

MARCH 8, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent



St. Mary 's Immaculate Conception Parish

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by noon on Tuesday.

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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, March 10, @ SH

8:15 am +Elsie Kotolski by Sue Wanta

Wednesday, March 11

8:15 am +Deceased members of the Radomski & Wierzba families by LeRoy & Pat

Thursday, March 12 @ SH

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am For Sacred Heart School, CCD
Students & Teachers by Jackson

Friday, March 13,

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Paul Cieslewicz by Family

Saturday, March 14, @ Convent

8:15 am +Adeline Jerich by Deb Adamski

+Richard Konkol by Jerry & Renee Brzezinski

+David K Trzebiatowski by Edwin & Betty Damask

+Harry, Ed, Evelyn & Arnold Mager by Tom

& Julie Wanserski

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +Frances & Harriet Wysocki
by Bill & Marla Wysocki

Sunday, March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am @ SH

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

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

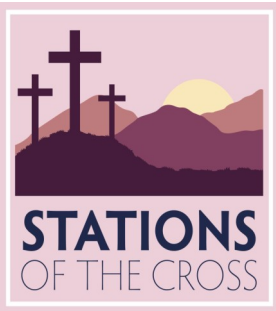
10 am +Dorothy Gavin

by Trevor & Meghan Kluck





My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent. I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust. I offer You my prayers, sacrifices and my very life this day. Do with me, Lord, as You will. I pray that this Lent will be fruitful. I know You have much to say to me and much to do in my life. May this Lent be a time through which Your mercy is poured in abundance into my soul, and into the souls of all Your faithful. Dearest Lord, help me to especially see my sin, this Lent. Humble me so that I may see clearly. Give me courage and strength to confess my sins, and to turn from them with all my heart. Enlighten me with Your Holy Word, dear Lord. Help me to come to know You and to deepen the gift of faith in my life. Show me the plan You have for me, and place my feet upon the path You have chosen. My suffering Lord, I thank You for the fullness of Your perfect Sacrifice. I thank You for holding nothing back, giving Your life to the last drop of blood. May I offer You my very life as a sacrifice, trusting in Your mercy with every offering. Keep me faithful to my Lenten promises, and bring forth new life through these sacrifices of love. Amen
(Prayer for a fruitful Lent)



Stations of the Cross

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

Sacred Heart on Wednesdays at 6:15pm.
Sacred Heart School children will be having Stations at 2:00pm on the following Fridays: March 13th, and 27th. Anyone is welcome to attend.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

March 1

Offertory	\$ 134.00
Building Fund	260.00
Flowers	10.00
Adult Env & ACH	1,585.00
Total	\$1,989.00

St. Mary's I.C. Meeting: Pastoral Council - March 12, 6:30 pm

If any member of the parish has an item that they would like discussed or added to the Pastoral agenda, please contact any of the members.

Fr. Mark Miller,
Deacon Jim, Nora Stransky,
Marie Helminiak, Jacquie Wille, Randy Maslowski

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

John 19:17 The crucifixion of Jesus So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself He went out to what is called the Place of the skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.
The cross is the central symbol of the entire Lenten season, representing Christ's sacrifice, his role as the King of Kings, and his victory over sin.

Veneration on Good Friday: The veiled cross is uncovered on Good Friday during the "Veneration of the Cross," emphasizing that salvation came through the brutal reality of the Crucifixion.

"Taking Up the Cross": The cross reminds Catholics to embrace their own suffering and unite it with Christ's, turning away from sin and toward repentance.



Lent: Keep First Things First: God's Unconditional Love for each Person

Personal sin is a part of our lives through selfishness; all of us miss the mark. We are reluctant to go to confession as it is difficult and humbling to look at our failures and faults. However, the first thing to do is realize and recognize all the good things God has given us. Spend a few minutes to look back, or notice what happened even today, and write down the special blessings that you received from God. It becomes easier to take our sins to Christ in the sacrament of confession when we examine our conscience in light of how much He loves us. Remember, even the small choices we make in our daily life matter. We are invited to align ourselves with the kingdom of God through prayer, reflection, and cooperation with His grace received in the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is an appropriate time to make a good confession.



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

Coordinator of Religious Education

Jessica Bielen (715)347-3367 or jwier319@gmail.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 Gagag, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Valerie Stanczyk, Shirley Pliska, Sharon Zblewski, Anna Sipe, Rick Maslowski, 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 FIRST NAMES ONLY will be used; members promise to respect your request in confidence.*



Be Disciples, Make Disciples: "We are a church that exists to be disciples who make disciples." This is the Great Commission Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:18-20. It's why any Catholic parish or school exists.

When you look at how the parishes and schools in your area spend their money, time, and energy, are they prioritizing this purpose of being disciples who make disciples? We invite you to take this question to Jesus this Lent!

Called and Gifted Workshop | March 21, 2026 | Marshfield: Come and begin to discover how Christ calls and equips you for a unique work of love only you can do. God gave you spiritual gifts in baptism and this process helps you to discern those unique charisms. When you know and use your charisms, there is more confidence, purpose and joy. A teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute from Colorado Springs will offer the *Called & Gifted workshop on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield. Every adult 20 yrs or older is invited to attend*

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 Event includes: Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Free resources for every attendee! Doors open at 5:30pm Info: eventcoach@chastity.com

A CAN A WEEK campaign



Fasting and Alms-giving are things we need to work on during Lent. Here is a way to work on the almsgiving part. It is more than throwing a few extra dollars towards charities. It is about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love. We are needed in many places, our three parish families, and 13% of Portage County. Let's NOW help them by donating towards our **CAN A WEEK** Campaign. Plan to donate a can of non-perishable food weekly during Lent to help those who need an extra hand. Please drop your donation off by March 22, 10:00am. **Only 2 weeks away.** Monetary donations, especially SCRIP is appreciated. Put in an envelope marked Can A Week and deposited in the church collection box. Deposit food in the shopping cart at entrance of church. **Expired cans will be thrown in the garbage** 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.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 11th-Sharon Zblewski
- 12th-Pasty Charneski
- 17th-Terry Fritschler
- 19th-Jenny Yenter
- 20th-Cheryl Gagag
- 22nd-Marlene Bronk
- 24th-Larry Zwicky
- 27th-Kenny Rozek



Knights of Columbus

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Fundraiser

Support Pacelli Catholic Schools Learning Resource Program

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
5-8PM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
401 West Clark Street, Stevens Point WI 54481

MARCH 11

Spaghetti and Meat Sauce w/ Garlic Bread or Beef Bbqs w/ Potato Chips
Includes water, milk and coffee
Additional drinks can be purchased at the bar

ADULTS | \$10
UNDER 12 | \$7
UNDER 5 | \$5



Funds raised from this event will help train PCS Learning Resource teachers to better support students with learning challenges, empowering them to thrive in the classroom.



**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

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

St. Michael's Church - Junction City

DRIVE-THRU
GRILLED PORK CHOP
DINNER

Sunday-March 29, 2026

10:30am-12:30pm

\$14

Double Chop Meal



Raffle
Calendars
Available

2 Grilled & Seasoned Chops.
Baked Potato, Green Bean Casserole,
Garden Salad, Bread & Dessert
(Sunday Mass at 9:00am)

Enjoy an early taste of Summer!!!

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, March 8
LECTOR John **USHERS** Randy & Travis
SERVERS Sammi & Spencer
MONEY COUNTERS Lisa, Jeremy, Randy
MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

SUNDAY, March 15
LECTOR Tom **USHERS** Randy & Anthony
SERVERS Hutton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS Tom, Brad, Bette
MUSICIANS Jacque & Carolyn

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

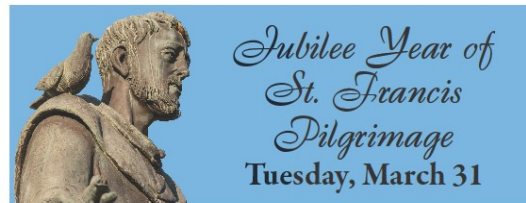


Menu: Ham, Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy, Baked Beans, Corn,
Coleslaw, Rolls & Butter,
Coffee, Milk, Homemade Pies

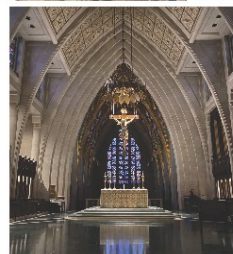
Adults \$14.00
Children 6-12 \$6.00
Children 5 & under free

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

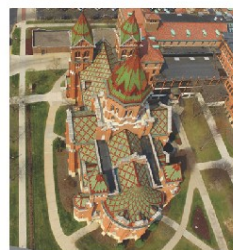


*Jubilee Year of
St. Francis
Pilgrimage*
Tuesday, March 31



Itinerary:

7:15 a.m.
Bus departs St. Joseph, Stevens Point
Comfort stop in Tomah
Chrism Mass
Tour of Cathedral
Tour Maria Angelorum Chapel
- Home of the Franciscan Sisters
Lunch on your own, at either
Famous Dave's or Milwaukee Burger Co.
Arrive at St. Joseph ~6:30 p.m.



Cost is \$10/person
Children must attend
with parent or guardian.

Register online at
www.PointCatholicFaith.org/chrism
or call 715-341-1617.



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