



**St. Mary's  
Immaculate Conception  
Parish**

*December 12, 2021*

7176 Esker Road, Custer, WI 54423

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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.

*St. Mary's I.C. is open Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 9:00am-5:00pm for private prayer.*

CLERGY
<b>Pastor -</b> Fr. Mark A. Miller(715) 592-4221 <a href="mailto:fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com">fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com</a> In case of emergency only, please call 715-248-0397
<b>Senior Priest in Residence</b> Fr. Roy R. Witucki
PARISH STAFF
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**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, December 14

8:15pm @ SH +Eileen Bronk

by Darland & Diane Neale

**Wednesday, December 15,**

**8:15 a.m.** +Ron & Ruth Werachowski by family

Thursday, December 16, @ SH

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

8:15 am †Rosemary Gagas by Family

**Friday, December 17**

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

**8:15 am + Bette Maslowski by Pat**

Saturday, December 18 @ SH

8:15 am +Rosemary Gagas by Lawrence Gagas

+Fr. Marcin Mankowski

+Gladys Lepak by Family

+Loyce Kluck by Rita Napiwocki

+Harriet Wysocki by PCCW

+ Emil & Emerick Wojtalewicz by Dave & Angie

+Alvina archel by Jerry & Lori Shroda

Anticipatory Mass

1:45-3:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +Norbert Groshek by Virginia Groshek

**Sunday, December 19 *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

8:00am @ SH St. Mary's & Sacred Heart

Parish Families

**10:00 am +Michael V. Kosobucki**

**11:00 am Confessions**



Come, Sun and Savior, to embrace our gloomy world, its weary race, as groom to bride, as bride to groom: The wedding chamber, Mary's womb. At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow; all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord. Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day; defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe. Amen (8th Century Advent Prayer)

**Inclement Weather Policy.** If either the Stevens Point or Rosholt School Districts cancel school due to weather, the daily Mass that day, whether it be at Sacred Heart or St. Mary's, will also be cancelled. If Mass is cancelled, Fr. Miller will celebrate Mass privately for the intention. Any scheduled evening events in the parish will also be cancelled.

**Advent Confessions**

**St Mary's, confessions following Sunday Mass, until all are heard.**

Sacred Heart, Saturday confessions 1:45-3:45pm

Please consider making a good confession in order to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas.

Area Advent Confessions. *Franciscans Downtown* across from the Public Library Fr. Placid Stroik OFM Monday, Dec. 13th, 2-3pm  
*St. Bronislava:* Saturday, Dec 18th at 9am and Monday, Dec 20th at 6:15pm.  
*St. Peter Parish* on Tuesday, Dec. 21 6-7:30pm.

**Please remember in your prayers**

Please pray for the following and all who are ill in our parish:  
*Rich Zblewski, George Betro, Gladys Pampuch, Tom Schmenk, Myron Soik, Mike Mrozek, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Ken Wierzba, Marilyn Sobish, Ray Sommers, Mary Ann Meyer, Brigid & Al Pellatt*

**Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long time should receive the Sacraments. Please call the parish to make arrangements or to schedule a non-emergency visit for those who are sick or homebound.**

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.*

**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**

**12--5-21**

<i>Flowers</i>	\$ 100.00
<i>Offertory</i>	256.00
<i>Building</i>	40.00
<i>Adult Env &amp; ACH</i>	1267.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1663.00</i>

**ACH applications:** Please consider signing up for ACH for your regular Weekly/Monthly contribution. Extra forms are in the entrance of Church, or please call the office, 715-592-4330 for more information.

You can **mail your weekly contributions** to St. Mary's I.C. 7176 Esker Road, Custer, WI 54423 or drop in collection box. Thank you for your continued support.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal  
 St. Mary's I. C. Parish**

**GOAL \$21,005.00**



**Thank you to those who have contributed.**

**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**



## St. Mary's I.C. Religious Education Program Classes 8:30-9:40am

**Family Mass Today, November 12th, 10 am. ALL STUDENTS and THEIR PARENTS** are asked to attend. This is part of our Religious Education Program.



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



### DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes can be found in the entrance of Church. Please include your name and the name of the person you wish to donate in memory of. Thank you for your generosity.



### COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL Today

in the Parish Hall after Mass **ALL ARE WELCOME**  
Hosted by Groups 2 & 6



### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

On Sunday, December 19th After Mass, we will be decorating the Church for Christmas. Please stay after Mass and lend a Hand.

**2022 CALENDARS**.....A gift for St. Mary's I.C. parishioners, please one per household.



**A SPECIAL THANKS TO PISARSKI FUNERAL HOMES**, 703 Second St, Stevens Point and 2911 Plover Rd, Plover for donating the calendars.

**PLEASE pick up your 2022 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES** located on the table in back of church.

If you contribute through Direct Withdrawal, you will still need to pick up your envelopes. Included with the weekly offering envelopes are Building and Holy Day envelopes.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

*Wishing you Birthday Blessings!*

12th-Happy 1st Birthday Gemma Yarbrough  
16th Bernie Fritschler, 21st Colleen Raschka,  
23rd Lisa Piesik, 24th Deb Sniadajewski &  
Randy Iwanski, 29th Jim Groshek

**BUY SCRIP TODAY  
& December 19th after Mass**



*Our Mission is to provide an environment of learning, giving and loving to enhance the fellowship and growth of the women's faith community of St. Mary's*

Women on a Mission's latest project is ready for you to enjoy! If you are looking for that perfect last minute gift, these are for you! We have **Soup in a Jar** that the recipient makes at home using the recipe provided and dry ingredients included. We made 2 sizes and 2 varieties of soup - **Friendship Soup** with all sorts of vegetables and rice in Quart size for larger amounts and Pint size with the same, but smaller amounts of ingredients. We also have **Potato Soup**, perfect for cold winter nights. Fast and easy! Quart and pint sizes available. Then there are cookies! **Snickerdoodle** mix in Quart and **White Chocolate Cranberry** in Pint size for when you just want a small batch. Quart items are \$10.00 and Pint items are \$6.00. Thanks to those who provided the jars. Get them quick! Women on a Mission will have available on Sunday after Mass until sold out.



4:00 pm **CHRISTMAS EVE** Mass will be held at St. Mary's I.C. Music beginning 3:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass and 9 am Christmas Day Mass will be held at Sacred Heart

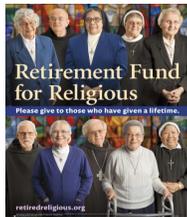


**HOOKED ON LOVE Next Sunday, December 19th,**

is the last day, you can bring items for young mothers and families that need an extra hand in our area. **We are extending the collection for a week because of the lack of contributions.** All the families we are helping are thru **First Choice** aid in the local area. We will be getting supplies together after Mass on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Come and lend us a hand. Gift certificates, SCRIP or monetary donations are always welcome.

Take a color-coded CANDY CANE from the Christmas Tree in the entrance of Church. The color of the ribbon indicates the cost of the suggested item to give. **RED** (\$5-\$10.), **WHITE** (\$10.), and **GREEN** (\$15.). We accept monetary donations, **(Mark envelopes of monetary donations or SCRIP cards as Baby Supplies)** and drop it in the collection. **NO formula or food items**, full listing of needed items on right side entrance table. Please put your items in the Play N Pak at the entrance of church.

**WANTED NAMES OF PARISHIONERS THAT COULD USE EXTRA Baby Supplies!** If you know of **anyone** in the parish or area who could use help contact Marie Helminiak (715-592-4971) before Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Names will be kept confidential.



**Retirement Fund for Religious.** Give in thanksgiving. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Envelopes in the pews.

**Daily Advent Reflections** – Bishop Robert Barron – Daily Gospel Reflections. Sign up for free daily reflections by Bishop Barron at [dailycatholicgospel.com/sign-up-daily-gospel](http://dailycatholicgospel.com/sign-up-daily-gospel)

Matthew Kelley – Dynamic Catholic with Daily Gospel Reflections. Sign up for free video meditations on the Gospel Reading for each day of Advent. Visit [dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html](http://dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html)

Praying with Scripture: A beautiful way to prepare for the Birth of our Savior is to take a few minutes each day reflecting on a Scripture passage that describes the events leading up to Christmas. Go to [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper) and click "Praying with Scripture" for a Prayer Card with 7 Scriptures or click on "Mysteries of the Rosary" for a Prayer Card with the five Joyful Mysteries

Fundraiser Self-Serve Gift Shop sponsored by **Missionary Sisters of the Divine Image-Polonia** Rosaries, hand-made hats, scarves, mittens. Also statues, religious art & unique gifts. Call 715-592-4213 and Sister will be happy to arrange a visit at your convenience or Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30 pm at the Convent in Polonia. God Bless You!



**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 the Church. THANK YOU for your generous support that has helped 3 parish families.*

*Liturgical Appointments*

**SUNDAY, December 12**

**LECTOR** Tom **USHERS** Travis  
**SERVERS** Cassie, Madison, Elizabeth  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Tom & Brenda  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Jim

**SUNDAY, December 19**

**LECTOR** Kirk **USHERS** Kyle & Cade  
**SERVERS** Caly & Addy  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Kirk  
**MUSICIANS** Carolyn & Jacquie

**4:00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE**

**LECTOR** Christine  
**USHERS** Travis & Eddie  
**SERVERS** Zach, Samantha, Elizabeth  
**MUSICIANS** Mary, Chuck & Choir

**SUNDAY, December 26**

**LECTOR** Deb **USHERS** Eddie  
**SERVERS** Julia, Vincent, Raena  
**MONEY COUNTERS** David & Rosemary  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Cheryl



*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.*

**St. Mary's I.C.**

**Salvation Army Servers**

We prepare dinner for people in need at the Salvation Army on the **First Monday** of every month. Please consider donating your time for this wonderful cause. **NEED SERVERS FOR JANUARY**

Information please contact  
Gina 920-540-7804

*God Bless Our November Servers:  
Carolyn Iwanski & Eunice Zwicki  
and December Servers:  
Russell & Diane Wysocki.*

**Knights Of Columbus  
Cinnamon Bake Sale  
TODAY**

**December 12th after Mass.**  
The funds from the sale will support Christmas is for children. Last year we supported 20 children during the event