

December 28, 2025



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

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PARISH CLERGY

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PARISH STAFF

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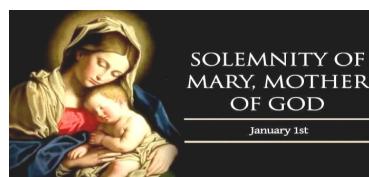
Parish Mission Statement

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, December 30,
NO MASS

Wednesday, December 31
NO MASS



Thursday, JANUARY 1, Holy Day of Obligation

7 am Adoration
7:30-8 am Confessions
8:15 am @ (SH)
St. Mary's I.C. &

Sacred Heart Parish Families

**6:00 p.m. @ St. Mary's I.C.
+Wayne Raschka by Chet Raschka**

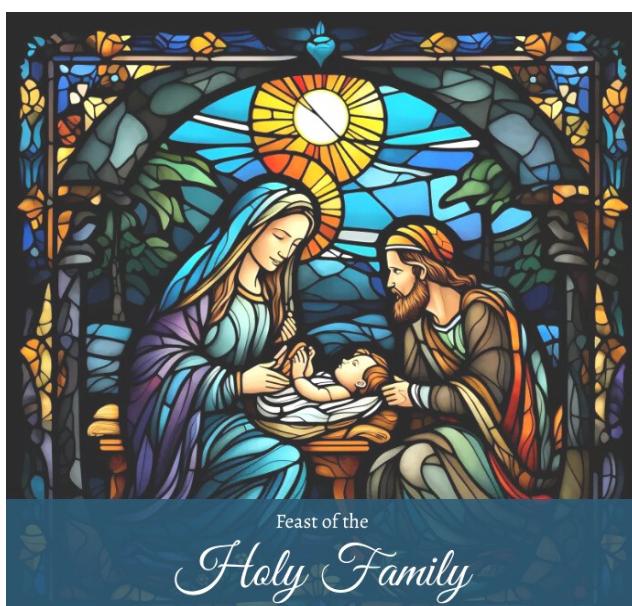
Friday, January 2,
**NO Adoration and NO Confessions
NO MASS**

Saturday, January 3, (@ Convent)
8:15 am

+Delphine Shulfer
+Jeanette Kaminski

2:45 pm Confessions
4:00 pm +Harleigh Firkus

January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 am @ SH St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart Parish Families
10 am +Richie Zblewski by Sharon, Barb, Lori, Rich Jr, Amanda, Suzie





"Christmas is a time in which the whole Church seems decked in white, in her baptismal robe. Christ comes in other times with garments dyed in blood. But now he comes to us in all serenity and peace, and he bids us to rejoice in him and to love one another. May each Christmas find us more and more like Him, who at this time became a little child for our sake, more humble, more holy, more happy, more full of God."

- St. John Newman

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, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Henry Gagas, Valerie Stanczyk, Shirley Pliska, Donna Wierzba, Sharon Zblewski, Denny Elsenrath, Adam Cohen, Ken Wierzba, Jerry Lepak, Jim Zblewski, Bob Zimbauer, 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.

Please pick up your **2026 Church Support Envelopes** located on the table in the back of church. If you contribute through DIRECT WITHDRAWAL you will still need to pick up your envelopes. Included with the weekly offering envelopes are Special Collections, Holy Days, and Building Fund. Thank you for your support.

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

REMINDER: Please contact the office: stmary@wi-net.com or 715-592-4330 if you have a change of address, phone number, or if you would like to join our parish family. Thank you

2026 Calendars.....A Special Thank you to Pisarski Funeral Homes 703 Second Street, Stevens Point and 2911 Plover Road, Plover, for donating the calendars.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

December 21

<i>Offertory</i>	\$ 119.00
<i>Religious Retirement</i>	100.00
<i>Building Fund</i>	10.00
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	20.00
<i>Adult Env & ACH</i>	1788.00
Total	\$ 2037.00

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions postmarked 12/31/25 will be posted and processed for the calendar/tax year 2025. All contributions received or postmarked after 12/31/25 will be posted into 2026, regardless of whether a 2025 giving envelope was used. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be NO MORNING MASSES on December 30th & 31st and also on January 2nd at St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart.

MASSES on JANUARY 1st—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
8:15 am @ Sacred Heart
6:00 p.m. @ St. Mary's I.C.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.



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

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

**Family Mass Sunday, January 11th,
10 a.m. ALL STUDENTS and
THEIR PARENTS** are asked to
attend. This is part of our Faith
Formation Program.



HOOKED ON LOVE **BIG THANK YOU**
to parishioners for being **awesome** in
donating supplies for Hooked on Love.
Young mothers are grateful for the love
shown to them with needed baby items and \$270.00 gift
cards you provided for "First Choice Prenatal Care
Program". Especially with the rising cost of baby items.
Thank you for the extra effort to give them a joyful
Christmas and a good start on the New Year.



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.



This summer and fall, 3,622 of our people
participated in 40 listening sessions to help
launch Rebuild My Church, an ongoing
effort of renewal and pastoral planning for
our Diocese.

What did people say at the 40 listening
sessions this fall? Those comments are now
available for viewing, along with a summary
of the top trends. You can also check out a brief video from
Fr. Derek Sakowski sharing a Christmas story illustrating what
it means to "pivot from maintenance to mission." The web
address: <https://www.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates>



Join us Sunday, January 11th after the 10 am Mass for our **COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL**

ALL ARE WELCOME

Hosted by The Pastoral Council
& Altar Society

BUY SCRIP After Mass

January 4th and 18th

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

December Total Sales = \$10215.00
Profit Total = \$ 478.53

**Thank you for supporting
our scrip program.**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

8th– Bette Britz
9th–Joe Raschka
10th–Liz Mocadlo
12th–Lizzie Yarbrough
14th–Marie Helminiak
17th–Kevin Zurawski
& Tony Kosobucki
24th– Ron Landowski
28th–Trevor Kluck

**MASS OFFERINGS: WE
HAVE SOME WEEKDAYS
AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY.**
Please contact the office
715-592-4330 this week to
schedule a Mass. Thank you

Inclement Weather Policy: Parish Office and Scheduled Activities
St. Mary's I.C. and Sacred Heart Parishes follows Stevens Point AND Rosholt Schools for delays, closures, and cancellations. When Stevens Point AND/OR Rosholt Schools close and/or cancel evening activities, the Parish Office and Sacred Heart School will close and all activities at the parish are cancelled. Cancellations and closures will also be posted on the website

*If Parish office is closed due to inclement weather, Father will still celebrate daily Mass at scheduled time at Sacred Heart. There will be no Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **PLEASE NOTE: When Mass is scheduled at St. Mary's I.C. Father will still celebrate the Mass, but at Sacred Heart. If you are ever unable to drive safely, please do not risk coming to Mass.**

The Best Gift for your Spouse--Harmony and Hope! A weekend for married couples facing a difficult time in their relationship to be held in Wausau area Feb 13-15, provides a path to rediscover the spouse you fell in love with. "We could not talk without arguing. Eventually, our marriage entered a second honeymoon. We are now able to live in harmony thanks to the skills we learned in the Retrouvaille program." For more info, couples' comments and reviews visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-877-922-4673 (Fully confidential).

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.

SOUP SALE

St. Wenceslaus Parish – Milladore

Drive-thru Only

January 10th 2026

2:00 pm. to 4:00 pm.

\$8.00 per quart with dinner rolls

Chicken with Homemade Noodles
Potato and Sausage
Italian Meat Ball Soup
Beef Barley

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, Dec 28

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

JANUARY 1 6 PM NEW YEARS DAY

LECTOR Kirk USHERS volunteer
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MUSICIANS Mary & Jacquie

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

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

11th Annual

TANNER SIMONIS MEMORIAL 3D ARCHERY SHOOT

Join us...

Friday - January 2, 2026
5:00 to 9:00 pm
Saturday - January 3, 2026
8:00 am to 4:00 pm



Food & Beverages
will be available
at an additional cost

28 - 3D Targets, • 40 Yard Indoor Range
2 Divisions ... Adults - \$20.00 ... Juniors 15 and under - \$5.00
Payout 60% 1st=30%, 2nd=25%, 3rd=20%, 20th=15%, 3rd from last=10%

•••• Thank You to our Sponsors ••••

Bryon & Laurie Simonis
Blackhawk Archers
8T Custom Rod
Cindy Kosmalski
JR's Saloon

Bill & Kim Gibbs
Pete & Becky Skibba
Jim & Linda Kizewski
Dustin & Beth Irwin
Jeremy Simonis

Raffle Tickets for sale - 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00
Basket Raffles on Saturday
All proceeds from the BIG TICKET RAFFLE go to Sacred Heart School
For Information call Jeremy (715) 630-2286

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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.



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, cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant. Additional resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy resources.

Priest Calendar – January 2026

- 1st Pope Leo XIV
- 2nd Bp. Battersby
- 3rd Fr. Augustine Bentil
- 4th Fr. Eric Berns
- 5th Fr. Gregory Bohrns
- 6th Matthew Bowe
- 7th Fr. Steven Brice
- 8th Fr. David Bruener
- 9th Fr. Jesse Burish
- 10th Fr. Alan Burkhardt
- 11th Msgr. Jeffrey Burrill
- 12th Fr. Jared Clements
- 13th Fr. William Dhein
- 14th Fr. Francis Dias
- 15th Msgr. Joseph Diermeier
- 16th Fr. Billy Dodge
- 17th Fr. Clayton Elmhorst
- 18th Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh
- 19th Fr. William Felix
- 20th Fr. Victor Feltes
- 21st Fr. James Genovesi
- 22nd Fr. John Gilbert
- 23rd Msgr. Richard Gilles
- 24th Fr. Joseph Glatczak
- 25th Fr. George Graham
- 26th Fr. Alan Guanella
- 27th Fr. Brandon Guenther
- 28th Fr. Jeffrey Hennes
- 29th Fr. Fernando Hernandez
- 30th Msgr. Joseph Hirsch
- 31st Fr. Jerome Hoeser



*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*

Thank you to all who generously contributed to our CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION and to the beauty of our worship area this Christmas Season.

DONATION

George Breitenstein

Brad & Bette Britz

Marlene Bronk & Family

Jerome & Lisa Firkus

Cheryl M. Gagas

Henry Gagas

Patrick Johnson

Trevor & Meghan Kluck

Elsie Mansavage

Pat Maslowski

Randy & Mary Kay Maslowski

Darrell & Sharon Meronek

Cheryl Palbrach

Chet Raschka

Joe & Karen Raschka

IN MEMORY

Mable L. Breitenstein

Deceased members of the Britz & Barwick families

John & Troy Bronk

Ron & Ruth Werachowski

Butch Gagas

Henry Sr & Theresa Gagas

Dorothy & Rudy Weinfurter, Dorothy Gavin,
Seth Zakrzewski

David Mansavage

Bette Maslowski

Ronnie Maslowski

Henry & Phyllis Klesmith

Margaret (Rita) Raschka, Wayne Raschka

Bernard & Marlene Schulist

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Mike & Shelly Stremkowski

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Dorothy Wolloch

Lucas Wolloch, Bruce Bernhagen, Jeanette
Tiske, Paul & Josephine Trebe

Larry & Eunice Zwicki

Michael & Emily Wierzba,
Felix & Emily Zwicki

