

August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

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WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MASSES,
and FRIDAY CONFESSIONS will be **held**
at Sacred Heart for the next two weeks due to
our Phase One Building Project. **This includes**
10:00 am Sunday, September 6th will be
held at Sacred Heart

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 1, (SH)

8:15 am +Dorothy Gagas by Gary & Sue Wiza

Wednesday, September 2, HELD @ SH

8:15 am Chester & Joyce Kowal by family

Thursday, September 3 @ SH

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Holly & Gerard Gorell by Lori Shroda

Friday, September 4, HELD @ SH

7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Bette Maslowski by Pat & Family

SATURDAY, September 5 @ CONVENT

8:15 am +Dorothy Gagas by Family

+Susan Domaszek by Pat Domaszek

+Holly Gorell by Tom & Julie Wanserski

For the Health of Roger Lepak

by Tom & Louise Piotrowski

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart
Parish Families

September 6, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am @ SH +Chester Sobish by Lori Shroda

10:00 am HELD @ SH

Special Intentions for the 64th Wedding
Anniversary of Lenny & Ruthie Pliska

Matthew 16:27

For the Son of Man
will come in the glory of
His Father with His angels,
and then He will reward
each according to his
works.



"Heaven and earth glorify God. All the creatures proclaim his existence. The heaven cries to God: 'You it was who made me; I did not make myself.' and the earth cries: 'You are my creator: you it was who made me.' But when and how do they proclaim

this truth? When humankind reflects on them and on this truth, therein precisely is the answer. It is thanks to your careful examination of them; it is thanks to your voice that they have a voice. Look at the heaven: how beautiful they are! And look at the earth: how beautiful it is! Both heaven and earth radiate beauty."
- St. Augustine of Hippo

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

August 23

Offertory	\$ 66.00
Building Fund	100.00
Adult Env & ACH	958.00
Total	\$ 1,124.00



There will be **NO MASSES** held at
ST. MARY'S I.C.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd
through FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

All MASSES will be held at Sacred Heart.

This includes 10:00 am Sunday, September 6th
will be held at Sacred Heart

PARKING LOT will be closed due to the construction. ALSO there will be **NO ACCESS** to the **cemetery** from the 2nd through 11th. While we are very excited to have the work started on this project, we want to make sure everyone is staying safe.

EXCUSE OUR MESS.....

This is all Part of Phase 1
Building Project



NOTE ** The **Confessional** has been temporarily moved to the classroom.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd-Ron Wierzba 3rd-Mike Stremkowski
4th-Jim Bronk 6th-Darrell Meronek

7th-Donna Wierzba 8th-Kathy Glodowski 9th-Sharon Meronek
10th-Nora Stransky 19th-Jim Krusick 21st-Dale Kluck 29th-Tom Kujawski

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.



BUY SCRIP After Mass

Sunday, September 13th & 27th

Scrip will be sold on the 2nd & 4th Sundays after Mass.

Donna won't be in the office on Wednesdays in September.

If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday please call St. Mary's I.C. office (715-592-4330) Leave a message and arrangements can be made for you to pick your order up.

Thank you for supporting our scrip program



Building Together Uniting Hearts and Spaces

UPDATE AUGUST 25th.....As you can see, the Church Hall is progressing very quickly. At the committee meeting on August 24th all of the trim, floor, cabinets and paint colors were finalized. As the windows and doors go in, it is very important not to trespass to try and get a better look. We will have an open house once it is safe.

This week the confessional is temporarily moved to the classroom on the north side of the addition. There will be more disruption as the front door of church is relocated. We will continue to make announcements with what is happening. We ask your patience and support.

We are also looking for additional contributions as enlarging the meeting space, second washroom and kitchenette areas will have added costs but will greatly enhance the quality and usability of the gathering space. As always, you may use your Building Fund envelopes or contact one of the Building Committee to discuss your opportunities to contribute.



**Join us Sunday, September 13th,
after the Mass for our
COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL
ALL ARE WELCOME**

Hosted by Group 5



MARK YOUR CALENDAR November 1, 2026 we will be celebrating St. Mary's 150th anniversary.



RAFFLE BASKETS: Please keep us in mind when out shopping or feel free to donate a themed basket. Gift cards and monetary donations are welcome. The baskets will be valued total of \$75.00 to \$100.00. Leave your donation in the entrance of the church marked 150th **before Sept. 27th.** Any questions contact the office, 715-592-4330. Thanks

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, Brigid & Al Pellatt, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Shirley Pliska, Joe Raschka, Kenny Rozek, Jack Stremkowski, Valerie Stanczyk, Sharon Zblewski, Jim 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

NOTEplease 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

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, September 6 HELD @ SH

LECTOR Kirk **USHERS** Betty & Ron

SERVERS Hutton, Nolan

MONEY COUNTERS Kirk, Brad & Bette

MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

SUNDAY, September 13

LECTOR Christine **USHERS** Randy & Travis

SERVERS Leo & Landon

MONEY COUNTERS Randy, Tom & Marie

MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

USHERS: We are in need of Ushers for one Sunday a month Please call the office so we can put you on the schedule. THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR TIME, TALENTS and TREASURES with St. Mary's I.C. Parish Family.

St. Mary's I.C. Meeting:

Pastoral Council

September 15, 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

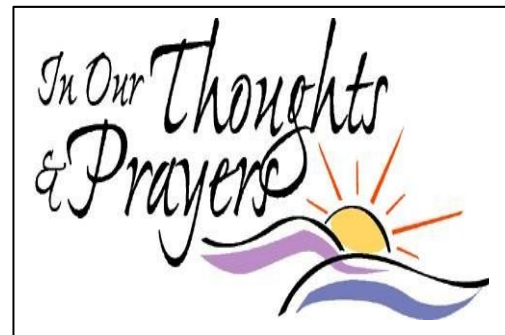
Important Words to Know and Understand Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Obedience

The fourth characteristic is that we seek to understand and obey the teaching of Christ as passed on to us through the Apostles and modern-day apostles of the Catholic Church, which are the bishops. The Church is our Mother and she shares with us the revelation of Jesus. The disciple understands there is not a difference between what Jesus taught and what the Church teaches, just as the head cannot be separated from the body. He or she humbly seeks to learn more about what God has revealed through the Church and live in obedience to it.

Priest Prayer Calendar – September 2026

1st – Pope Leo XIV
2nd – Bp. Battersby
3rd – Fr. Timothy Welles
4th – Fr. Alan Wierzba
5th – Fr. Daniel Williams
6th – Fr. John Zweber
7th – Fr. Larry Berger
8th – Fr. Steven Brice
9th – Bp. William Callahan
10th – Fr. Robert Cook
11th – Fr. Richard Dickman
12th – Msgr. Michael Gorman
13th – Fr. William Grevatch
14th – Fr. John Heagle
15th – Fr. Paul Hoffman
16th – Fr. Jerome Hoeser
17th – Msgr. Robert Hundt
18th – Msgr. David Kunz
19th – Fr. Dennis Lynch
20th – Fr. Delbert Malin
21st – Fr. Peter Manickam
22nd – Fr. William Menzel
23rd – Fr. John Parr
24th – Fr. Donald Przybylski
25th – Msgr. Roger Scheckel
26th – Fr. John Shultz
27th – Fr. Dennis Stanchik
28th – Msgr. Charles Stoetzel
29th – Fr. George Szews
30th – Fr. Robert Thorn

*Please pray some kind of prayer
for the priests listed each day.
It's good to pray for our priests
in general of course, but also
specifically. Thank you*





Encounter Jesus!

Pray with a Scripture Passage

In Luke 10:38–42, Martha is busy serving while Mary sits at the feet of Jesus and listens. Martha is “anxious and worried about many things,” but Jesus tells her, “Mary has chosen the better part.”

Most of us understand Martha. Our minds are crowded with responsibilities, decisions, worries, and unanswered questions. Even our prayer can become another activity: something to accomplish or a list of needs to present to God.

Yet Jesus invites us to something deeper. He invites us to sit with Him, listen to Him, and receive His unconditional love.

More Than Guidance...

We all want God’s direction. Sometimes we seek His guidance about the larger questions of life: What is my purpose? Where are You leading me? At other times, our prayer is an urgent cry for help with a difficult decision, relationship, illness, or crisis.

But beneath our questions lies an even deeper need. More than guidance, we need the Guide. More than a particular answer, we need to know that Jesus hears us, remains with us, and loves us.

Christian prayer is not merely the exchange of information. It is a living relationship with Jesus.

Think of someone you love. You make time to talk, listen, and simply enjoy that person’s presence. Jesus desires this kind of personal relationship with you. The invitation begins with Him. Prayer is our response to the God who already

seeks us and is always available to us.

A Meeting Place with Jesus

One of the most fruitful ways to grow in our relationship with the Lord is to pray with Sacred Scripture.

This ancient form of prayer is called *Lectio Divina*, Latin for “Divine Reading.” It is not simply reading the Bible to gain information. It is approaching God’s Word expecting to encounter the living Christ. Scripture becomes a privileged meeting place where Jesus speaks and we respond (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2708).

The movement of *Lectio Divina* resembles the natural deepening of a friendship:

Read. Spending time with and getting to know Jesus takes place in slowly reading a particular Scripture passage. Do not rush. Notice the people, actions, and words and what stands out for you.

Reflect. Sharing what you think comes about in reflecting on the Scripture passage and summarizing it briefly in your own words. Notice the details of the story line that reading the passage and summarizing it will help you to notice.

Respond. Relating how you feel takes place in spontaneous prayer as you answer three, simple questions that lead you to become involved with the passage. Speak honestly with Jesus. This conversation fosters a movement from your head to your heart as the Holy Spirit may connect the Scripture with something from yesterday, last year, or long ago.

Rest. Take time to quiet down inside. Rest peacefully in God’s presence. Don’t try to produce a special feeling or fill the silence. Simply be with Jesus. Listen for a word, thought, invitation, or gentle assurance placed upon your heart.

Like a friendship, prayer begins with words and gradually deepens into trust, intimacy, and peaceful communion. Two good friends can sit together without speaking as a relationship built on trust has made silence comfortable. God desires this closeness with each of us.

Choose the Better Part

Jesus is inviting you today: “Come away from the noise. Open your Bible. Sit with Me. Listen to My voice through the words of Scripture.”

You do not need Biblical expertise or perfect concentration. Bring to Jesus your real life and an open heart. Begin with ten quiet minutes. Read a short Gospel passage from the Gospel of Luke a few times, respond honestly, and rest with Him. A simple prayer guide is available at diolc.org/PrayWithScripture.

Pope Benedict XVI said that prayerful reading of Scripture could bring about “a new spiritual springtime” in the Church. That renewal begins whenever one person opens God’s Word with a desire to know Him better.

Jesus is waiting. Will you choose the better part?

By Ann Lankford, Office for Catechesis & Evangelization