need of donations to the Building Fund. Please continue to be generous in your support. This new facility will be for everyone's use and enjoyment. We look forward to this new gathering space!





250th Anniversary!

Consecrating Our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

In a historic moment, the bishops of the United States will consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the birth of our nation. The consecration will take place on **June 11th, 2026**. Catholics are invited to join in this consecration, which may be in conjunction with their parish.

It may be helpful to identify what a *consecration* is in the life of the Church. A consecration is a blessing that has the authorization of the Church and is conferred on persons, places and things. It sets apart for special service to the Church who and what are being consecrated. In this case, the prayer from the U.S. bishops will consecrate each of us who participate as Catholic citizens of this country, and our nation, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

You are encouraged to begin on **June 3rd** to pray the *Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* as a nine-day novena. The *Act of Consecration* is found on the back of this page. This preparation of praying the consecration prayer for nine days will foster a disposition in which your *Act of Consecration* will be professed with heart-felt conviction on **June 11th**.

Why Consecrate Ourselves and Our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

In his reflection on the Consecration to the Sacred Heart, Archbishop Alexander K. Sample of the

Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon wrote the following: "Pope Pius XI... commended the 'pious custom' of consecrating the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a way to recognize the kingship of Christ. By celebrating this important national anniversary with this devotion, we have the opportunity to encourage all Catholics to honor our Lord and to 'infuse the spirit of the Gospel into various communities and departments of life.'

"As we reflect with gratitude on the blessings God has bestowed on our country, our devotion to the Sacred Heart demands that we consider how we might foster truth, justice, and charity in American life. We are called to bring our faith into the actions we take and the lives we lead in our communities. We celebrate the ways the Church has contributed to a more just world, and we invite all in our society to see the face of Christ reflected in each sister and brother. We welcome God's 'kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity,' remembering that 'God has a special place in His Heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and He asks us, His Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest.' This anniversary and consecration will be a great opportunity to promote the

beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart and to encourage the laity to offer their lives in service to God and their country."

Through this *Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, we invite Christ to reign in our hearts, in every aspect of our being. The Consecration also signifies the command of Christ to help others to encounter and know and love Our Savior. Therefore, let us be filled with zeal and energy to seek an ever-deeper relationship with Jesus, to be His witnesses in our communities.

As an offering of thanksgiving, we are invited to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 12th by attending Mass. Let us worship the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the physical symbol of His boundless, divine love, mercy and compassion for each one of us. Based upon revelations to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, the devotion repairs injustices against love, offering a way to return love to God, fosters intimate union with Him while receiving spiritual blessings.

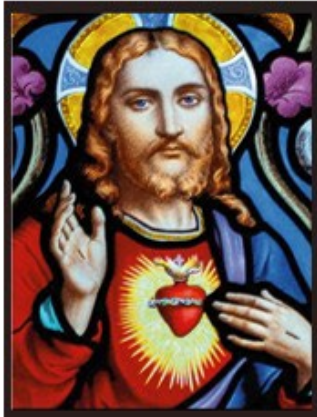
Further Resources

The U.S. bishops have a website, entitled "We Hold These Truths" for this historic occasion. Visit uscgb.org/weholdthesetruths. Resources are available, including a video series, Catholic Current: America 250 Special with Episode 1 entitled *Catholics and the Founding*.

By Ann Lankford, Office for Catechesis

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and You desire that we enjoy friendship with You.

From Your pierced side, You have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with love for all people to return to a right relationship with You.

We celebrate the abundant gifts You have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against You and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May Your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to Your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask You to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!