

March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

7176 Esker Road, Custer, WI 54423

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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

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

**Bookkeeper**-Rebecca Jones

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

**Coordinator of Religious Education**-  
Jessica Bielen

**Custodian**-Jeanne Hintz

**Maintenance/Grounds keeping**

Josh Genskow

#### **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, March 4, (SH)

8:15 am +Dolores Kurszewski by Virginia Groshek



**Wednesday, March 5**

8:15 am @SMIC +Chuck Egle

by Hank & Diane Zblewski

ASH

**WEDNESDAY 6 pm @SH** +Gladys Lepak by Family

Thursday, March 6 (SH)

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

8:15 am + Virginia Lepak by Family



**Friday, March 7**

7:30-8:00 am Confessions

8:15 am +Myron Meshak

by Lorraine Kluck

9 am Silent Adoration

3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Closing Benediction

Saturday, March 8, (SH)

8:15 am +Norman Platt by Daniel Platta +Larry

Strong by Catholic Order of Foresters St. Leo Ct. 795

+Patricia Reichenbacher +Clarence Ramczyk by

Joe & Elaine Bunczak +Terrie Gagas by Dennis Gagas

+Mary Ann Shamrowicz by Stan & Jane Biadasz

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +Larry Strong by Bernadine Strong

**Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of LENT**

8:00 am (SH) St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart  
Parish Families

9:25 am STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10:00 am For the health of Marie & Ed  
by LeRoy & Pat Wierzba

+Dorothy Gavin by Trevor Kluck Family

Shine like lights in the  
world as you hold on to the  
word of life.





"Perfection cannot be attained without the greatest toil." - St. Philip Neri

**A Minute with Jesus: As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.** We humbly give our assent to what has been handed on to us for the last 2,000 years through the one Church that Jesus founded. This assent (giving our "yes – I choose to believe") involves our commitment to persistence in prayer and study of Scripture in asking Jesus for deeper understanding regarding His Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Lord Jesus, "I believe; please help my unbelief."* (Mark 9:24)

This week, read how a father gives his assent to believing that Jesus can heal his son in Mark 9:20-29.

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



**Masses: Wednesday, March 5th**  
8:15 am St. Mary's I.C.  
6:00 pm Sacred Heart

**Lenten Regulations: The season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, March 5th** Lenten regulations are as follows:


1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, 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.

**FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION March 7th, 9 am-3pm at St. Mary's I.C.** The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 pm followed by Benediction. All are welcome and encouraged to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. **Please consider "adopting" an hour to sit with our Lord.** A sign-up sheet is located in the table in the Church entrance.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT	
February 23	
Offertory	\$ 111.00
Building Fund	10.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
Adult Env & ACH	903.00
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Total	\$ 1044.00

**ACH applications:** Please consider signing up for ACH for your regular Weekly/Monthly contribution. Please call the office, 715-592-4330 for more information.



1 CORINTHIANS 3:9 [DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER](http://DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER)

GOAL

PLEGGED AND RECEIVED

# OF DONORS

Percent of Goal Received: **81.62%**



**Stations of the Cross**  
**Sunday, March 9th at 9:25am at St. Mary's I.C.**  
**Wednesday, March 12th at 6:15pm at Sacred Heart.**  
Sacred Heart School children will have Stations at 2:00pm on the following Fridays: March 7th, 14th, & 28th, and April 11th.  
Anyone is welcome to attend.



# 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)

THE NEXT FAMILY MASS WILL BE SUNDAY, March 9th.

**Unplug! Set an easy goal** The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5. It is helpful for us to decide on what we will do before Lent actually begins so that we are ready on Ash Wednesday. Would you like to “unplug” from screens by setting an easy goal of time to fast? There will be a simple theme for each week to help stay committed:

- \*Set aside social media and phones
- \*Step out of your comfort zone
- \*Stand tall against what is difficult
- \*Spend time with family
- \*Savor sacred Scripture - renew your mind
- \*See better what is true, good and beautiful

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, Adam Cohen, Valerie Stanczyk, Henry Gagas, Jean Miller, Sharon Zblewski, Jerry Lepak, Denny Elsenrath, Joe Raschka, Shirley Pliska, Ken Wierzba, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Jim Zblewski, Mike Mrozek, 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 the parish. Hospitals do not make us 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.

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1st-Rosemarie Cieslewicz 3rd-Ruthie Pliska  
7th-Rosemarie Wanserski 11th-Sharon Zblewski  
12th-Patsy Charneski 17th-Terry Fritschler 19th-Jenny Yenter  
20th-Cheryl Gagas 22nd-Marlene Bronk  
24th-Larry Zwicky & Louise Betro 27th-Kenny Rozek



**ALTAR SOCIETY SOCIAL MEETING—Monday, March 10th, 12:00 pm**, saying of the rosary in church, followed by a lunch prepared by Rose 2. Meeting followed with a good time for all celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Bring a friend, **all women of the parish welcome.**



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception  
Faith Formation

Scan this QR code and join!

**BUY SCRIP After Mass**  
**March 9th & 23rd** If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775)  
Thank you for supporting our scrip program



### CAN A WEEK Campaign

In the Stevens Point School District, 40% of the total students qualify for free or reduced lunch programs because of the income of their parents. Let's NOW help them with their at-home food supplies they need, by collecting towards our **CAN A WEEK Campaign**; plan to donate a can of non-perishable food weekly during Lent to help those that need an extra hand this Spring. Deposit food in the shopping cart at the main entrance of the church. **Expired cans will be thrown in the trash.** Monetary donations especially SCRIP appreciated!

If you know of a friend or neighbor that needs help, recorder is always on at 715-592-4330 or 592-4971.

**St. Adalbert Parish**  
**BINGO**  
 3305 St. Adalbert Road, Rosholt, WI 54473  
**Sunday, March 9, 2025**  
**Starts at 1:00pm**  
 Doors Open 11:30am over \$600 in cash prizes  
**Concessions Available**  
**Affordable Family Fun!**  
 All proceeds will go towards new tables in the Church Hall.  
 Bring a nonperishable food item to be donated to the Rosholt Food Pantry and be entered into a Door Prize to win a \$20 gift card.


**St. Adalbert Parish**  
 3305 St. Adalbert Road, Rosholt, WI  
**FISH FRY**  
 Every Friday  
 February 28 through April 11, 2025  
 4:00 to 7:30 P.M.  
 Dinner options include 3 fish or 6 shrimp, or a combo of 2 fish and 4 shrimp for \$15  
**2 Fish or 3 Shrimp - \$12**  
 Includes choice of potato, coleslaw, bread and dessert. Coffee & milk in the dining room.  
**Take-out orders: 715-677- 4518**  
**Domestic & Craft Beers and Flavored Malt Beverages Available.**  
**Large & Weekly Raffle!**

*Liturgical Appointments*  
**SUNDAY, March 2**  
**LECTOR** Nora **USHERS** Betty & Ron  
**SERVERS** Hutton, Keaton, Nolan  
**MONEY COUNTERS** David, Rosemarie, Marie  
**MUSICIANS** Jacquie & Carolyn  
**SUNDAY, March 9**  
**LECTOR** Tom **USHERS** Travis & Randy M  
**SERVERS** Leo & Landon  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Tom, Jeremy  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Jim

**Blest Art, Inc.** will be at St. Mary's I.C. Parish on **Sunday, March 16th.** They sell olive wood items to assist those in the Holy Land. From Blest Art's website: "Dating back to the 4th century A.D., native Christians of Palestine have used Olive Wood and mother-of-pearl materials to carve masterpieces of art to commemorate Jesus Christ, who once lived among them. More than ever, the Christians of the Holy Land are facing an eminent threat of extinction. The number of Christians in the Holy Land has reached an alarming level. Today, less than one hundred people in the Holy Land call themselves Christians. The remaining population is suffering economically, and every bit helps to create a new market for these remaining Christians. Here at Blest Art, our mission is simple, to encourage growth in the diminishing population by ensuring these beautiful handcrafted pieces can reach you, right to your doorstep. We work closely with Catholic churches in the United States to preserve the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land and bring awareness to their mission. Wars and violence have affected tourist trade so greatly that for centuries, many of the Christians in the Holy Land have based their livelihoods on creating and distributing these crafts."

**Want to make a difference this National Volunteer Month?** Help deliver meals with Portage County Nutrition Programs! Our volunteers don't just deliver food – they bring smiles and friendly check-ins to neighbors in need. Routes take 1-1.5 hours Monday through Thursday throughout Portage County. Everyone is welcome – individuals, couples, businesses, and groups. Any time you can give helps, whether it's long-term or occasional. Contact Kristi at the ADRC (715-346-1413) or Tasha at Meals on Wheels (715-341-0081).

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from First Choice Pregnancy, Stevens Point, 800-712-help or [ww.firstchoiceprc.org](http://ww.firstchoiceprc.org). or [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).

 Are you interested in serving St. Mary's in an important and rewarding way? **Parish Council will hold elections** for the next two year terms in April. There are four positions available and we need volunteers or and/or nominations for all 4. **THANK YOU TO Patrick Johnson** who has served us diligently for multiple terms and is not eligible to run for another term this year. Christine Sapa, Carolyn Iwanski and Nora Stransky are completing their first term and are eligible for another, if they choose to run. Please volunteer to run or nominate a candidate you know would be willing to serve a two year term. Nomination form below or can be found in the entrance of Church or contact the office by March 16.715-592-4330.



## PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nominees must be a member of St. Mary's I.C. Parish and 18 years or older. Please consider nominating yourself along with another parishioner.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Return before March 16th. Thank you

# MARCH 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	1
							Pope Francis
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Bp. Battersby	Fr. Peter Manikam	Fr. William Menzel	Fr. John Parr	Fr. Donald Przybylski	Fr. John Shultz	Fr. Dennis Stanchik	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Msgr. Charles Stoetzel	Fr. George Szews	Fr. Robert Thorn	Fr. Roy Witucki	Fr. Eugene Wolf	Fr. Rajendran Anadan	Fr. Stanislaus Anthony	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Fr. Kurt Apfelbeck	Fr. Emmanuel Asamoah-Bekoe	Fr. Eric Awortwe-Dadson	Fr. Juan Baltazar	Fr. Donald Bauer	Fr. Aaron Becker	Fr. Augustine Bentil	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Fr. Eric Berns	Fr. Matthew Bowe	Fr. Steven Brice	Fr. David Bruener	Fr. Jesse Burish	Fr. Alan Burkhardt	Msgr. Jeffrey Burrill	
	30	31	Please pray some kind of prayer for the priest listed each day. It's good to pray for our priests in general of course, but also specifically. Thank you				
Fr. Jared Clements	Fr. William Dhein						

# FREEDOM IN FORGIVENESS

BREAKING THE CHAINS THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

March 8, 2025 | LA CROSSE

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church






BISHOP GERARD BATTERSBY    BOB KROLL    DOMINIC CARSTENS

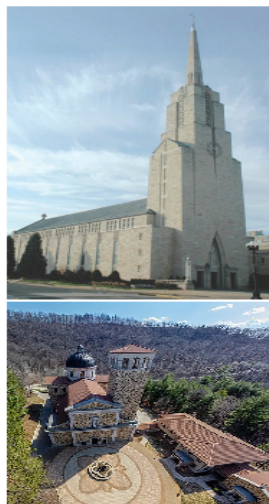


MEN OF THE CROSS

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# Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

## Tuesday, April 15



### Itinerary:

7:15 a.m.—  
Bus departs St. Joseph, St. Pt.

Comfort stop in Tomah

Chrism Mass

Tour of Cathedral

Pass through the Holy Doors  
at the Cathedral and the Shrine

Lunch & Free Time at the  
Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 p.m.—  
Arrive at St. Joseph

**Cost is \$35/person**  
Includes Bus and Lunch.  
Children must attend with parents or guardians.




### To Register:

Online at [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/chrim](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/chrim)  
or call 715-341-1617 ext. 101

Sponsored by the Stevens Point Deanery  
Hosted by St. Joseph Parish

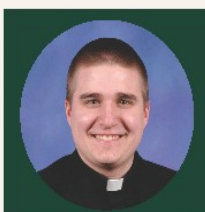
# PARISH MISSION WITH OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

THE MARIAN MESSENGERS



MARY COMES TO INSPIRE YOUR FAITH!

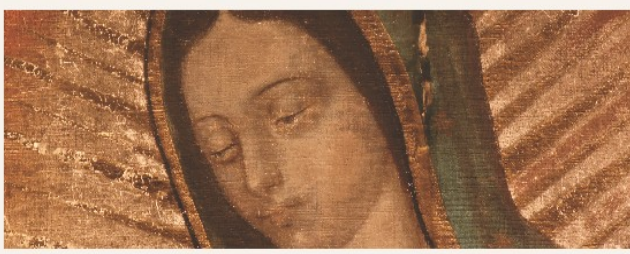
Join us as we explore one of the most amazing events in the history of the Church. Fr. Tim will be presenting the vital message of Guadalupe for our troubled times. Let us stand close to Mary as she teaches us how to live for and love Jesus in our daily lives that all may come to believe and follow!



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Mary's Message of Evangelization for our time.
- Meaning of the Miraculous Image of Guadalupe
- Reasons why Marian Devotion is essential
- Deeper Appreciation of how to share our Faith

Fr. Tim Oudenhoven, S.T.D.  
Director of the Marian Messengers  
Priest of the Diocese of La Crosse, WI



A THREE PART MISSION WITH THE MARIAN MESSENGERS

## MON-WED, MARCH 10-12

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH – 2151 STANLEY ST, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

6:30PM-7:30PM    (715) 344-9117    <https://holyspiritstevenspoint.org>

# Repent and Believe in the Gospel

## March 30, 31, & April 1

### 6:30 p.m.

## St. Stephen Church

1401 Clark Street, Stevens Point

Join us for our Lenten Mission with  
**Fr. Derek Sakowski**  
Director, "Rebuild My Church" Initiative

During this Jubilee, we will discuss and discover what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope as we  
**"Repent and Believe in the Gospel"**

Daily Topics:		
<b>Sunday</b> Repent	<b>Monday</b> Believe	<b>Tuesday</b> Gospel

'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'  
-Luke 15

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[www.PointCatholicFaith.org/mission](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/mission)