

February 16, 2025

Sixth 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 CLERGY**

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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**

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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, February 18, (SH)

8:15 am Special Intentions for Gary & Jean  
Rosenthal by Betty Ostrowski

**Wednesday, February 19,**

**NO MASS** Father will offer a private Mass.

+Denny Stransky by Nora & Family

Thursday, February 20 (SH)

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

8:15 am +Loretta Klesmit by Roger Klesmit

**Friday, February 21**

7-8 Adoration 7:30-8:00 am Confessions

8:15 am: +Don & Judi Johnson by Family

Saturday, February 22, (SH)

8:15 am +Larry Strong by Kathleen Triplett

+Clarence Ramczyk by Roger & Marlene Gross

+Regina Groshek by Virginia Groshek

+Deacon Jim Maciejewski by Virginia Groshek

+Norman Platta by Fred & Karen Yenter

+Ernie & Irene Kezeske by Ernie & Carol Kezeske

Blessings for Theresa Prondzinski by Family Life

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +Deceased members of Gagas, Glinecki

& Kostuch families by Ralph & Theresa Kostuch

**Sunday, Feb 23, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am (SH) +Dennis Groshek

by Virginia Groshek

**10:00 am St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart  
Parish Families**

*Blessed are you who hunger now,  
for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.*

Luke 6:21



*"Physical exercise is good for the health. But not only that: while it stimulates the desire to care for bodily vigor, it stimulates the same desire for vigor of soul. Exercise is extremely useful therefore, assuming it does not distract us from more important activities. Some enjoy wrestling, others like to play ball in the sunshine.*

*For some it is enough to go for a walk in the countryside or the city. If they were to wield a spade, however, they would be doing an exercise that is useful even from an economic point of view. In any case, we must always keep a balance: neither doing nothing nor killing ourselves with exhaustion."* - St. Clement of Alexandria

**Note:** Fr. Miller will not be having Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 19. He will have Mass while he is away.

**A Minute with Jesus: Jesus will help us believe what we cannot understand.**

The Lord always comes in to strengthen and confirm our faith in response to our desire to believe. He actually even uses our hesitation in accepting His Real Presence in the Eucharist to bring us to a deeper, more lively faith in the truth of this mystery.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are truly present in the holy Eucharist.*

This week, read how Jesus responds to those who are questioning the mystery of the Eucharist in John 6: 52-59.

**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

**"Still the Answer" Eucharistic Rally** "Be still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46). Are you ready for a renewed encounter with Jesus, truly present in the holy Eucharist? Gather with people from around the diocese on Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Pablo Center in Eau Claire. *The day will include a Eucharistic procession and Mass with Bishop Battersby, compelling speakers, music and more. Be inspired to keep Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist at the center of your life. More details to follow.*

| WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| February 9               |                   |
| Offertory                | \$ 163.00         |
| CCHD                     | 50.00             |
| Building Fund            | 70.00             |
| Adult Env & ACH          | 1740.00           |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 2023.00</b> |




**BUILDING FUND DONATIONS**

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. Please be generous.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO OUR BUILDING FUND**



*"For we are co-workers; you are God's field, God's building."*  
1 Corinthians 3:9  
DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| GOAL                 | \$22,455.00 |
| PLEGGED AND RECEIVED | \$18,117.50 |
| # OF DONORS          | 70          |



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 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 forms can be found in the entrance of Church or contact the office by March 16.715-592-4330.



# 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.



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception  
Faith Formation

Scan this QR code and join!

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.



## ST. MARY'S I.C. FOOD PANTRY

*We will continue to collect non perishable items and monetary donations for 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.***

**BUY SCRIP** After Mass **FEBRUARY 23rd** If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775) Thank you for supporting our scrip program **YOU ASK—WHAT IS SCRIP?** For anyone who has never bought Scrip or not familiar with it...Scrip is a gift card you buy and use like a pre-paid credit card at local businesses throughout the Stevens Point area. Our parish receives on an average 4% from these businesses for using their cards. Any questions, call or talk with Shelly after Mass on February 23rd.



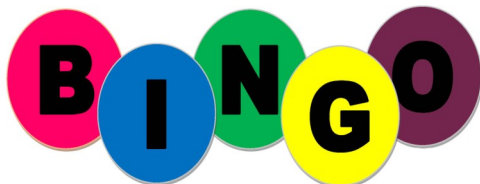
### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 17th-Julie Trembl
- 18th-Amy Stremkowski
- 20th-Kirk Wille

**Inclement Weather Policy: Parish Office and Scheduled Activities.**  
St. Mary's I.C. and Sacred Heart Parishes follows Stevens Point Public Schools for delays, closures, and cancellations. When Stevens Point Public 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.

# SACRED HEART PARISH

7379 CHURCH ST.  
CUSTER, WI 54423



**SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd**

**STARTS AT 1:00 PM**

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 AM**

**OVER \$600.00 IN CASH PRIZES!**

Join Fr. Hennes and the Parishes of St. Stephen and St. Joseph on a Jubilee Year Marian Spirituality Pilgrimage to Italy from October 7 to 18. Tour all four major Basilicas, walk through the Holy Doors, pray with Pope Francis at a Papal Mass in St. Peter's Square, and visit Orvieto, Assisi, Florence, Greccio, and more! For more information, call 715-341-1617 ext. 101 or visit [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage).

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

**Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope** What is a jubilee? The idea of jubilee goes back to the Old Testament, which God commanded every 50th year. (Lev. 25:10) The jubilee year applied to the restoration of family land lost by indebtedness and the release from other debts. The Vatican website says: "A Jubilee Year is above all the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity." Jesus, through His Church, gives us release from the effects of sin and restoration of sanctifying grace through the sacrament of reconciliation.

During this jubilee year, you are invited to pray for an increase in hope. You received the gift of hope from God in baptism. Hope is the gift by which you place your trust in Christ's promises. One of Jesus' promises was, "I am with you always." Jesus is here with you, to walk with you every step of the way; through trials, difficulties as well as times of joy. You are invited to participate in one of the Evenings of Hope with Bishop Battersby. **Evening of Hope | Feb. 22, | Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman** Bishop Battersby will celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. A Holy Hour follow, during which Bishop Battersby will offer a jubilee reflection on hope. Confessions. Benediction at 7p.m. Future Jubilee Evenings of Hope: Saturday, May 31, Sacred Heart Church, Eau Claire: 2 to 5 p.m. Holy Hour, Confession, and 4 p.m. Mass Sunday, Oct. 12, Resurrection Church, Wausau: 2 to 4 p.m. Holy Hour and Confession



Friday, February 28, 2025  
4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

## Fish Fry & Raffle

Dine-in or Carryout



**\$13-15 Menu Options:**

\$13 - Fried or Baked Fish (2 pc.)

\$15 - Fried Shrimp (8 pc.)

\$14 - Combo: Fish (1 pc.) & Shrimp (4 pc.)

Included: Coleslaw, Choice of Potato, and Dessert

Children's Meals Available Upon Request

Dine-In: 1st come, 1st served

Pre-Order To-Go:

715-341-1617 or [PointCatholicFaith.org/fishfry](http://PointCatholicFaith.org/fishfry)

1709 Wyatt Ave, Stevens Point, WI

## 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, February 16

LECTOR Kirk USHERS Randy & Anthony

SERVERS Maddie & Elizabeth

MONEY COUNTERS Brad, Bette, Kirk

MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

### SUNDAY, February 23

LECTOR Christine USHERS Kyle, Vincent

SERVERS Samantha & Spencer

MONEY COUNTERS Lisa, Jeremy, Tom

MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl



## St. Bronislava Holy Name Breakfast

\*Serving 8:30AM to 11:30AM

or until all are served

\*St Bron's Mary Room, 3200 Plover Rd, Plover

All are on Sunday:

**March 2, 2025**

Veterans eat free this day\* as Vet's Day is Nov 11<sup>th</sup> as a Thank You for their service.

### Menu includes:

- "All You Can Eat" Buttermilk Pancakes, Potato Pancakes & French Toast
- Breakfast Links/Ham (4 per person)
- Milk, Orange/Tomato Juice & Coffee



Table Service by the St Bron's

Boy Scout Troop 201 and their parents



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**Annual**

## Pancake Breakfast



and BAKE SALE  
Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes

Sunday, March 2nd, 2025

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

Sponsored by 1891 Financial Life, we will match funds up to \$1,500!  
All proceeds will be used for Basement Floor updates