

May 17, 2026

Ascension of the Lord



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

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

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Jessica Bielen

Custodian-Jeanne Hintz

Maintenance/Grounds keeping

Josh Genskow

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 19, (SH)

8:15 am +Jane Louise Kitchar by Carol & Sharon

Wednesday, May 20

8:15 am For the living & deceased members of the Joseph & Mary L. Raschka family by Chet

Thursday, May 21 @ SH

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Fr. Marcin Mankowski

Friday, May 22

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Judi Johnson

by Elsie Mansavage

SATURDAY, MAY 23, @ SH

8:15 am +Tom Printz by Janice Zywicki

+Dori Roman by Marie, Michelle & Maria

+Beverly Stanczyk by Mike & Judy Yenter

+Gen Pliska by Tom & Julie Wanserski

+Lorraine Bushman by Rhody Bushman

2:45 pm Confessions

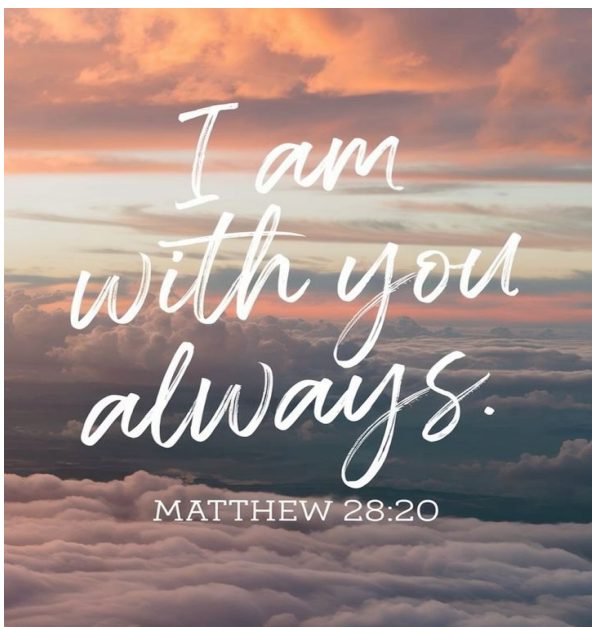
4:00 pm +Bob Zoromski by Germaine Zoromski

SUNDAY, MAY 24, Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am @ SH +Emerick, Emil & Angie

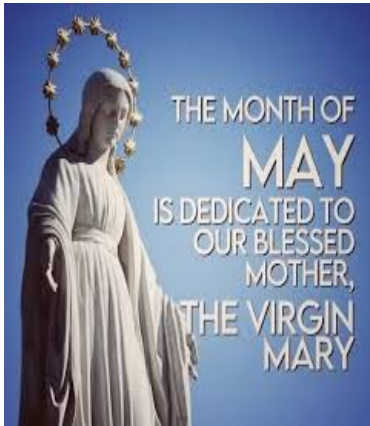
Wojtalewicz by Dave

10 am St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart Parish Family





*"Do you wish to know the most intimate perfections of Jesus and the most hidden attractions of his love? Then seek them in the heart of Mary."
- St. Pierre Julien Eymard*



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.

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, Joe Raschka, Denny Elsenrath, Henry Gagas, Valerie Stanczyk, Shirley Pliska, Sharon Zblewski, Jim Zblewski, Ken Wierzba, 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.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

May 10

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|-----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Offertory | \$ | 195.00 |
| Building Fund | | 200.00 |
| Project Milk | | 910.00 |
| Adult Env & ACH | | 1100.00 |
| Total | \$ | 2405.00 |

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.

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

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| GOAL | \$22,655.00 |
| COMMITTED AND RECEIVED | \$23,307.50 |
| # OF DONORS | 64 |

Thank you to those who have contributed to the **Diocesan Annual Appeal**. We have **EXCEEDED** our Goal! Any additional contributions to this years 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. Thank you



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.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our Religious Education teachers:

*Jessica Bielen Sarah Raschka
Christine Sapa Amy Stremkowski*

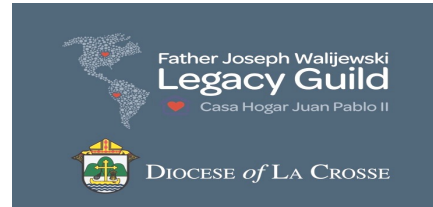
We appreciate your dedication and sharing of your Faith with our Children.

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)

DIocese of LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to

make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact *Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse*, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.



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. Project Milk started 40 years ago to help feed Peru orphans and can continue with the use of Wisconsin milk.

**\$100.00 = 1 50 lb sack of Milk
1 sack of Milk=feeds 72 orphans
for one week**

The diocese's goal for its' next shipment is 800 bags. **LET'S SEE HOW MANY BAGS OF MILK WE CAN FILL (last year we sent 12 bags) So far we collected \$920.00! God Bless you!**

Envelopes are in the pews, **please make your check out to St. Mary's.**



MAY BIRTHDAYS

17th-Dave Glodowski 19th-Jason Dombrowski 24th-Steward Kepler, Duane Kluck
27th-Jacque Wille, Bob Armatoski 28th-Brian Britz 31st-Cheryl Sbonik

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.

Calling all current middle school boys! Bring yourself and a friend June 15th–17th to St Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt Calvary for three days of field olympics, team building, games and prayer You're sure to have a blast living the dorms, eating lots of food, making new friends, and growing in your Catholic faith! Cost is \$50 and includes housing and food. Free transportation is available from select cities throughout the state. Register at www.stlawrence.edu/retreats

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.)

Air Conditioned Comfort!

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.

\$1,000 Sweepstakes Prize!

Fun for All Ages!

St. Joseph Parish
1709 Wyatt Ave
Stevens Point

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



Point Catholic Faith
Bus Trips



Wednesday, July 22

Join us as we travel from St. Joseph Parish to American Family Field for a 1:10 p.m. game to watch the Milwaukee Brewers take on the New York Mets. We will stop at Pizza Ranch on our way home for dinner. We will depart from the St. Joseph parking lot at 8:40 a.m. The cost for this trip is \$110/per person and includes the bus, game ticket, and dinner. Registration and payment must be received by June 15.

REGISTER TODAY!

Scan the QR Code,
Call the office at 715-341-1617
or visit
www.PointCatholicFaith.org/trips



Upcoming Trips...

Wed., Oct. 7
Clauson Family Farm,
Rock n' Roll Show

Sun. Dec. 6
Christmas Stars
& Fox River Mall

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, May 24

LECTOR Nora USHERS Kyle, Travis
SERVERS Landon, Leo
MONEY COUNTERS Joanna, Tom, Marie
MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl

SUNDAY, May 31

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

CAUTION:

RENOVATIONS HAVE BEGUN



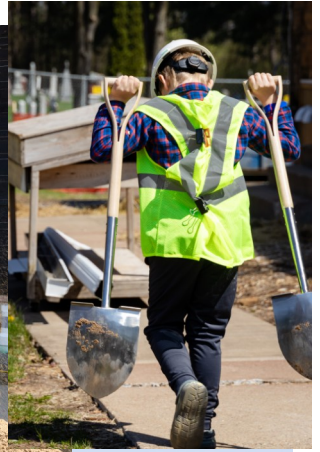
Please use caution
when visiting St. Mary's.

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



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.

Steubenville "WORTHY" For the Battle belongs to the Lord, July 24-26, at 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 at 715-347-4441 to secure a ticket.



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Building Together Uniting Hearts and Spaces



Update May 10, 2026

Groundbreaking for Phase 1 was Sunday, May 3rd and it was beautiful! Father Miller started it off with a beautiful blessing. Father, Deacon Jim and the Building Committee donned hard hats and took up their shovels to start the groundbreaking. But even more beautiful was when Al Gavin, our oldest parishioner, along with many young children of St. Mary's got to shovel some dirt to signify how lovely it is to see both young and old be part of this momentous occasion. The weather was lovely. The large crowd cheering on was beautiful to see. There were coffee and donuts – some kidded it was our first in our new space, but it was a reminder that this is just one of the many reasons the parish wanted this new space.



It has been a long time coming and maybe we need to revisit some of the reasons we have worked so hard to get the space approved and built for the St. Mary's family. When we met with Bishop Battersby and several individuals at the Diocese, we provided a lot of history and needs, such as:

1. Our basement is not accessible to many of our parishioners who cannot traverse all the steps. Plus, it has had water issues, the kitchen is outdated and a lot of the parish functions can no longer be held there. Our donut socials and family dinners are less attended because many do not feel comfortable going down the steps. This new space will not have steps.
2. Our church entrance also has steps which makes it difficult for the disabled or elderly to enter without assistance. The new entrance will be on the parking level with a covered portico where parishioners can be dropped off in inclement weather, or with their assistance devices. There will be a ramp up to the church level so all may enter easily. There has been a challenge when caskets carried up the stairs have been cumbersome, and at least once, almost a disaster. The ramp will be so much better.
3. No bathroom on the main level or one that is ADA compliant was another concern. The new gathering space will have an ADA compliant restroom, accessible from church via stairs or ramp and from the parking lot on the same level.

These are just a few and in future updates, we will continue to add more like: the need for a larger sacristy, a bigger and better placed gathering space, an very upgraded parking lot, just to name a few. Right now, we hope you see the benefits of this new space. We know it takes a lot to create the space we all wanted, way back as early as 2008. We had some significant parishioner contributions, along with our anonymous donors, that allowed us to start Phase 1, but we will need additional monies to bring the entire project to completion. We need to continue to collect monies for the Building Fund. All of your contributions stay right at St. Mary's and can be made using your Building Fund envelopes. As always, if you have any questions, please contact anyone on the Building Committee – Father Miller, Ron Wierzba, Russell Wysocki, Kirk Wille or Nora Stransky.

