

April 6, 2025



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

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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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 8, (SH) 8:15 am
+Loretta Klesmit by Roger Klesmit

Wednesday, April 9, 8:15 am

+Felix & Regina Soik by The Soik Family

6:15pm Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart

Thursday, April 10, (SH)

7-8 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Elmer Kozelek by Family

Friday, April 11,

7-8 am Adoration 7:30-8:00 am Confessions

8:15 am +Myron & Donald Meshak

by Lorraine Kluck

Saturday, April 12, (SH) 8:15 am

+Kluck & Koziczkowski Families by Marie & Family

+Henry & Cornelia Milanowski by Agnes Milanowski

+Norman Eiden by Family +Mary Shamrowicz

by Stan & Mary Golla

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +Michael Damask

by Maurice & Sandy Damask

**Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

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

9:25 am STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10:00 am +Chuck Egle

by Dave & Rosemarie Cieslewicz

+Dennis Przybylski, Bill Kolinski

by Denise & Ken Glodowski

He who is without
sin let him throw
the first stone


John 8:7





Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures – I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord,

and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. Amen.
(Prayer of abandonment - Charles de Foucauld)



GOAL **\$22,455.00**

PLEGGED AND RECEIVED **\$18,337.50**

OF DONORS **70**

Percent of Goal Received: **81.66%**

Dear Parishioners:

I hope you are doing well, and that your Lent has been fruitful. Just a reminder that this year's annual appeal ends June 30th. Our assessment for this year is \$22,455. Right now we are at 82% of our goal! Thank you to all who have contributed. If you have not contributed yet, please do so. Remember that any monies that still need to be paid by the end of the appeal are paid for out of parish funds. The parish receives a bill and a check is then written. If we have donations beyond the assessment, we get that money back. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely, Fr. Miller

Lent: Reclaim your thoughts

You are invited to find and read a compelling Catholic book because reading good books is part of our ongoing search for truth, and we know that Jesus Christ is *the truth*. Further, *reading is essential to help us think clearly and logically*. God's Word exhorts us: *"Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things"* (Philippians 4:8)

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus is the "living Bread from Heaven."

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." (John 6:51). Jesus gave this living bread for the first time to His apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus gives this living bread to us in holy Communion. The living bread is Jesus Himself.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are the "living bread" received in holy Communion.*

This week, read the explanation that Jesus gives that He is the "living Bread from Heaven" in John 6: 48-51

This Lent, Pray for an Increase of Hope!

Jubilee of Hope 2025 is meant to foster greater spiritual renewal through deepening our relationship with Jesus. Pope Francis entitled the theme of this year "Pilgrims in Hope." Hope is not something that we muster up ourselves. We were given this gift in baptism and we nourish and renew hope by asking Jesus to increase it in us. We can make simple acts of hope by saying, "Jesus, I trust in You." We may also post the following Scripture verses on a mirror, and repeat them each day. "For You O Lord are my hope...my trust is in You" (Ps. 146:5). "I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for woe so as to give you a future of hope" (Jer. 29:11).

For further details on the Jubilee of Hope, visit diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope

The Stevens Point Deanery will sponsor a bus trip to the Chrism Mass, with St. Joseph Parish being the host parish. On Tuesday, April 15th, with departure/return from the St. Joe's parking lot. This is an excellent opportunity for all parishioners of the Stevens Point Deanery to attend the Chrism Mass. For more information or registration form go to www.PointCatholicFaith.org/chrism.



Stations of the Cross
Sunday at 9:25 am. at St. Mary's I.C.
Wednesdays at 6:15pm at Sacred Heart.

Area Lenten Communal Penance
April 8th, 6:30pm at Holy Spirit
April 10th, 6:30pm at St. Bronislava



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

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



THE NEXT FAMILY MASS WILL BE SUNDAY, April 13th.



Please keep *Autumn Bustamante, Pierce Bielen, Connor Kluck and Levi Raschka* in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on June 1st.

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception
Faith Formation

Scan this QR code and join!



Join us Sunday,
April 13 after the
10 am Mass for
our **COFFEE &
DONUT SOCIAL**

ALL ARE WELCOME
Hosted by Sacred Worship &
Justice & Peace Committees



CAN A WEEK Campaign

Today is your last day to support Can a Week.

Monetary donations especially SCRIP appreciated; put in an envelope marked Can A Week and deposited in the collection box. Thank you for your generosity.

If you would still like to donate please call 715-445-1484 and make arrangements for pick up.

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:
Trevor Kluck, Kenny Rozek, Adam Cohen, Valerie Stanczyk, Henry Gagas, Jean Miller, Sharon Zblewski, Denny Elsenrath, Cindy Klish, Jerry Lepak, Joe Raschka, Shirley Pliska, Ken Wierzba, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Jim Zblewski, 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 the parish. Hospitals do not make us 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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

7th-Emily Bustamante 8th-Sandie Armatoski
16th-John Vodra
19th-Kyle Yenter, Carolyn Iwanski
20th-Carla Kotolski 21st-Meghan Kluck, Mac Yarbrough, Sarah Raschka
26th-Pat Elsenrath, Pat Maslowski, Judi Borski, Toni Bronk
27th-Gary Klosinski
28th-Russell Wysocki

BUILDING FUND DONATIONS



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. Please be generous. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO OUR BUILDING FUND**



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish celebrates its 150th Anniversary November, 2025. OUR CELEBRATION will be held in the Summer of 2026 after Phase 1 of our Building Project is complete. We are in need of several people to assist in the following ways: 1. We are creating a picture memorial that needs

pictures from parishioners that we can use in a digital record of all the special memories from our history. Any pictures or other memorials will be returned once digitized. Please let the office know what you may have. If you are willing to assist with this project, please let the office know right away as it will take all of us to contribute to this effort. 2. We are planning to have a special celebration and need volunteers to assist with planning, invitations, activities, decorating, etc. If you have any ideas or are willing to help, please contact the office. Many hands make light work. Once we know who wants to assist, a meeting to organize duties will be held with those who have stepped forward so far - Eunice Zwicky, Marie Helminiak, Carolyn Iwanski. This celebration is a major undertaking for the parish, so please be willing to assist. Thank you in advance for stepping up to help celebrate this incredible milestone.

Called to the Joy of Love: SymptoPro Fertility Education | May 5, | St. John the Baptist Church, Marshfield

Quality NFP instruction with research based Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning (NFP) that is up to 99% effective.
In-Person course with personalized one-on-one follow-up.
Purchase of the course includes all learning materials.
Perfect for women at all stages of fertility including: postpartum, long or irregular cycles, or premenopause, and for women with hormonal health concerns.
Strengthens marriages, encourages communication and celebrates the dignity of the spouses. Perfect for engaged or married couples For More information: diolc.org/nfp

BUY SCRIP After Mass

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE Scrip will be Sold on APRIL 27th

If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775) Thank you for supporting our scrip program

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from First Choice Pregnancy, Stevens Point, 800-712-help or www.firstchoiceprc.org. or diolc.org/pregnancy-resources.

Sacred Heart School is accepting new registrations grades 4K through Grade 6 for the 2025-26 school year. Sacred Heart School, provides a safe and nurturing environment with small class sizes that educate each unique child of God spiritually, academically, physically, and emotionally. Our tuition is affordable with financial assistance available. We invite you to COME AND SEE what we have to offer. Let your child come and grow with us! Please call the office (715) 600-6942 for more information or to schedule a visit. Also visit our website at www.sacredheartpolonia.com.

Join Fr. Hennes and the Parishes of St. Stephen and St. Joseph on a Jubilee Year Marian Spirituality Pilgrimage to Italy from October 7 to 18. Tour all four major Basilicas, walk through the Holy Doors, pray with Pope Francis at a Papal Mass in St. Peter's Square, and visit Orvieto, Assisi, Florence, Greccio and more! For more information, call 715-341-1617 ext. 101 or visit www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage.

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, April 6 8:00 AM

LECTOR Christine **USHERS** Ron & Betty
SERVERS Maddie & Elizabeth
MONEY COUNTERS Kirk, John C
MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

SUNDAY, April 13

LECTOR Tom **USHERS** Travis & Randy M
SERVERS Leo & Landon
MONEY COUNTERS Brad, Bette, Marie
MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

SUNDAY, April 20

LECTOR Kirk **USHERS** Randy & Anthony
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS Kirk, David, Rosemarie
MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

SUNDAY, April 27

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

Catholics Returning Home

Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to Church anymore?
Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from your Church?
Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?
Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?
No matter how long you have been away and for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Six-week series, Wednesday, April 23rd 6:30 pm Sponsored by St Joseph & St Stephen's parishes, held at St Joseph's For more information, call Sally Mews at 715-254-0935 or ssmews@msn.com.

St. Adalbert Parish

3305 St. Adalbert Road, Rosholt, WI

FISH FRY



Every Friday

February 28 through April 11, 2025

4:00 to 7:30 P.M.

Dinner options include 3 fish or 6 shrimp, or a combo of 2 fish and 4 shrimp for \$15

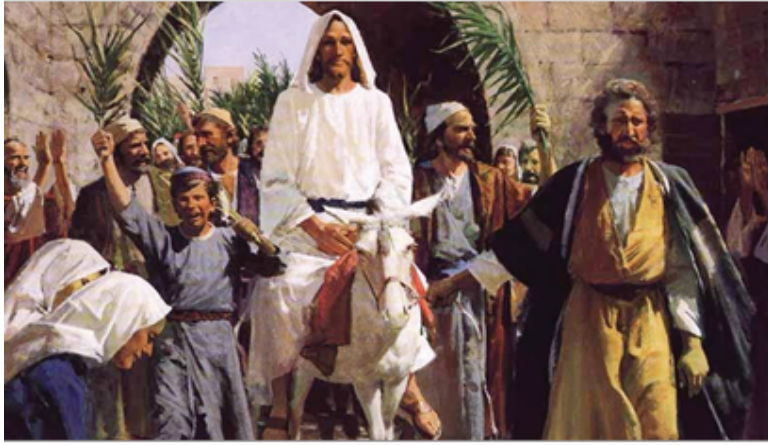
2 Fish or 3 Shrimp - \$12

Includes choice of potato, coleslaw, bread and dessert. Coffee & milk in the dining room.

Take-out orders: 715-677- 4518

Domestic & Craft Beers and Flavored Malt Beverages Available.

Large & Weekly Raffle!



Entering into the Holiest Week of the Year

Holy Week Schedule

The events of Holy Week changed the world and are, therefore, the holiest days of the year. The sacred liturgies observed during this week remember and make present again the passing of Jesus from death to new life—what is called the Paschal Mystery. You will want to go through the entire week with Christ, dying to selfishness and sin in order to rise to new life along with Him.

Palm Sunday Time: 8am @ SH 10am SMIC

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week, which commences with the blessing of palms and the reading of the Gospel somewhere outside the nave. A procession into church, with people holding blessed palm branches and singing festive songs follows, in imitation of the triumphant entrance of Jesus from Bethany to Jerusalem. Immediately afterwards, the theme of triumph changes radically with the reading of the Passion narrative, devoted to the suffering of Christ, which He endured for love of you.

Preparation Days Time: 8:15 am Wed. SMIC

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week are preparation days, both spiritually and physically, for the holiest days to come later in the week. It is a most appropriate time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesday of Holy Week is known as Spy Wednesday. This gets its name because this is the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin. Because Judas is thought to be sneaky, his actions conjured up the image of a spy.

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. All are welcome to attend.

Holy Thursday Time: 6:30 pm @ SH

Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum – which means three days. On this first day the Church commemorates the events surrounding the Last Supper and the institution by Christ of the Holy Eucharist. At the Last Supper Jesus was with His Apostles celebrating the Passover, the annual memorial of the mystery of the Jews' escape from Egypt, and the "passing over" of the angel of death. The Passover was an exodus, or passage, from the oppression of slavery to spiritual freedom. On this night before His crucifixion, Jesus commanded that this Passover be celebrated in a new way as an unbloody anticipation of His sacrificial and saving death that would take place the next day on the cross. This was (is) the new Passover of the Lord in which we are freed from slavery to sin and death through our cooperation with His divine life of grace received in Holy Communion.

A solemn ritual of washing of feet takes place in imitation of Jesus who humbly served His Apostles by washing their feet. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.... By this, all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34, 35)

At the end of Mass, consecrated Hosts—the true presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist—are carried in procession to the side chapel of adoration. These Hosts will be received the next day in Holy Communion. After placing the Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle, an atmosphere of quiet watching with the Lord begins. This commemorates how Jesus went with His Apostles to the Garden of Gethsemane, and asking them (and you) to watch and pray with Him. Jesus prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup [of suffering] pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will it." (Matthew 26:39) "And being in agony He

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DIocese of LA CROSSE, WI

Holy Week Schedule



prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground." (Luke 22:44) Remain with Jesus in His agony over what He knew He would endure for the sins of the world.

Good Friday Time: 1:00 pm @ SH

The second day of the Sacred Triduum is the Passion of the Lord, known as Good Friday, the commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross outside the walls of Jerusalem. The theme of this day throughout history has been one of quiet sorrow and mourning for the crucified and dead Jesus. Attend a service at your parish and consider spending the hours of 12-3 p.m. in quiet prayer, giving up even a drink of water, as this was the time that Jesus hung on the cross and died at 3 p.m.

The emphasis of the liturgy on this solemn day is on Scripture readings and prayers, the veneration of the cross, and the reception of the Eucharist consecrated on Holy Thursday.

Holy Saturday Time: 9:00 pm @ SH

The daytime hours of Holy Saturday continue the atmosphere of Good Friday, and have been observed as a time of quiet and fasting. The Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday is the night of all nights and the primary celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. The elaborate and beautiful ritual of the Easter Vigil has four clearly-defined parts: the service of light, the Liturgy of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and the reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion.

The service of light begins with a darkened church. The priest lights the Paschal candle, the symbol of Christ's Resurrection. The Paschal candle is used to light small candles held by those in the congregation as all process into the church to the chant of "light of Christ."

The Exsultet is sung which recounts the saving action of Christ, and it is followed by the readings of the Mass, several from the Old Testament, interspersed with responsorial Psalms and prayers. The Liturgy of the Word consists of as many as seven Old Testament readings that recapitulate God's saving action throughout history. The Gloria is then sung with the maximum amount of musical instruments, bells, and choir available to the parish. The Gospel is proclaimed that narrates eye witness accounts of those who encountered the risen Christ, stirring you to a deeper realization that He is alive! There are baptisms, bringing people to new life in Christ followed by confirmation, strengthening them to be bold witnesses for their faith in God. You will renew your own baptismal promises to live more fully as a committed disciple of Christ. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated with the greatest of joy, leading to our reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion. This is a day to rejoice that the establishment of the Church and the celebration of the Sacraments are all made possible through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday Time: 8am @ SH 10 am @ SMIC

The theme of Easter morning continues the triumphant joy of the Easter Vigil. It remembers and celebrates the very foundation of Christianity: Jesus who is Lord is raised from the dead. You will want to share in this incredible joy by participating, as much as possible, in the holiest Week of the year.

