

August 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

7176 Esker Road, Custer, WI 54423 Phone: 715-592-4330

Website: [www.stmaryscuster.net](http://www.stmaryscuster.net)

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

### **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.

#### **PARISH CLERGY**

Fr. Mark Miller, Pastor 715-600-6942

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Deacon Jim Sniadajewski

[dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com)

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**-[stmaryicfinance@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryicfinance@gmail.com)

**Coordinator of Religious Education**-

Jessica Bielen

**Custodian**-Jeanne Hintz

**Maintenance/Grounds keeping**

Josh Genskow



### **WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MASSES, ADORATION & CONFESSIONS**

will be **held at Sacred Heart** this week due to our Phase One Building Project. Thank you for understanding. See you **8 AM on Sunday**.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, August 11, (SH)

8:15 am +Dorothy Gagas

by Audrey & Rose Ann Gagas

Wednesday, August 12, ***HELD AT SH***

8:15 am +Felix & Regina Soik

by The Soik Family

Thursday, August 13 @ SH

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Betty Kowalski by Bernadine Strong

Friday, August 14, ***HELD AT SH***

7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +David Mansavage

by Elsie & Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 @ SH

8:15 am +Gladys Lepak by Family

+Souls in Purgatory by Deb Adamski

+Edwin Damask by Jerry & Renee Brzezinski

2:45 pm Confessions

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

***AUGUST 16, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**@ St. Mary's 8 am +Michael V. Kosobucki**

**10:00 am @ SH SACRED HEART PICNIC**

+Mary Ellen Lyons by Virginia Groshek

TAKE  
COURAGE,  
IT IS I;  
DO NOT  
BE AFRAID

MATTHEW 14:27



*"Everything on earth was made by the Word of the Master. No human being existed yet to till the fields, a plough did not exist, there was not, as yet, the help of oxen, no one cultivated the earth. But the Word spoke on the earth, and caused it to bring forth fruit.*

*The Word gave orders thus: 'Let the earth put forth vegetation', and this order sufficed. Today human beings till the earth and make use of beasts of burden. But even if they paid all possible attention to the earth, even if the weather were always favorable, without God it would all be in vain. Sweat and toil would be no use at all if there were not a Hand on high ready to help and cause everything to ripen." - St. John Chrysostom*

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

August 2

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Offertory          | \$ 107.00   |
| Building Fund      | 965.00      |
| Mission            | 200.00      |
| Adult Env<br>& ACH | 1,668.00    |
| Total              | \$ 2,940.00 |

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:

*Denny Elsenrath, Henry Gagas, Connie Groholski, Jerry Lepak, Brigid & Al Pellatt, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Shirley Pliska, Joe Raschka, Kenny Rozek, Tom Sbonik, Jack Stremkowski, Valerie Stanczyk, Sharon Zblewski, Jim Zblewski, Bob Zimbauer,*

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**

**NOTE\*\*please call 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.*

## BUY SCRIP After Mass

**Sunday, August 23rd**

***Scrip will be sold on the 2nd & 4th Sundays after Mass and on Wednesdays 9am-noon in the office.***

If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday or Wednesday, please call St. Mary's I.C. office (715-592-4330) Leave a message

and arrangements can be made for you to pick your order up.

**Thank you for supporting**

***Join us Sunday, August 16, after the 8 am Mass for our COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL ALL ARE WELCOME***  
Hosted by Group 4



## **LITTLE FREE PANTRY**



at St. Mary's! Take as you need, Donate if you are able! We are in need of non perishable items for this pantry. You can put items in the pantry or drop them in the cart in the entrance of Church, and we will fill it up. Please help us help those in need. Thank you for your generosity

Bring a bouquet! Share your Flowers from your garden with St. Mary's I.C. Help us add beauty to our Church by donating bouquets for our sanctuary. Please contact the parish office (715-592-4330) to arrange drop off. THANK YOU MARIE!



## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**



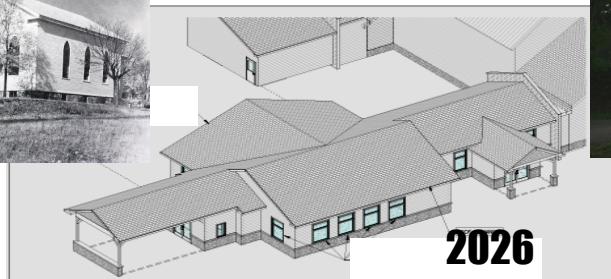
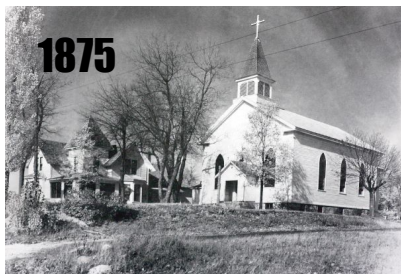
9th-Randy Maslowski 15th-Josh Genskow  
20th-Cindy McCarthy 21st-Chris Weronke  
22nd-Michelle Wasieleski 23rd-Karen Pacocha



## *Building Together* Uniting Hearts and Spaces

Parishioners, we hope you are excited to see the progress on the Church Hall but it may be time to recap what has happened so far. Way back, over 85% of the parish agreed we should create a church hall that gave us the space to have gatherings, provide a better entrance to the church including a ramp for an alternate to stairs, give our priest a private area of the sacristy, have a covered entrance from the parking lot, refinish the parking lot, provide ADA approved washroom on the main level and have a beautiful courtyard space. The plan was designed and two anonymous donors stepped forward and offered \$500,000 each in matching funds with parishioners to build the funds so we could get approval to begin from the Diocese. We did not get enough funds from parishioners to get approval to move forward. So, Phase 1 was developed to scale the plans way back in hopes we would have enough to move forward. We still did not have enough funds from parishioners so the anonymous donors agreed to use some of the funds promised, without the match, so that we could get approval to begin with Phase 1. Phase 1 included the expansion of the sacristy and a covered entrance, a separate entrance with a ramp and a first level washroom and a small gathering space. When the approval came from the Diocese, they made it clear that even with Phase 1 approved, they would not guarantee approval of Phase 2. Phase 2 was the creation of a large Hall for gatherings, large storage and a big kitchen. When the committee met to determine next steps, it was decided, since we may never get the large Hall, let's change the plans and build a much larger gathering space than previously planned for Phase 1. It is no where near where the original total plan was, but would certainly allow us to hold some events we currently hold in the basement. Those parishioners and guests who are unable to use the stairs could now be part of the events. The donors agreed to help with the modified plan so we could move forward and create a very useable and beautiful gathering space.

Sorry for the long explanation but you need to know that the donations received from parishioners to date are not as expected. It was a long time coming but it is happening. In construction, any time there is a change, there are costs. There are also landscaping, furniture and fixtures. If you have yet to consider donating, or if you feel you can do more, please include in your Building Fund envelope. May God bless you for your consideration.





## Witamy! (Welcome) Sacred Heart Parish Picnic

7379 Church Street Custer (Polonia)

[www.sacredheartpolonia.com](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com)

# August 14 & August 16, 2026



**Friday 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM**

**Music by Night Shift**

Intermission music by Evan Garski

**Food and Refreshments**

**FRIDAY CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT Double Elimination**

Start time is 6:00 PM. To sign up or for more information call Andy at 715-572-5246.

**Sunday 10:00 AM Mass w/ Polish Hymns led by  
the Sacred Heart Choir**

10:30 AM to 1:30 PM - **New this year** Grilled and Baked Chicken Dinner  
in the Air-Conditioned Dining Room/ Carry outs available

**12:00 to 7:00 PM Enjoy Polish Music and Dancing**

Cynor Classics Alternating with Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze

11:00 AM - Basket Raffle, Country Store, Mini Raffle, Games,

Dessert Spin, Ice Cream, Cherry Tree, Kid's Games

Food Stand & Refreshments

12:30 PM - Bingo

Country music after Bingo by Troy Allen's Copperhead Country

5:00 PM - Basket Raffle & Mini Raffle Drawing

7:00 PM - Cash Raffle Drawing

**GOLF CART RIDES  
AVAILABLE TO  
AND FROM  
PARKING LOTS**

**SUNDAY HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT Double Elimination**  
Bring your own partner. To sign up call Andy 715-572-5246

**Don't miss entering our  
\$11,000.00 Cash Raffle (38 cash prizes)**  
For Raffle tickets or further information call 715-600-6942

## Liturgical Appointments

**SUNDAY, August 16th 8 AM**

**LECTOR** John **USHERS** Randy & Anthony

**SERVERS** Elizabeth, Hutton

**MONEY COUNTERS** John, Kirk, Marie

**MUSICIANS** Jacque & Carolyn

**SUNDAY, August 23**

**LECTOR** Tom **USHERS** Kyle, & Vincent

**SERVERS** Sammi, Spencer

**MONEY COUNTERS** Tom, Lisa, Jeremy

**MUSICIANS** Mary & Cheryl

**USHERS:** We are in need of Ushers for one Sunday a month Please call the office so we can put you on the schedule.  
**THANKS FOR SHARING  
YOUR TIME, TALENTS and  
TREASURES with  
St. Mary's I.C. Parish Family.**

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**—Beginning Saturday, August 15th there will be an 8 am Mass every Saturday at Holy Spirit Parish. Confessions 9 am. All are invited to come

## Important Words to Know and Understand (Reminder)

**Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Prayer** The second characteristic of a disciple is that we are committed to times of prayer on a daily basis, both individually and with family, and frequently with the parish, where we are thankful to God for the blessings of the day and we seek His will. Prayer becomes an important part of our life.

The Catechism describes prayer as our "vital and personal relationship with the living and true God" (CCC 2558). Our life of prayer manifests itself in different ways, such as the silent time we take each day to be present to Jesus, the celebration of the Mass, the sufferings we offer up and the opportunities to pray with others in need. (adapted from "Discipleship Quads" by Dcn. Bob Rice and team)

**Healing Ministry for those Who Have Lost a Baby** Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of losing a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion? Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or [Hope4U@diolc.org](mailto:Hope4U@diolc.org)

## CAUTION:

## RENOVATIONS HAVE BEGUN



Please use caution  
when visiting St. Mary's.

While this is an exciting time to witness the changes we are making, please be respectful of the equipment and materials.