

April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY of the Resurrection of the Lord



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 deed.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 7, **NO MASS at Sacred Heart**

Wednesday, April 8

8:15 am +John Bronk by Marlene & Family

Thursday, April 9 @ SH

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Kluck & Koziczowski Families
by Marie & Family

Friday, April 10

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Felix & Regina Soik
by The Soik Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, @ SH

8:15 am +Gladys Lepak by Family

+Bonnie Kluck by Jason & Melissa Kluck

+David K. Trzebiatowski by +Tom & Ruth Printz

+Betty Kowalski by Bob & Barb Groholski

+Tom Printz by Tom & Julie Wanserski

+Souls in Purgatory by Deb Adamski

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart
Parish Families

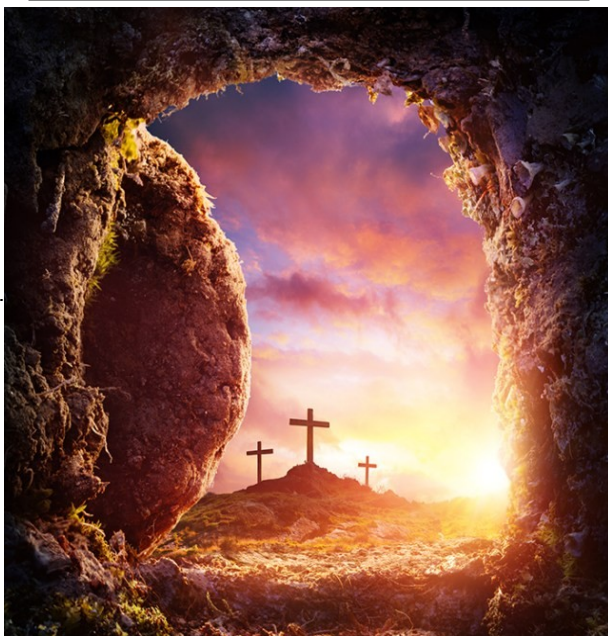
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 am @ SH +Jerry Shroda by Lori Shroda

10 am +Zachary Simonis

4 pm Divine Mercy Mass @ SH

+Norman Eiden by Family





"But God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (Acts 10:40-3)

Dear Parishioners:

We've made it! I pray that this Lent has been fruitful, that in whatever ways the Lord has been asking us to look outside of ourselves, we were able to do his will. To do the will of God should be what we all desire. We are now in the great Solemnity of Easter. Remember that Easter Day is not just twenty-four hours, but eight days! Also, the Easter Season lasts fifty days - that means between now and Pentecost, we need to live INTENTIONALLY - and this means not only how we worship at Mass, but outside of Mass - with the mindset of Christ's great victory. This means that "Christ the Lord is Risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!" isn't just for Easter Sunday, but for the next fifty days.

Take courage!

Sincerely,
Fr. Miller

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

March 29

Offertory	\$	208.00
Flowers		145.00
Building Fund		25.00
Adult Env & ACH		3,600.00
Total		\$ 3,978.00



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

DIOLC.ORG/STEWARDSHIP

GOAL **\$22,655.00**

COMMITTED AND RECEIVED **\$23,022.50**

OF DONORS **61**



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, Joe Raschka, Henry Gagas, Valerie Stanczyk, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Shirley Pliska, Sharon Zblewski, Rick Maslowski, Denny Elsenrath, 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.

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.

Family Mass Sunday, April 12th, 10 a.m.
ALL STUDENTS and THEIR PARENTS
are asked to attend. This is part of our Faith Formation Program.



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, WI 54423 (stmary@wi-net.com)

THANK YOU to all who generously contributed to our Easter Flower collection and to the beauty of our worship this Easter Season.



In Memory of:

Brad & Bette Britz
Cheryl Gagas
Randy & Carolyn Iwanski

*Butch Gagas
Cliff Falkowski,
Pat & Eleanor Iwanski*

Trevor & Meghan Kluck

*Deceased members of Gavin, Kluck
& Weinfurter families
Michael V. Kosobucki, Carl & Zita
Beigel, Jesse Patillo, Zachary Simonis*

Bonnie Kosobucki

Tony & Marge Duffek

Carla Kotolski
Elsie Mansavage
Darrell & Sharon Meronek
Chet Raschka

*David Mansavage
Mr & Mrs Henry Klesmith
Margaret (Rita) Raschka, Wayne
Raschka*

Kenny & Betty Rozek

*Eugene & MaryAnn Meyer, Jerry
& Marcie Rozek*

Bernard & Marlene Schulist

*John & Helen Schulist, Raymond
& Dorothy Richter*

Mike & Shelly Stremkowski
Brian & Anne Vogt
Mac & Elizabeth Yarbrough

*Phillip & Rose Stremkowski
Virginia Vogt
Michael Kosobucki*



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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



THANK YOU to all who donated supplies and SCRIP for our **Lenten Can a Week Campaign**. It helped our 3 parish families and the Community Thrift Store. We will continue to collect for our Food Pantry. Please place non-perishable food supplies, toiletry items in the shopping cart, and SCRIP donations are always appreciated.

**Join us Sunday, April 19th after the 10 am Mass for our
COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL ALL ARE WELCOME**

Hosted by The Sacred Worship and Justice & Peace Committees



DCCW (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) Support Sunday April 12 and 19. This only happens once a year. Bishop Battersby asks for your help. This helps pay for Lacrosse and National Catholic Women Council dues, meetings, training sessions, grants and scholarships for young women to advance their education. Envelopes can be found in your pews and in the Church entrance. Please turn in your envelopes in the church collection by Sunday, April 26th. Thank you for your support in continuing the faith of the women in our nation.

Called and Gifted Workshop | Saturday, April 18, | Holy Spirit Parish in Stevens Point

You are invited to discover the unique spiritual gifts God gave you in baptism. A teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute from Colorado Springs will offer the *Called & Gifted workshop*. The Called and Gifted process will help you to discern your specific charisms that are to be used in the service of others. When you know your gifts, it becomes easier to say “yes” to serve in a specific capacity. And because it is unusually energizing and fulfilling to exercise a charism. Fee: \$45/per guest - covers the Workshop Day, Inventory, Interview and Discernment Small Group. Cash may be dropped at parish office, include note: for Called & Gifted Checks: Payable to Holy Spirit Parish, memo: Called & Gifted may be dropped at parish office or mailed to: Holy Spirit Parish 2151 Stanley Street Stevens Point, WI 54481

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, April 5 EASTER SUNDAY
LECTOR Kirk **USHERS** Betty & Ron
SERVERS Keaton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS Kirk, Tom, Marie
MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

SUNDAY, April 12
LECTOR Deb **USHERS** Randy & Travis
SERVERS Leo, Landon
MONEY COUNTERS Brad, Bette, Randy
MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

BUY SCRIP After Mass

Sunday, April 12th & 26th
 If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775)

Thank you for supporting our scrip program

March Total Sales = \$9,685.00
 Profit Total = \$ 412.61



**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS
 SACRED HEART PARISH,
 POLONIA**

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
 Friday, April 3 - Saturday, April 11, 2026

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 April 12, 2026

8:00am: Holy Sacrifice of Mass
9:00am – 3:30pm: Adoration with Holy Hours

**2:00pm: Presentation by the Very Reverend Samuel A. Martin,
 Diocesan Vicar for Clergy**

12:00pm – 3:00pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00pm: Divine Mercy hour/chaplet, procession of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.
4:00pm: HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

**THE HOLY MASS WILL BE OFFERED AT 4:00PM AFTER CONFESSION
 SO THAT “THE SOUL THAT WILL GO TO CONFESSION AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN A STATE
 OF GRACE ON THIS DAY SHALL
 OBTAIN COMPLETE FORGIVENESS OF ALL SINS AND PUNISHMENT”**

The "Madre Peregrina" - Pilgrim Mother is a life-size sculpture depicting the Virgin Mary in her apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. Originating from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, this replica is crafted to closely resemble the original miraculous image as a living apparition. The primary purpose of the Madre Peregrina sculpture is to bring the spiritual presence and intercessory power of Our Lady of Guadalupe to communities worldwide, fostering peace, love and hope among Catholic pilgrims. The veneration experience will take place at St. Peters, Stevens Point, April 16 – 22.

March for Life Wisconsin - 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 March for Life at the State Capitol in Madison. Bus transportation will be available from Wisconsin Rapids. For Information info@marchforlifewisconsin.org .

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from First Choice Pregnancy in Stevens Point, call 800-712-help or www.firstchoicepc.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.

Family Life Committee

All-You-Can-Eat
**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

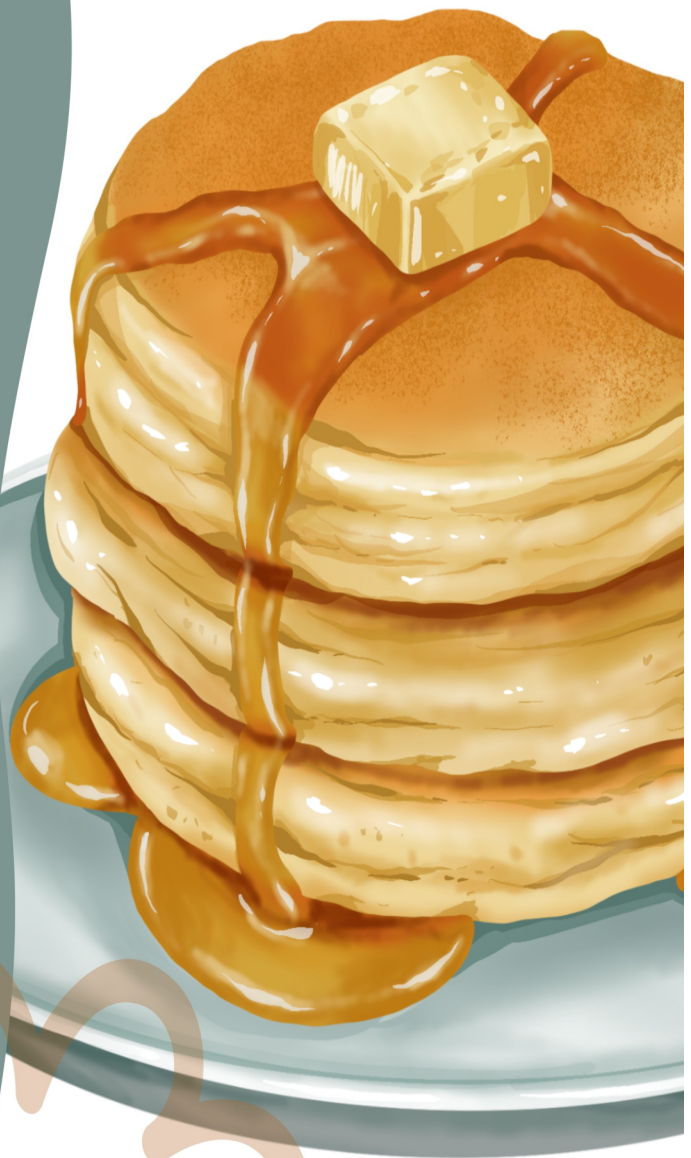
SUNDAY, APRIL 12th
after 10 o'clock Mass

Menu:

Buttermilk pancakes,
scrambled eggs, sausage,
applesauce, desserts,
coffee, milk
and orange juice.

*Donations of eggs
are greatly appreciated.
Please drop off between April 5th - 10th
in the Church Kitchen Refrigerator.

BRING A FAVORITE
DESSERT TO SHARE





Charity

To Love as God Loves

It is deeply compelling to know that we received three supernatural gifts in Baptism that bring us into relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – God Himself! These gifts are faith, hope and charity. **Faith** is the gift “by which we believe in God and believe all that He has said and revealed to us... because God is truth itself” (CCC paragraph 1814). **Hope** is the gift by which we are enabled to trust Jesus’ promises, relying not on our own strength but on the power and grace of the Holy Spirit. (see CCC 1817). **Charity** is “the theological virtue by which we love God above all things” because of who He is, and “our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God” (CCC 1822).

Jesus “raised the bar” for us and instituted something **new** in calling us to “Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12) In loving us by giving the totality of Himself for us on the Cross, Jesus obtained for us the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to live out this call to love ourselves and our neighbor. This is the very heart of the Christian life.

The supernatural virtue of charity transforms our limited human love into divine love. It enables us to unite our hearts with Christ who gave His life for us, to forgive our enemies and to serve those in need without expecting anything in return. Without charity, faith and hope lose their

power; but with charity, all things hold together in perfect harmony (Col 3:14).

Few people embodied this truth more beautifully than Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Albania, she heard the call to serve the poorest of the poor. She founded the Missionaries of Charity, whose members vow to serve those who suffer the most—seeing Christ Himself in each face. “It is being unwanted,” she once said, “that is the worst disease any human being can experience.”

For Mother Teresa, charity was not a theory or feeling, it was action. She saw Jesus in every person, especially the poor, the sick, and the forgotten. “Show love to others,” she said, “as you would show your love directly to Jesus Christ.” Her life revealed that charity is not sentiment, but willing the good of another, to act with mercy and compassion, loving even when it costs, even “until it hurts.”

Mother Teresa’s love was expressed in tender service, in feeding the hungry, comforting the dying, and upholding human dignity. When awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, she canceled the banquet so the money could feed fifteen thousand poor people. She knew that love “is worth nothing unless it is given freely.”

Mother Teresa once said, “We all thirst for love.” That thirst is a reflection of God’s own desire for us. On the Cross, Christ stretched out His arms to embrace the whole world; perfect love poured out “until it hurt.” When we practice charity, we share in that same divine love.

The Apostle Paul captures the essence of what it means to live with charity: “*Charity is patient and kind, is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Charity does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Charity bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*” (1 Cor 13:4-8)

Let us ask the Lord to increase in us the supernatural virtue of charity: to see Christ in others, to forgive those who wrong us, and to give ourselves in humble service. Then our lives, like Mother Teresa’s, will become living reflections of God’s boundless love, and we will know the **JOY** that is complete in Him. This is to say, we will experience the joy of the Lord that far surpasses any suffering or sacrifice we make in serving others in love.

Find more here: diolc.org/virtues

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