

December 28, 2025



## *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

### ***St. Mary 's Immaculate Conception Parish***

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Please submit bulletin notices to [stmary@wi-net.com](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com)

#### **PARISH CLERGY**

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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](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com)

Bookkeeper-Rebecca Jones

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Jessica Bielen

Custodian-Jeanne Hintz

Maintenance/Grounds keeping

Josh Genskow

#### **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.

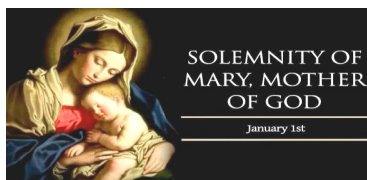
#### **Mass Intentions**

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**

Offertory	\$ 119.00
Religious Retirement	100.00
Building Fund	10.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Adult Env	
<u>&amp; ACH</u>	<u>1788.00</u>
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.

**MASSSES** 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](http://retiredreligious.org).



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

*Coordinator of Religious Education* Jessica Bielen  
(715)347-3367 or [jwier319@gmail.com](mailto: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.dioc.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.

## 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

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**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.



*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

**BLACKHAWK ARCHERS**  
 CUSTER, WI  
 7840 Cty Rd Z  
 Custer WI 54423

**FUN**  
 for  
 All Ages &  
 Abilities!!!

*Food & Beverages will be available at an additional cost*

28 - 39 Targets • 40 Yard Indoor Range  
 2 Divisions ... Adults - \$20.00 ... Juniors 15 and under - \$5.00  
 Payout 50% 1st-30%, 2nd-25%, 3rd-20%, 20th-15%, 3rd from last-10%

*..... Thank You to our Sponsors .....*

Bryon & Laurie Simonis	Bill & Kim Gibbs
Blackhawk Archers	Pete & Becky Skibba
ST Custom Rod	Jim & Linda Kizewski
Cindy Kosmalski	Dustin & Beth Irwin
JR's Saloon	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**

**Pregnant and in distress?**  
 Confidential help is available from First Choice Pregnancy in Stevens Point, call 800-712-help or [www.firstchoiceprc.org](http://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](http://cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant). Additional resources and locations, visit [diolc.org/pregnancyresources](http://diolc.org/pregnancyresources).

## Priest Calendar – January 2026

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

Raymond Richter Family, John Schulist Family

Mike & Shelly Stremkowski

Phillip & Rose Stremkowski

Dorothy Wolloch

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

Larry & Eunice Zwicky

Michael & Emily Wierzba,  
Felix & Emily Zwicky

