

JANUARY 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord



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

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

### **PARISH CLERGY**

Fr. Mark Miller, Pastor 715-600-6942

[fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com)

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

Bookkeeper-Rebecca Jones

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Coordinator of Religious Education-  
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, January 6,  
8:15 am +Edmund Bruske

**Wednesday, January 7**

**8:15 am +Judi & Don Johnson**

*by the children of Don & Judi*

Thursday, JANUARY 8, @ SH

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Ronald Karch

**Friday, January 9,**

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

**8:15 am +Emily Wierzbza**

*by Eunice & Larry Zwicki*

Saturday, January 10, @ SH

8:15 am +Frank & Pearl Wiza

+Beverly Stanczyk

+Evelyn Jurgella

+Jeanette Kaminski

For All Souls in Purgatory

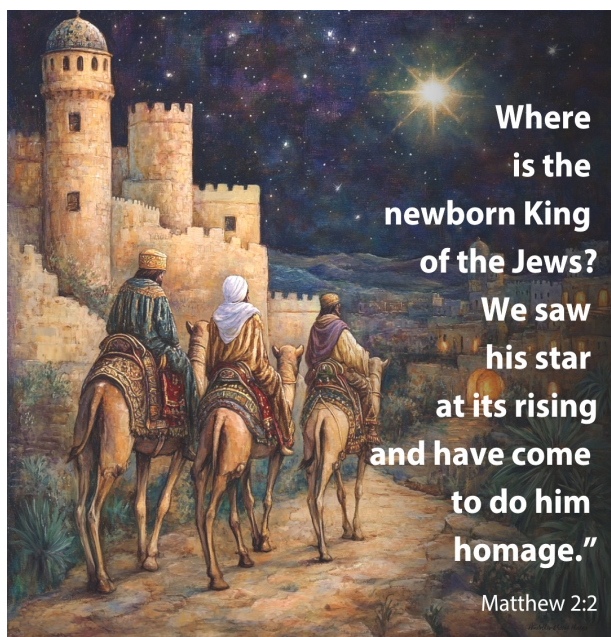
2:45 pm Confessions

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

**January 11, The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 am @ SH 5 year incremental  
anniversary couples

**10 am +Ron & Ruth Werachowski**  
*by Family*





*"Strive to accustom yourself to renounce the things you have in your heart and the little satisfactions that you desire. This is the secret that enables you to preserve peace of soul." - St. Francis de Sales*

Dear Parishioners:

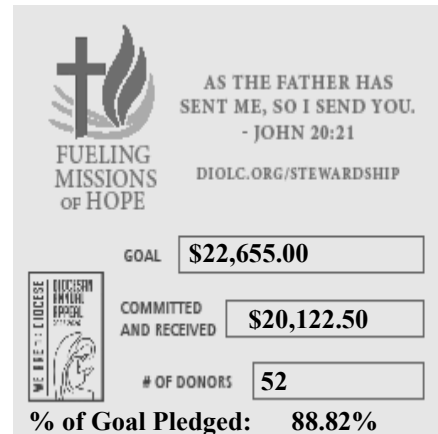
I hope all of you are having a blessed Christmastide and are resting in the mystery of the Lord's nativity. I want to again thank our musicians for their good work for the Christmas Masses, and anyone who helped to decorate the church. I appreciate your efforts. The Christmas Season is still 'in effect' so it's important that we keep the birth of the Lord at the forefront of our lives.

Also, by now you should have received your Annual Appeal letter and contribution information. It's important that we all prayerfully consider what the Lord is asking of us to help meet our goal.

Keep persevering!

Cordially,  
Fr. Miller

<b>WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT</b>	
<b>December 24 &amp; 29</b>	
Offertory	\$ 565.00
Building Fund	525.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Adult Env	
<u>&amp; ACH</u>	<u>5,185.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,295.00</b>



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.

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

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.



## 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.

### 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.**



### **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.*



*Join us Sunday,  
January 11th  
after the 10 am  
Mass for our*

## **COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL**

*ALL ARE WELCOME*

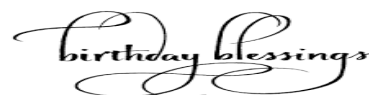
Hosted by The Pastoral Council  
& Altar Society

### BUY SCRIP

*After Mass January 18th*

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

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



**Pro-Life Workshop with Emily Geiger: *Effective Dialogue with 'Pro-Choice' People - What we've learned from talking with thousands***

Join us for an engaging and practical workshop with Emily Geiger of the Equal Rights Institute, designed to help Catholics communicate the truth about the dignity of human life with clarity, charity, and confidence. Emily's proven approach to pro-life dialogue has been tested on college campuses across the country. A dynamic and thoughtful speaker, she has appeared on MSNBC, EWTN, Relevant Radio, Focus on the Family, Christianity Today and more. This workshop will equip participants with concrete tools for meaningful, respectful conversations—especially in challenging or emotionally charged situations. Lunch: included.

- Date: Jan. 17, Time: 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- Location: Our Lady of Peace Parish, 1414 W 5th St., Marshfield 54449

Visit [diolc.org/respect-life](http://diolc.org/respect-life) for complete details and to register, or scan the QR code to the right.



## Liturgical Appointments

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

**LECTOR** Tom **USHERS** Randy I & Anthony  
**SERVERS** Elizabeth & Keaton  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Tom, Kirk, John  
**MUSICIANS** Jacque & Carolyn



## Calling All Crafters!!!

You are invited to join us  
 for a day of Crafting!  
 Saturday, January 24, 2026,  
 from 8am-9pm at  
 St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point

Help us to celebrate our  
**12<sup>th</sup> year**  
 of crafting at St. Joes!

Bring your crafting tools,  
 laptops, and supplies.  
 We will have electrical hookups as well.

### Cost is \$40/person

Price includes lunch, dinner, snacks, and beverages  
 Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

Registration information available at  
[www.pointcatholicfaith.org/sj-craft](http://www.pointcatholicfaith.org/sj-craft)  
 If you need a registration form mailed to you,  
 please contact the parish office at 715-341-1617.

**\*Deadline to register is January 14, 2026!!!**

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**ST. MARY-TORUN  
PONCZKA SALE  
JANUARY 24, 2026**

Place your order today  
 by calling 715-344-9665 or  
 emailing [ponczka@toruncatholic.org](mailto:ponczka@toruncatholic.org)  
 or online at  
[www.toruncatholic.org/ponczka](http://www.toruncatholic.org/ponczka)

**PRE-ORDER TODAY!  
NO GUARANTEES  
THAT EXTRA WILL  
BE AVAILABLE.**

**Cost per dozen: \$14**  
 Choices include:  
 Unfilled, Raspberry Jelly, or Prune Filled

All order must be picked up at the parish  
 on January 24 between 3 & 6 p.m.

St. Mary - Torun  
 5589 Dewey Dr.  
 Stevens Point, WI 54482  
[www.TorunCatholic.org](http://www.TorunCatholic.org)

## 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 generously contributed to  
 our CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION and to the  
 beauty of our worship area this Christmas Season.

### DONATION

Denise Glodowski

### IN MEMORY

Dennis Przybylski & Bill Kolinski

Sharon Zblewski & Family

Richie Zblewski

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](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-877-922-4673 (Fully confidential).

St. Michael's  
 Ponczka Dance is  
 back again!!



When: February 7th, 2026

6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Where: St. Michael's Catholic Church Junction  
 City

\*Featuring the Ultimate Polka Band  
 alternating with DJ\*

Admission: \$5

12 & under FREE

Thank you to everyone for all of your support!

Sorry No Preorders