

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent



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

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by noon on Tuesday.

### **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)

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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, February 24, @ SH

8:15 am +Delphine Shulfer

by Kevin & Mary Sue Zurawski

***Wednesday, February 25***

***8:15 am +Francis & Myron Soik***

*by Elsie Mansavage & Family*

Thursday, February 26 @ SH

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Beverly Stanczyk

by Edwin & Betty Damask

***Friday, February 27,***

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

***8:15 am +Chuck Egle by Family***

Saturday, February 28, @ SH

8:15 am

+Peter Wrycza by Dolores & Family

Souls' in Purgatory by Deb Adamski

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +Grace Somers

by Mike & Mary Schuster

***Sunday, March 1, Second Sunday of Lent***

8:00 am @ SH

St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart  
Parish Families

***\*9:25 am Stations of the Cross***

***10 am +Seth Zakrzewski***

*by Trevor & Megan Kluck*





*O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power, and idle chatter. Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother and sister, for You are blessed, now and ever and forever. Amen.*  
(Lenten prayer of St. Ephraim)

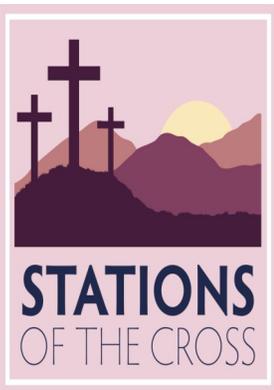
**The Primary Focus of Lent - God's Love**

Our relationship with God should always begin with a realization of His deep, deep Love for us and how He continues to pour out this love upon us daily in very concrete ways. This is always the starting point in our relationship with Him! And gratitude flows naturally as we ponder this love. During the 40 days of Lent, let us start by recalling some of God's blessings the past few days. Name five things for which you are thankful, such as taking time for a conversation with someone, reading a book with a child, a beautiful sunset, etc.

The next step is that we realize that we fail in response to this Love and that is what we examine with Jesus' help in order to eliminate any of our personal failures that would block our ability to receive His Love. Repentance means to turn away from sin and then turn toward God. Let us seek the beauty of a deeper friendship with Jesus, which brings peace and joy, and turn our backs to the ugliness of sin, which brings turmoil, discontent and ultimate misery. A great way to start is to acknowledge the sin and then be set free from it by speaking it out in the sacrament of confession. We can't be set free from sin unless we first acknowledge that it is there.

**Lenten Regulations are as follows:**

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



**Stations of the Cross**

St. Mary's I.C. on Sundays at 9:25am

Sacred Heart on Wednesdays in March at 6:15pm.

Sacred Heart School children will be having Stations at 2:00pm on the following Fridays: February 27th, March 6th, 13th, and 27th. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
February 8**

Offertory	\$ 211.00
Building Fund	10.00
Adult Env & ACH	1,328.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,549.00</i>

**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.

**THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST**

*John 19:1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged.*



**Whip (Scourge)**

**Meaning:** Represents the flagellation or scourging of Jesus by the Roman soldiers before his crucifixion.

**Significance:** It highlights the intense physical suffering, pain, and humiliation Jesus endured for the sins of humanity. It is also linked to the "Discipline," a small whip sometimes used historically in devotional acts of penance to share in Christ's suffering.



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

*Coordinator of Religious Education* Jessica Bielen  
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- MARCH BIRTHDAYS**  
 1st-Rosemarie Cieslewicz  
 3rd-Ruthie Pliska  
 7th-Rosemarie Wanserski  
 11th-Sharon Zblewski  
 12th-Pasty Charneski  
 17th-Terry Fritschler  
 19th-Jenny Yenter  
 20th-Cheryl Gagas  
 22nd-Marlene Bronk  
 24th-Larry Zwicky  
 27th-Kenny Rozek

**Double Feature with Jason Evert Event | April 22, St. Bron's, Plover** Let's come together to discover the beauty of God's plan for human love. A life-changing event for teens & adults (ages 13+) Tickets \$25 Tickets: [www.chastity.com/purified](http://www.chastity.com/purified) Event includes: Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Free resources for every attendee! Doors open at 5:30pm Info: [eventcoach@chastity.com](mailto:eventcoach@chastity.com)

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, Henry Gagas, Valerie Stanczyk, Shirley Pliska, Anna Sipe, Sharon Zblewski, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Denny Elsenrath, Jim Zblewski, Ken Wierzba, Jerry Lepak, Adam Cohen, 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](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com)* **FIRST NAMES ONLY** will be used; members promise to respect your request in confidence.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen



**A CAN A WEEK campaign** Please donate a can of nonperishable food weekly during Lent, to help those that need an extra hand this Spring. We will continue to help three families in the parish but with a 13% poverty level in Portage County, there are more in the county that need help. More aid is needed **NOW** than ever before with a world filled with chaos, uncertainty, isolation, unemployment, and loss of business, the challenge is overwhelming.

**Expired cans will be thrown in the garbage.** Please drop your donation off in the shopping cart in the Church entrance, before March 29th. Monetary donations especially SCRIP are appreciated  
 If you know of a friend or neighbor that needs help, let us know, recorder is always on at 715-592-4330 or 715-592-4971.

**MASS OFFERINGS:  
 WE HAVE SOME  
 WEEKDAYS  
 AVAILABLE  
 IN JUNE.**  
 Please contact the office 715-592-4330 to schedule a Mass.



**Radical Love**

**FEBRUARY 22, 23, & 24**  
 BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. EACH EVENING  
 AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
 1709 WYATT AVE., STEVENS POINT

Deacon Arthur Miller, a nationally known preacher of God's Holy Scripture, will join us as we embrace "Radical Love."  
 The kind of self-denying love that can only be accomplished through the grace and power offered to us through Jesus Christ.



Sponsored by the parishes of: St. Joseph, St. Stephen, St. Peter, and St. Casimir Find us online at: [www.PointCatholicFaith.org](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org)

## St Adalbert Parish



3305 Saint Adalbert Rd, Rosholt, WI 54473

### Friday Fish Fry Schedule

Feb 13, Feb 20, Feb 27,  
 Mar 6, Mar 13, Mar 20, Mar 27  
 Serving 4pm to 7:30pm

**Menu:** Fried or Baked Fish, Fried Shrimp or Combo

with choice of

French Fries, Baked Potato or Potato Salad

All meals include coleslaw, bread and dessert

**Regular \$15 or Small-Child/Senior \$12**

**Dine In or Take Out**

**Phone 715-677-4518**

Served in Church Hall with Elevator Available

**At Event:** Large Raffle, Weekly Basket Raffles, 50/50 Raffle  
 Candy Bars, Cemetery Memorials, Cash Bar, Pull Tabs

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Annual

## St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner



**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Dine-In or Carry-out



**Menu:** Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Baked Beans, Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Milk, Homemade Pies

Adults \$14.00  
 Children 6-12 \$6.00  
 Children 5 & under free

We will also be hosting the Country Store, Basket Raffle, and a 50/50 Raffle.

Masses at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

St. Maximilian Kolbe | 8611 State Highway 54, Almond WI, 54909 | 715-824-3380

## 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 email [Hope4U@diolc.org](mailto:Hope4U@diolc.org)

## Liturgical Appointments

### SATURDAY, February 21

**LECTOR** Emily **USHERS** Travis  
**SERVERS** Leo & Landon  
**MUSICIANS** Bob & Sandie

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

### SUNDAY, March 1

**LECTOR** Emily **USHERS** Betty & Ron  
**SERVERS** Hutton Elizabeth  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Brad, Bette, Kirk  
**MUSICIANS** Jacquie & Carolyn

**1891 Financial Life**  
**St. Mary Impact Team 998**

## St. Philip Catholic Church

Rudolph, WI

**Annual**

## Pancake Breakfast



and BAKE SALE

**Sunday, March 1st, 2026**

Serving 8:00 am -12:00 pm in Wagner Hall

Serving

Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes, Pork Sausage Patties,  
 Applesauce and Cinnamon Rolls

Adults - \$10.00 Ages 6-12 - \$5.00 5 and under - Free

**St. Wenceslaus**  
**Lenten/Centennial Retreat**  
**Saturday, March 21**  
**Milladore, WI**  
**Starting at 2pm**  
**ending with Mass at 6pm**



Please join us for an afternoon of reflection, fellowship, confession, prayer, and Mass

**2pm - 3pm - Fr. Damian Joseph Redfern**

"Back Blocks of New South Wales, Australia to the Catholic Faithful of Rural Wisconsin"

**3pm - 3:45pm - Light Slunch (lunch/dinner) fellowship in the church basement**  
 All are Welcome!

**4pm - 4:45pm - Fr. Sam Martin**

"Increasing the Faith of the Faithful"

**5pm - 5:50pm - Confessions with Fr. Biju, Fr. Sam, and Fr. Redfern**  
 Prayer and Personal Reflection

**6pm - Mass Fr. Sam and Fr. Biju01**