

St. Mary 's Immaculate Conception Parish

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Please submit bulletin notices to 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
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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 ….stmary@wi-net.com
Bookkeeper-Elaine stmaryicfinance@gmail.com
Coordinator of Religious Education- Jessica
Custodian-Jeanne
Maintenance/Grounds keeping - Josh

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
Couples requesting the celebration of Marriage should contact the parish at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage

BAPTISM PREPARATION
Please contact the parish to schedule a baptism class and request a date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Parents are encouraged to attend before the birth of their child.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 13, (SH)
8:15 am +Frank & Alvina Marchel
By Lori Shroda
Followed by Silent Adoration & Benediction until 6:00pm

Wednesday, October 14,
8:15 am +Phyllis Klesmith
by Mike & Marcy Janick

Thursday, October 15 @ SH
7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions
8:15 am +David K. Trzebiatowski
by Knights of Columbus 11-70

Friday, October 16,
7 - 8am Adoration, 7:30-8 am Confessions
8:15 am +Ron & Ruth Werachowski
by family

SATURDAY, October 17 @ SH
8:15 am +Dorothy Gagas by Family
+Lorraine Bushman
+Delphine Shulfer by Lynette Woyak
+Jean Button by David & Barb Kurszewski

2:45 pm Confessions
4:00 pm 60+ Members of the PCCW
By PCCW



October 18, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am @ SMIC +Michael & Emily Wierzba
by Eunice & Larry
Followed by Pancake Breakfast all are invited

10 am @ SH St. Mary's & Sacred Heart Parish Families



"Let us do our duty as it presents itself. This is the secret of true faith and peace. Suppose a religious man, for instance, is in the society of strangers. He takes things as they come, discourses naturally, and does good according to each opportunity. His heart is in his work and his thoughts rest without effort on his God and Savior. This is the way of a Christian." - St. John Newman



St. Mary's Parish is looking to expand and renew its **SACRED WORSHIP COMMITTEE.** All parishioners are welcome to come to an organizational meeting on **Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7:30pm** We are looking for people interested in assisting Fr. Mark in planning various aspects of our worship with particular attention to the Church seasonal calendar. The purpose of this first meeting would be to plan music selections and decorations for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th and the Christmas season concludes Saturday, January 10th.

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, Barb Groholski, Brigid & Al Pellatt, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Shirley Pliska, Joe Raschka, Kenny Rozek, Valerie Stanczyk, Jack Stremkowski, Pat Wierzba, Jim Zblewski, Sharon 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.*

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT
October 4

Offertory	*$ 114.00*
Building Fund	*4,975.00*
Adult Env & ACH	*2,930.00*
Total	*$ 8,019.00*



Next Sunday, October 18th St. Mary's Pancake Breakfast
Mass time change 8:00 am at SMIC and 10:00 am at SH.

• On Tuesday, October 20th, and Wednesday, October 21st, there will be no Masses at St. Mary's or Sacred Heart. Father Miller will be attending Fall Clergy Days in La Crosse.

OCIA: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process that is used to assist people on their journey into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Who is OCIA for? OCIA is for those who have never been baptized, those who have been baptized in a faith other than Catholic, and those adult Catholics who desire to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and/or Eucharist). Perhaps you have received all of the sacraments but just want to learn more about the Catholic faith. You are most welcome to attend as well! OCIA classes will begin this fall with the time and date to be determined. To register or if you have any questions regarding OCIA, please contact Deacon Jim Sniadajewski dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com or 715-310-7220 and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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

Coordinator of Religious Education
Jessica Bielen (715)347-3367 or jwier319@gmail.com

STUDENTS are asked to pick up their books at the entrance of Church.
GROUP CLASS: We will meet on Sunday, October 25th, at 8:30-10 am.

Family Mass Sunday, October 25th, 10 a.m.
ALL STUDENTS and THEIR PARENTS are asked to attend. This is part of our Faith Formation Program.



BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS
Buy your tickets after Sunday Masses
Drawing at 2:00 pm November 1st

Need not be present to win.
Tickets: 5 for $5.00
14 for $10.00 or 30 for $20.00
Funds will be used to purchase furniture for Gathering space, Church renovations and landscaping.



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish
150th Anniversary Celebration
November 1st 10:00 am Mass
followed by Buffet Lunch & Social
This event is for St. Mary's I.C. Parishioners

YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET FOR DINNER November 1, **Dinner** served at **12:30pm** by Lisa's Sweet Baking and Catering Inc. with choice of Hot dogs, Chicken breast or Hamburger. Included baked beans, coleslaw, potatoes salad, fruit salad, small cupcakes, coffee and milk. Served picnic style in the church hall. Parish is providing meals and drinks to parishioners.

If you haven't gotten your ticket, please call the office 715-592-4330, by October 20th, so we can call our count in.

WE STILL NEED:

Picture memorial-pictures from parishioners that we can use of all the special memories from our history. Any pictures or other memorials will be returned. Please call Eunice 715-592-4175

Volunteers for our Celebration - Call Eunice—Many hands make light work. Thank you in advance for stepping up to help celebrate this incredible milestone.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS
11th-Chet Raschka
12th-Henry Gagas
13th-Brad Britz, Brenda Retzlaff
15th-Eunice Zwicki
23rd-Pat Klosinski
29th-Betty Kitzerow
31st-Lenny Pliska



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.
*There are also envelopes available in the entrance of the church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Please

Volunteers (Men & Women, young & are needed for **Construction Cleanup Saturdays, Oct 17th & 24th**. The windows need to be washed (2-3 times to get them sparking) walls wiped down, sweep and mop the floors, etc. (There is an instruction sheet) Doors open at 8 am, clean for a couple hours or stay the whole day! Cleaning products will be supplied. Questions, please call the office 715-592-4330, leave your name, number, we'll get back to you.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, October 18 8:00 AM
LECTOR Kirk **USHERS** Randy I & Anthony
SERVERS Elizabeth, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS Kirk, David, Rosemarie
MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

SUNDAY, October 25
LECTOR Deb **USHERS** Kyle
SERVERS Sammi, Spencer
MONEY COUNTERS Jeremy, Lisa, Marie
MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl

EXCUSE OUR DUST…. this is all part of Phase 1 of our Building Project

















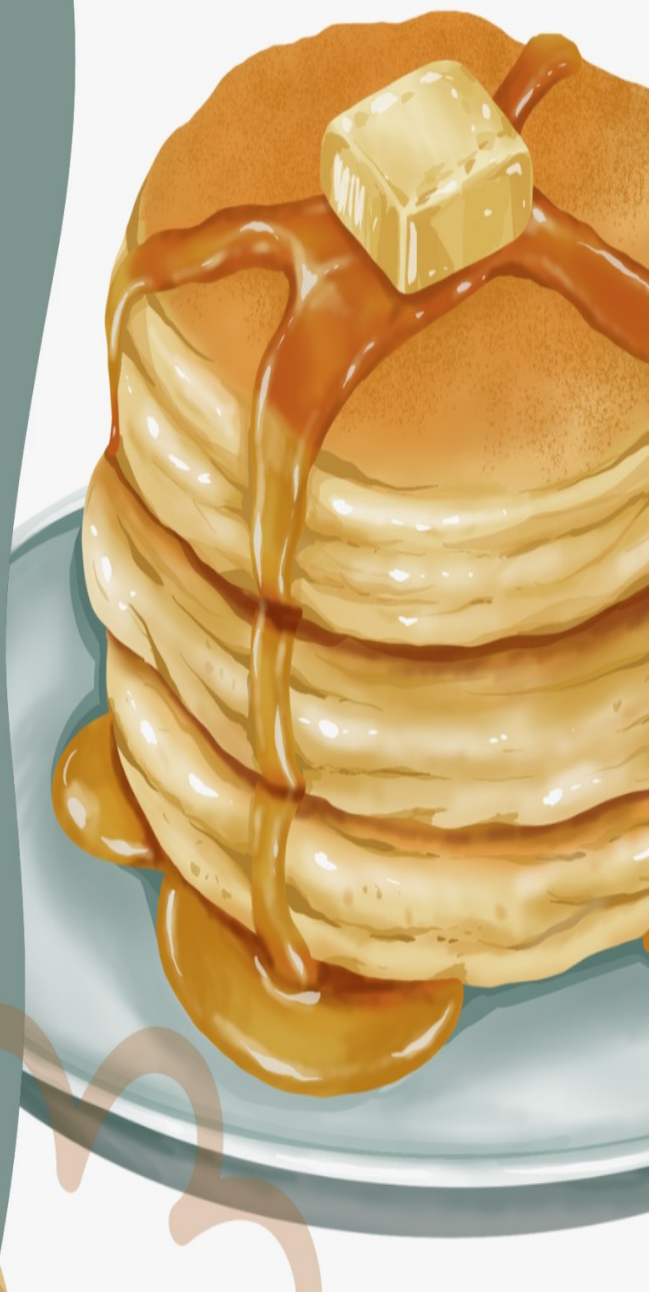
Family Life Committee

All-You-Can-Eat

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, October 18th
after the 8 o'clock Mass

BRING A FAVORITE DESSERT TO SHARE



Menu:
Buttermilk pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, desserts, coffee, milk and orange juice.

*Donations of eggs are greatly appreciated.
Please drop off between October 11th - 15th in the Church Kitchen Refrigerator.



Original Sin

and God's Unfailing Gift of Mercy

It is magnificent that God has revealed to us that He is one God in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has also revealed that He is love. Out of His perfectly generous love, God created man and woman, not because He needed us. Rather, God created man and woman for the sake of their (and our) happiness, to share in His divine life. Our heavenly Father's plan has always been to draw each of us into a loving relationship with Him; a relationship that begins here on earth and continues to grow.

God created man and woman in His image, giving us a soul capable of reasoning, choosing good over evil, and able to enter into a relationship with other persons. Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden in a state of perfect harmony: with God, with each other, and with creation. Our first parents were also created in His likeness, being united with God through grace. Sanctifying grace in the soul is a share in God's life.

God, in His infinite love, also gave humanity freedom. And it was precisely in this freedom that the test of trust and obedience was placed. Our story is not just about creation and life, but also about the reality of our harmful choices – sin – and its consequences. Through pride and disobedience, Adam and Eve turned away from God, committing the Original Sin. Through the deceit of the devil, Adam and Eve let their trust in their Creator die in their hearts and disobeyed His command. They chose their own will over God's, and in doing so, they lost the sanctifying grace that had united their souls with God. Separating themselves from God, fear entered the human heart, humanity became subject to ignorance, suffering, and death, and the harmony of human nature was wounded, but not destroyed. The human person remained capable of good yet inclined to sin, being prone to selfishness and easily tempted to turn away from God.

Even in the face of this great tragedy, God did not abandon His children to death. From the very moment of the Fall, God promised a Savior. The Father's promise of a Savior, from "the woman" in Genesis 3:15, points to the coming of the Messiah, who would crush the power of sin and death. Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, entered our human history, took on our nature, and restored what was lost. Through His Passion, death, and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, sin and death and opened the way for humanity to receive God's life once more.

We participate in this restoration today through our daily prayer relationship with God and receiving the Sacraments through the Catholic Church. Baptism cleanses us of Original Sin and restores us to a life of friendship with God by restoring sanctifying grace to the soul. Receiving the Holy Eucharist – Jesus Himself – every Sunday and the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently, the Holy Spirit strengthens us through the power of His grace, and our cooperation with it, to resist temptation, guide our hearts back to the love of Christ, heal the wounds of sin, and renew our relationship with Him.

Knowledge of the effects of the Original Sin reminds us of our human weakness, but it also reveals God's mercy. Though we inherited the effects of sin, we are not left in despair. God pursues us, heals us, and calls us back into communion. Let us turn to Him with humility, gratitude, and trust, remembering that in Christ, even the greatest sins can be forgiven and the deepest wounds can be healed.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). Indeed, from the Garden of Eden to our own hearts today, God's mercy never fails.

By Ann Lankford
Office for Catechesis & Evangelization