

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Sixth 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.

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PARISH STAFF

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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, February 17, @ SH

8:15 am Special Intentions for Joseph Zdroik
by Jean Rosenthal



Wednesday, February 18

8:15 am +Bette Maslowski

by Pat & Family

6:00 pm @SH +David K.

Trzebiatowski by Randel & Terrie Groshek

Thursday, February 19 @ SH

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Loretta Klesmit by Roger Klesmit

Friday, February 20,

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Michael V. Kosobucki

Saturday, February 21, @ SH

8:15 am

+Richard Konkol by Leroy & Mary Wiza

+David K Trzebiatowski by Sherry Damask

@ **SMIC** 2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +Don & Judi Johnson
by Family & Friends

Sunday, Feb 22, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am @ SH

+Regina Groshek by Virginia Groshek

*9:25 am Stations of the Cross

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



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

DIOLC.ORG/STEWARDSHIP

GOAL \$22,655.00

COMMITTED AND RECEIVED \$21,903.50

OF DONORS 59

% of Goal Pledged: 97%

We are so close to meeting our goal!!
\$752.50 short! 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





"Christ calls us now. There is nothing extraordinary in his dealings with us. He works through our natural faculties and circumstances of life. Still what happens to us in his providence is in all essential respects what his voice was to those whom he addressed when on earth: whether he commands by a visible presence, or by a voice, or by our consciences, it matters not, so that we feel it to be a command."

- St. John Newman

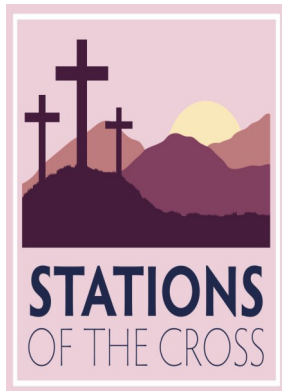
Preparing for Lent

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Each one of us needs cleansing and healing in our lives and so the 40 days of Lent are a call to enter this time of "purification and enlightenment."

However, before we turn our attention to faults, failures and making sacrifices, we want to focus on God's love and review all the ways that He has blessed us. Our starting point in preparation for the season of Lent is to realize and remember what God has done for us, recently or even looking farther back. And, of course, we want to be thankful! For the next several days, set aside some quiet time to think of five different things each day for which you are thankful to Jesus. The list could include such things as your spouse, health, children / grandchildren, food, a warm house. Remembering and thanking God for His generous love is the best way to enter Lent, but also, to continue this practice throughout Lent.

Lenten Regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



Stations of the Cross

St. Mary's I.C. on Sundays at 9:25am

Sacred Heart on Wednesdays in March at 6:15pm.

Sacred Heart School children will be having Stations at 2:00pm on the following Fridays: February 20th & 27th, March 6th, 13th, and 27th. Anyone is welcome to attend.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

February 8

Offertory	\$ 128.10
Flowers	30.00
Adult Env & ACH	1,605.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,763.10</i>

ACH applications: Please consider signing up for ACH for your regular Weekly/Monthly contribution. Please call the office, 715-592-4330 for more information.

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.

MASS OFFERINGS:

WE HAVE SOME WEEKDAYS AVAILABLE IN APRIL & JUNE.

Please contact the office 715-592-4330 to schedule a Mass.

Feb 2nd was The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. Candles are blessed and are available in the entrance of Church. A suggested offering of at least \$3.00 would be appreciated.



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

Coordinator of Religious Education Jessica Bielen
(715)347-3367 or jwier319@gmail.com



17th-Julie Treml
18th-Amy Stremkowski
20th-Kirk Wille

Double Feature with Jason Evert Event | April 22, St. Bron's, Plover Let's come together to discover the beauty of God's plan for human love. A life-changing event for teens & adults (ages 13+) Tickets \$25 Tickets: www.chastity.com/purified Event includes: Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Free resources for every attendee! Doors open at 5:30pm Info: eventcoach@chastity.com

BUY SCRIP After Mass

February 22nd

If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775)

Thank you for supporting our scrip program

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, Henry Gagas, Valerie Stanczyk, Shirley Pliska, Anna Sipe, Sharon Zblewski, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Denny Elsenrath, Jim Zblewski, Ken Wierzba, Jerry Lepak, Adam Cohen, 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



CAN A WEEK campaign Wednesday, February 18th is the first day of **LENT** and the start of **CAN A WEEK campaign which will briefly merge with our Food Pantry**. We will continue to help three families in the parish but with a 13% poverty level in Portage County, there are more in the county that need help. More aid is needed **NOW** than ever before with a world filled with chaos, uncertainty, isolation, unemployment, and loss of business, the challenge is overwhelming.

Please donate a can of nonperishable food weekly during Lent, to help those that need an extra hand this Spring. **Expired cans will be thrown in the garbage**. Please drop your donation off in the shopping cart in the Church entrance, before March 29th. Monetary donations especially SCRIP are appreciated. If you know of a friend or neighbor that needs help, let us know, recorder is always on at 715-592-4330 or 715-592-4971.

Registration fee \$45. Cost includes full day of sessions by Catherine of Siena Institute presenters, lunch and workshop materials. This workshop and process are for adults at least 20 yrs. old. For more information: diolc.org/calledandgifted
Beth Johnson
bjohnson@diolc.org
at 608-791-2658



CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

Discover your God-given spiritual gifts.

You have received gifts in Baptism through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discern specific charisms you were given!

March 21, 2026

Our Lady of Peace Parish,
Marshfield, WI

Why Discover Your Unique Spiritual Gifts? Discerning your specific God-given gifts is an important part of being a committed follower of Jesus Christ and bringing His love to others. These God-given gifts are referred to as charisms, which are given by the Holy Spirit in baptism. Join us for a compelling opportunity to learn more about charisms and to participate in the discernment process to discover which charism you were given. A Called and Gifted Workshop with presenters from the Catherine of Siena Institute will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish.

Discerning your charisms helps you find your purpose, clarify decisions, avoid burnout, and excel in work and family life. It frees you from comparison with others and reveals experiences of God working in your life. Charisms enable you to make a totally unique contribution to building up the Church.

March for Life Wisconsin - Wisconsin State Capitol

in Madison Saturday, April 25, 2-4pm, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference—along with Pro Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Right to Life, and Wisconsin Family Council—will host the 2026 March for Life at the State Capitol in Madison. The event is free and open to the public. Mark your calendars and share this information with your friends. Bus transportation will be available from Wausau, Portage, Wisconsin Rapids. info@marchforlifewisconsin.org for more information.



Saint Adalbert Fish Fry Dates
Feb 20, Feb 27,
Mar 6, Mar 13, Mar 20, Mar 27
Serving 4pm to 7:30pm

Menu: Fried or Baked Fish, Fried Shrimp or Combo with choice of
French Fries, Baked Potato or Potato Salad
All meals include coleslaw, bread and dessert
Regular \$15 or Small-Child/Senior \$12

Dine In or Take Out Phone 715-677-4518

At Event: Large Raffle, Weekly Basket Raffles, 50/50 Raffle, Candy Bars, Cemetery Memorials, Cash Bar, Pull Tabs

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

LECTOR Kirk **USHERS** Randy I & Anthony
SERVERS Spencer & Samantha
MONEY COUNTERS Jeremy, Lisa, Joanna
MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18

LECTOR Volunteer **USHERS** Anthony
SERVERS Keaton, Hutton, Nolan
MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

SATURDAY, February 21

LECTOR VOLUNTEER USHERS Travis
SERVERS Leo & Landon
MUSICIANS Bob & Sandie

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

LECTOR Kirk **USHERS** Kyle, Vincent
SERVERS Keaton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS David Rosemarie, Marie
MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl

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, celse.org/i-think-im-pregnant. Additional resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancyresources.

The Knights of Columbus will be doing Novena for life, at St. Mary's Torun February 10 thru April 14th. Adoration 4 pm Rosary 4:45 pm Mass 5:30 pm Novena will follow after mass. Holy week, there will not be mass or Novena



FEBRUARY 22, 23, & 24
Beginning at 6:30 P.M. each evening
at ST. JOSEPH PARISH
1709 WYATT AVE., STEVENS POINT

Deacon Arthur Miller, a nationally known preacher of God's Holy Scripture, will join us as we embrace "Radical LOVE."

The kind of self-denying love that can only be accomplished through the grace and power offered to us through Jesus Christ.



Sponsored by the parishes of:
St. Joseph, St. Stephen, St. Peter, and St. Casimir

Find us online at:
www.PointCatholicFaith.org

YOU ARE INVITED

Spaghetti



02.21.2026

Following
4pm Mass

Dinner

HOSTED BY FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE



Evangelization Summit Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Do you desire parishes to be fully alive on mission? You're not alone!
You are invited to attend our first Evangelization Summit.

Theme: "Mary as a Model of Discipleship and Accompaniment"

When? Tuesday, March 10, 9am to 3pm. Optional Mass at 8:15am.
Light refreshments at 8:30. Lunch provided.

Cost? We will welcome (but not require) a \$20 offering to offset the cost of food and presenters

Where? Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse

What is it? In 2026, we will offer Evangelization Summits at different

locations (La Crosse, Mosinee, Chippewa Falls). Each Summit will focus on a different theme. They will gather any pastors, staff, and other involved parishioners who desire a Church more fully alive on mission. You are invited to step aside for a day in order to: *Encounter Jesus and others who share your imagination for more abundant life *Practice praying, listening, and discerning together *Grow in clarity of vision - *what is "alive on mission" really about?* *Identify where support and resources are most needed *Follow up with practical tools and trainings

Why Evangelization Summits? A few obvious needs emerged from last fall's 40 listening sessions:

1. Casting clearer vision *Where are we headed and why?*
2. Practical guidance *How do we actually do this?*
3. Support and encouragement *Changing the culture of institutions can be messy, frustrating, and overwhelming!*

Questions? Email dsakowski@diolclergy.org

Flame of Love Holy Hour at Sacred Heart. We meet to pray a special Rosary and prayers every Monday at 6:30 pm, in the church. We are pleased to announce that we will also have Eucharistic adoration during our Holy Hour every first Monday of the Month, starting November 3rd! The Flame of Love is a powerful Movement of Grace that Our Lord requested to be spread throughout the world. Please join us and discover the powerful promises of the Flame of Love! Everyone is welcome. Please use the handicap entrance.

Summer will be here before we know it! (Wishful thinking I know).
Announcing a sneak peak at something new
to look forward to this summer!

Summer

ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

Holy Spirit Parish
2151 Stanley Street, Stevens Point, WI

Thursdays
@ 6:15 PM

JUN 11	Dr. Erich Knapp Director of Congregational Worship & Music First English Lutheran Appleton, WI
JUN 25	James Casey Organist St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Los Angeles, CA
JUL 16	Dr. James Gerber Organist & Worship Coordinator American Lutheran Church of Sun City Sun City, AZ
JUL 30	Rowen Erickson Director of Music Bethel Lutheran Church Green Bay, WI
AUG 13	William Weinmann - CAGO Director of Music Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church Stevens Point, WI
AUG 20	Devin Zahringer Organist Faith Lutheran Church Valders, WI

Public Invited | Free Parking | Freewill Offering

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner



Sunday, March 15, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dine-In or Carry-out



Menu: Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Baked Beans, Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Milk, Homemade Pies

Adults \$14.00
Children 6-12 \$6.00
Children 5 & under free

We will also be hosting the Country Store, Basket Raffle, and a 50/50 Raffle.

Masses at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

St. Maximilian Kolbe | 8611 State Highway 54, Almond WI, 54909 | 715-824-3380