

August 2, 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

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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

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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

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Jessica Bielen

Custodian-Jeanne Hintz

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Josh Genskow

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 4, (SH)

8:15 am +Betty Kowalski by Deb Adamski

Wednesday, August 5

8:15 am +Louise Betro

by Larry & Eunice Zwicki

Thursday, August 6 @ SH

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Dorothy Gagas

by Bernadine & Mary Ann

Friday, August 7

7:30-8 am Confessions

***8:15 am Living & Deceased members
of the Werachowski family by family***

9 am Silent Adoration

3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Closing Benediction

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 @ SH

8:15 am +Clarence Bushman

+Bernard Lepak by Connie & Delores Lepak

+Peter Wryzca by Dolores & Family

+David K. Trzebiatowski

by Jeff & Lynn Parks Family

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +Delphine Shulfer

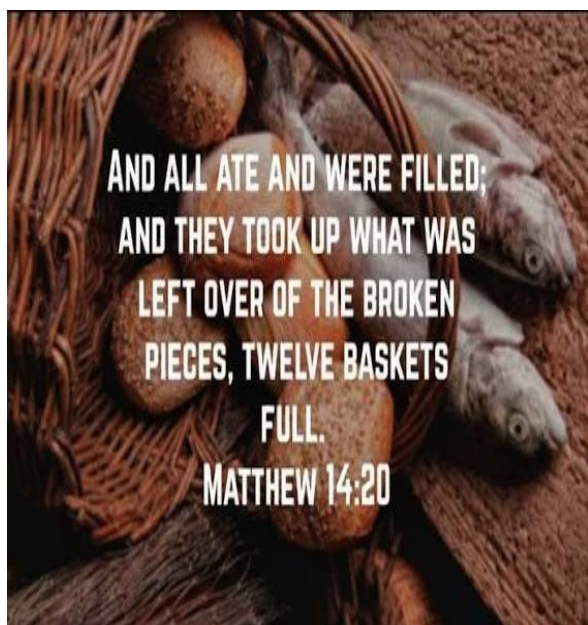
by LaVerne & Cindy Lepak

AUGUST 9, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10 am +Troy Bronk by Marlene & Family

+Loretta Hecyk by David & Rosemarie Cieslewicz





"We are all on trial. Every one who lives is on trial, whether he will serve God or not. Many other trials besides Adam's are recorded in scripture, for our warning and instruction; that we may be reminded that we too are on trial, that we may be encouraged

by the examples of those who stood their trial well and not fallen, and may be sobered and put on our guard by the instances of others who have under their trial." - St. John Newman



Building Together Uniting Hearts and Spaces

Update: It sure is fun coming to Church to see how our project is progressing! We had our 6th meeting with Ellis on July 28th and we're brought up to date on the plans for the next 6 weeks.

Did you notice the north part has the wall framing and shingles done. The south part is getting its final trusses. The masonry fire wall is done. Looking ahead, roofing will be done after August 6th. Then come the windows and doors!

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



WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

July 26

Offertory	\$	98.00
Building Fund		100.00
Votive candles		38.70
Adult Env		
& ACH		953.00
Total	\$	1,189.70

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:

*Denny Elsenrath, Henry Gagas, Connie Groholski,
Jerry Lepak, Brigid & Al Pellatt, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska,
Shirley Pliska, Joe Raschka, Kenny Rozek, Tom Sbonik,
Jack Stremkowski, Valerie Stanczyk, Sharon Zblewski,
Jim Zblewski, Bob Zimbauer,*

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

NOTEplease call 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.**

First Friday Devotion. For many years, Exposition of the blessed Sacrament from the end of morning Mass until after the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm on the first Friday of the month has been an integral part of the devotional life of Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart parishes.

The Blessed Sacrament can't be exposed without some faithful in adoration. It is becoming increasingly difficult to assure that this practice is happening. For First Friday Adoration to continue, more parishioners from both parishes will need to take part to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never alone when exposition is taking place.

Please consider signing up for an hour so that this beautiful expression of faith and devotion may continue. There is a sheet in the entrance of Immaculate Conception for this purpose. If you have any questions you can address them to either Fr. Miller or Deacon Sniadajewski.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION August 7th.

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.



**Scrap pieces
of wood...take what you
want. FREE Located in the parking
lot by sign.**

BUY SCRIP After Mass

**Sunday, August 9th & 23rd
Scrip will be sold on the 2nd &
4th Sundays after Mass and on
Wednesdays 9am-noon in the
office.** If you need scrip before

Scrip Sunday or Wednesday, please call St. Mary's I.C. office (715-592-4330) Leave a message and arrangements can be made for you to pick your order up.

**Thank you for supporting
our scrip program**

LITTLE FREE PANTRY



at St. Mary's!
Take as you
need, Donate
if you are able!

We are in need of non perishable items for this pantry. You can put items in the pantry or drop them in the cart in the entrance of Church, and we will fill it up. Please help us help those in need. Thank you for your generosity



Bring a bouquet! Share your Flowers from your garden with St. Mary's I.C. Help us add beauty to our Church by donating bouquets for our sanctuary. Please contact the parish office (715-592-4330) to arrange drop off.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1st-Anne Vogt 3rd-Gina Kempf
 6th-Al Gavin 9th-Randy Maslowski
 15th-Josh Genskow 20th-Cindy McCarthy
 21st-Chris Weronke 22nd-Michelle Wasieleski 23rd-Karen Pacocha

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH—Beginning Saturday, August 15th there will be an 8 am Mass every Saturday at Holy Spirit Parish. Confessions 9 am. All are invited to come and worship.

School Custodian at St. Stephen Parish, a motivated individual to aid in the upkeep of the school building. Part-time position Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. when school is in session, with flexible hours when school is not. For information, please call 715-341-1617 ext. 101 or www.PointCatholicFaith.org/jobs



3305 St. Adalbert Rd Rosholt, WI 54473

Outdoor Polka Mass Continuous Music from 11:00am to 7:00pm with
 at 10:00am Music by Ultimate Polka Cynor Classic's vs Ultimate Polka

Baked or Grilled Chicken Dinners • starting 11:00am until gone!
Concession Stand Hamburgers • Hot Beef Sandwiches • Fresh Cut Fries & more

\$1,000.00 Rainbow Large Raffle with Over \$6600.00 in prizes!
Bingo Snow & Ice Cream 50/50 & Mini Raffle
at 1:00pm Kids Games with great prizes! Packer Cooler Raffle
Cherry Tree Farmers Market Horseshoe Tournament

ST. PHILIP - RUDOLPH

105th

CHURCH PICNIC

At the world-famous Grotto Shrine & Wonder Cave

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Mass at 8:30 in church
 All activities on grounds

11:00-3:00 Polka Pak
 3:00-6:00 Gray Catz

COVERED DANCE FLOOR

CHILDREN'S GAMES BEGIN AT 11:00 am
 BINGO (for prizes) BEGINS AT 11:00 am

BASKET RAFFLE DRAWING AT 5:00 PM
 CASH RAFFLE DRAWING AT 5:30 PM
 (\$4,625 in cash/prizes)

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, August 2

LECTOR Emily **USHERS** Betty & Ron
SERVERS Nolan, Hutton
MONEY COUNTERS Lisa, Jeremy, Tom
MUSICIANS Jacque & Carolyn

SUNDAY, August 9

LECTOR Nora **USHERS** Randy & Travis
SERVERS Leo & Landon
MONEY COUNTERS Randy, David, Rosemarie
MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

SUNDAY, August 16th 8 AM

LECTOR John **USHERS** Randy & Anthony
SERVERS Elizabeth, Hutton
MONEY COUNTERS John, Kirk, Marie
MUSICIANS Jacque & Carolyn

USHERS: We are in need of Ushers for one Sunday a month. Please call the office so we can put you on the schedule. THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR TIME, TALENTS and TREASURES with St. Mary's I.C.

ST. THERESE AUGUST FEST



112 W. Kort Street
 Rothschild/Schofield, WI

Saturday-August 8th 4:00pm-11:30pm

Music by: **STRING CHEESE** 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Music by: **HYDE** - 7:30 pm - 11:30 pm



~Events for Both Days~

Bucket Raffles - Cherry Tree - Beer Tent - Food Stand - Flea Market - Bakery Spin,
 Ice Cream, Pierogies, & Frozen Polish Sausage Stand - Children's Games

Sunday-August 9th 10:45am-4:30pm

Music by: **Polka Access** 11:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Night Shift 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Polka Mass - 10:00 am-Church

Chicken / Ham / Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner

11:00am-1:30pm (School Cafeteria)

Includes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Vegetables, Relishes,
 Rolls & Butter, Desserts, Coffee & Milk (Regular & Chocolate)

Carry-out orders are available

Bingo 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Air-Conditioned Church Basement)

Cash & Packer Raffle - Over \$4,000 in Prizes!

Get Your Tickets on the Picnic Grounds!
 Drawing: August 9, 2026, at 4:00pm - 113 W. Kort St.

ABSOLUTELY NO CARRY-INS!!!



Priest Prayer Calendar – August 2026

1st – Pope Leo XIV
2nd – Bp. Battersby
3rd – Fr. John Potaczek
4th – Fr. Fr. Peter Raj
5th – Fr. Jerzy Rebacz
6th – Fr. Damian Redfern
7th – Fr. Joseph Richards
8th – Fr. Timothy Riether
9th – Fr. Rick Roberts
10th – Fr. Douglas Robertson
11th - Fr. Derek Sakowski
12th - Fr. Barry Saylor
13th – Fr. Robert Schaller
14th – Fr. Anbalagan Shanmugam
15th – Fr. Levi Shmitt
16th – Fr. Daniel Sedlacek
17th - Fr. Allan Slowiak
18th – Fr. Arockia Amirtha Stanislaus
19th – Fr. Robert Swing
20th – Fr. Matthew Szymanski
21st – Fr. Francis Thadathil
22nd - Fr. Irudayanathan Thainase
23rd – Fr. Georgekutty Thayilkuzhithottu
24th – Fr. Daniel Thelen
25th – Fr. James Trempe
26th – Fr. Sengole Vethanayagan
27th – Fr. Arturo Vigueras
28th – Fr. Junabe Villapaz
29th – Fr. Brian Ward
30th – Fr. James Weighner
31st – Fr. Steven Weller



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



Welcome One Home

The Power of Your Invitation

A personal invitation is one of the most simple and thoughtful gifts we can offer. An invitation expects a response and yet it is never forceful or demanding. Instead, it gently says, "You matter to us." "We'd like to spend time with you." "You belong."

Think about the last time someone invited you to lunch, to a family gathering, or even just for a cup of coffee. Chances are that it made you feel noticed, appreciated, and welcome.

Jesus understood the power of a personal invitation. Throughout the Gospels, He welcomed people to share a meal, to follow Him, to repent and believe in the Good News, and to worship and glorify the Father. His invitations were always personal, offered freely with love allowing the person to decide, and extended to everyone.

Today, Christ continues to invite people through us.

Though there are many reasons why Catholics stop attending Mass and other aspects of parish life, it is safe to assume the majority will only come back if they are personally invited. A simple invitation to someone who has been away from the parish can remind them that

they are remembered, loved, and always welcome. A personal invitation from someone who cares can become the first step toward coming home. No matter how long someone has been away or what circumstances have shaped their journey, the Catholic Church remains a place where God's mercy, healing, and love are always offered.

If even one person is absent from our parish family, their absence has an impact on the community. As C.S. Lewis wrote, *"There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal."* Every person we meet is a beloved child of God with an immortal soul and immeasurable dignity. Every member of our parish family is precious, and each one enriches our community with unique gifts and talents.

When someone is absent, our parish is not quite complete. Each of us has a place at the Lord's table, and together we form the Mystical Body of Christ. As we seek to renew our parish, we long to welcome others into a deeper relationship with our parish family and, above all, into a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ, truly present—though veiled—in the Holy Eucharist.

Our first response is prayer. We entrust to God all those who have been away from our parish

community, asking Him to stir their hearts with a desire to return. We pray that through our hospitality, personal invitations, and genuine love, the Holy Spirit will open doors for healing, reconciliation, and renewed faith.

Please commit to praying this prayer frequently:

**God our Heavenly Father,
You never cease to seek Your
children, especially the lonely,
the frightened, the hurting, and
the lost.**

**We pray for all those who have
been absent from our parish
community and from Sunday
Mass. Through the intercession
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
please prepare the way for
conversations and invitations
that will welcome them home to
the Catholic Church and our
parish family.**

**Help us to be instruments of
Your love and mercy, offering
friendship, encouragement, and
hope to everyone we meet.**

**We trust in Your unfailing love
for each of Your children.**

Amen.

Ann Lankford
Catechesis & Evangelization