



**St. Mary's**  
**Immaculate Conception Parish**  
 May 1, 2022 *First Communion Sunday*

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**

**Pastor -**

Fr. Mark A. Miller

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**Senior Priest in Residence**

Fr. Roy R. Witucki

**PARISH STAFF**

**Secretary-**Donna Wierzba

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**CCD Coordinator-**Jessica Bielen

**Custodian-**Jeanne Hintz

**Maintenance/Grounds keeping**

Josh Genskow

**Mass Intentions**

**Please Note:** *Father Miller will be on retreat starting Monday, May 2nd—Friday, May 6th. There will be NO daily Masses, confession, or adoration at Sacred Heart or St. Mary's this week. For emergencies, contact Fr. Shuttleworth at St. Bronislava: 715-344-4326*

Saturday, May 7, @ SH

8:15 am +Florian & Lorraine Pionkowski

by Mary Jane Jastromski

+Loretta Klesmith by Roger Klesmit

+Shannon Blanchard by Tom & Julie Wanserski

+Emily Zinda by PCCW

+Nick & Ramona Dombrowski

by Adam Dombrowski

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Anticipatory Mass @ SH

+Clifford Bembenek by Ray Pliska

**Sunday, May 8, 4th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am @SH

St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart Parish Families

**10:00 am +Phyllis Klesmith by Delores Janick**

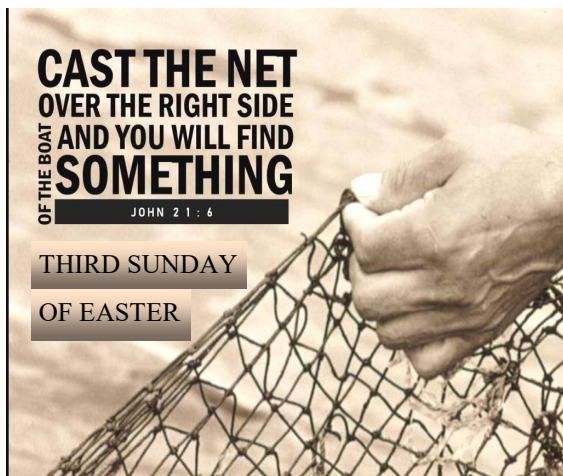
**+David Mansavage by Elsie & family**

**+Emily Wierzba & Emily Zwicki by Eunice & Larry**

**+Eileen Bronk by Chris Burch & Sam Korger**

**+Michael V. Kosobucki**

**+Janet & Gusty Peplinski by Diane & Russell**





*"Our redeemer lives; He has been on earth and will come again. On Him we venture our all; we can bear thankfully to put ourselves into His hands, our interests present and eternal." - St. John Newman*

Dear parishioners:

We are now two weeks into the Easter Season. Eastertide lasts seven weeks. For seven weeks, liturgically, we enter into the happenings and experiences of the apostles after Christ's resurrection. The resurrection, the most important event since creation, is a renewal of creation. The creation of the universe was a unique event. The Resurrection, which undid the damage done by our first parents, opened the gates of heaven. The Resurrection was a profound event, and the apostles, the Pharisees, Sadducees, and any one else, had to come to terms with it. It was a new thing to them, and it wasn't until Pentecost, that everything came into place.

We are living in a post-Resurrection world. But even for us, the mystery of the Resurrection is something that we grow into, and constantly must think about. Death is experienced every day, all over the world. And yet we believe that through Christ's Resurrection, that is conquered. We have to try and live in the reality of our earthly deaths, but also trust in the resurrection. Sometimes that might not be easy, but we ask for the grace to do so. Happy Easter!

Fr. Mark Miller—pastor

**Please remember in your prayers**

Please pray for the following and all who are ill in our parish:  
*Anne Britz, Bernadine Tepp, Joe Raschka, Rich Zblewski, George Betro,  
 Myron Soik, Gladys Pampuch, Tom Schmenk, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska,  
 Mike Mrozek, Lisa Disher, Ken Wierzba, Randy Parks,  
 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 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



**BUILDING FUND DONATIONS**

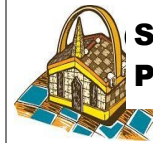
Envelopes for the Ground Level Hall and Church Renovations can be found in your Parish support envelopes. This project is for current and future generations of St. Mary's parishioners. Please be generous. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO OUR BUILDING FUND**

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**WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**4-24-22**

Offertory	\$ 101.50
Adult Env & ACH	1380.00
Total	\$1481.50



**Silent Picnic** April Total \$550.00  
 Thank you  
 TOTAL to date: \$3485.00

**Please contact the office:**

If you have a change of address, phone number, or other status changing event so that your parish record can be updated. Thank you

**Diocesan Annual Appeal**

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

**GOAL \$21,005.00**

Thank you to those who have contributed. We have **EXCEEDED** our Goal!

Any additional contributions to this years appeal will be refunded back to St. Mary's I.C.



## St. Mary's I.C. Religious Education Program - Today is our last class

**Family Mass May 1st, 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

Please keep **Brielle Treml** daughter of Steven & Julie, **Clayton Johnson** son of Joe & Jessica, **Catelyn Genskow** daughter of Jenny & Josh Genskow, **Landon Kempf** son of Travis & Gina Kempf and **Leo Kempf** son of Travis & Gina Kempf in your prayers as they receive their First Communion today, May 1st.



**BUY SCRIP SUNDAY May 8th & 22nd after Mass** Thank you to everyone who purchases SCRIP. Give Shelly (715-592-3775) a call. April Sales Total Sales \$7,145.00 Profit \$309.85

**ARE YOU PLANNING HOME PROJECTS THIS SPRING OR SUMMER?** Please consider purchasing scrip for your upcoming projects and help out St. Mary's I.C. 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. If you are looking for larger denominations for Menards, Fleet Farm etc... we can order that for you. **Thank you for supporting our scrip program!**



**FOOD PANTRY:** We will continue to collect non perishable items and monetary donation for local families. Please help us help those in need. Drop off items in the cart in the entrance of the Church. Some items to donate: laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toiletry and Scrip.

*People Helping People*



**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Fr. Miller, Gina Kempf-chairperson, Russell Wysocki, Patrick Johnson-secretary, Terry Fritschler and Brenda Retzlaff

Pastoral Council Elections will take place on **Sunday, May 15th.** Nominations are open to St. Mary's I.C. parishioners 18 years and older and will close on Monday, May 9th. Please consider nominating yourself or a fellow parishioner.

God Bless and Thank you to Gina Kempf, Russell Wysocki, Terry Fritschler, Brenda Retzlaff and Patrick Johnson for sharing their time and talents with the Council. Patrick is eligible for another term and can be re-nominated. The other 4 members have served their full terms and are not eligible for re-nomination.



*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*

Our next meeting is **Monday, May 2nd at 6:30 pm** where we will be working on our "Moments with Mary" items. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS Wishing you Birthday Blessings!

5th Jessica Bielen 6th Christine Sapa 7th Kate Peterson 8th Fr. Roy, Diane Wysocki, David Cieslewicz 11th Rick Weronke 15th Carol Treml 16th Molly Dombrowski, Pat Johnson 17th Dave Glodowski 19th Jason Dombrowski 22nd Judi Johnson 24th Steward Kepler, Duane Kluck 27th Bob Armatoski, Jacquie Wille 29th Brian Britz





**MOTHER'S  
DAY FLOWERS**  
The Family Life  
Committee will be  
selling Flowers  
after Mass  
Next Sunday,  
May 8th for  
**Mother's Day!**



**The feast day of St. Isidore,**  
the Patron Saint of farmers is  
Sunday, May 15th. Due to Father

Miller's Sunday Mass schedule, the blessings of seeds, plants, machinery, etc. outside the front entrance of Sacred Heart church after the 4pm Mass, Saturday, May 14th. If you have farm machinery, please drive up to the front.

**Prayer to St. Isidore Good Saint,** we are told that your devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was so great that you would rise before it was light in order to be able to attend Mass before beginning your work in the fields. Obtain for us, we pray, some of that loving devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There it is that the fruits of our farm labor, bread and wine, are brought and offered to God by the priest. Then, in the Consecration, Christ Himself, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, becomes present on our altars under the appearances of this same bread and wine. And in what was the altar bread, He comes to us to be the very food of our souls. If we deeply realize the value and beauty of Holy Mass, we will be very happy to attend as often as we possibly can. Help us to understand that in the Mass we offer ourselves to God with Christ by the hands of the priest. There we can bring to God all that we do and offer it to Him in union with His Holy Sacrifice. The more often we do this now, the happier we shall be hereafter. Good Saint Isidore, bless us and our labors, that we may someday reap the reward of good works with you in heaven. Amen.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 8611 State Hwy 54, Almond Parish-wide Rummage Sale Friday & Saturday, May 6 & 7, 8 am - 4 pm** Contact Mary 715-340-7217 or DeWayne 715-570-8150 with questions.

**St. Bronislava Holy Name Society's "All You Can Eat Breakfast" Sunday, May 8th, 8:30AM to Noon** at St. Bronislava Catholic Church, Plover. Menu: buttermilk & potato pancakes, sausage links, milk, juice & coffee. Cost \$7.00 for ages 13-adult, \$4 for ages 5-12 & Free for ages 4 & under. The meal is cooked by the men of Holy Name and table service is provided by St Bron's Boy Scout troop #201. Proceeds from the breakfast go towards the Parish, School & Youth Needs. Thank you for your support

**Padre Jose Polish Party - Celebrating Father Joseph Walijewski** Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 4 -9 pm at Memories Ballroom, 142475 County Road NN, Marathon City \$30 adult; \$10 6-12 year olds; Free 5 and under \$10 dance only begins at 6:00 pm Purchase advance tickets at: [homeajpm.org/events](http://homeajpm.org/events) Come and enjoy a family-friendly dinner and dance celebrating Father Joseph Walijewski, his Polish heritage, and the legacy he left for us through the good works he did as a priest in South America and the Diocese of La Crosse. Enjoy the authentic polish dinner followed by live polka music by Rhythm Playboys Trio. Questions or register please call Noel Furger at 715-297-5139.



The annual First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's **Walk for Life** held at Lake Wazeecha on May 14<sup>th</sup>. This family friendly run/walk will begin at the South Wood County Shelter House at 10 am with registration beginning 9 am. Fun raffles and concessions will be available. Please join us to help raise \$25,000. All area parishes/individuals are welcome to walk with the **St. Gianna Walkers for Life** (The team captain is the Rubenzer Family). To register, donate and find more information go to the First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's website: <http://www.firstchoiceprc.org/walkforlife>. Any questions, call Lauren Rubenzer - 608-234-8502.

### **NEEDED FOR MAY**

**St. Mary's I.C.  
Salvation Army  
Servers**



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

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 MAY**

Information please contact  
Gina 920-540-7804

### **Liturgical Appointments**

#### **SUNDAY, May 1**

**LECTOR** Kirk **USHERS** Randy  
**SERVERS** Cassie, Madison, Elizabeth  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Kirk  
**MUSICIANS** Jacquie & Carolyn

#### **SUNDAY, May 8**

**LECTOR** Nora **USHERS** Travis  
**SERVERS** Zach, Samantha, Ben  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Lisa & Jeremy  
**MUSICIANS** Jacquie & Carolyn

#### **SUNDAY, May 15**

**LECTOR** Christine **USHERS** Eddie  
**SERVERS** Vincent, Julia, Elizabeth  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Dave, Lorraine, Denise  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Cheryl

#### **SUNDAY, May 22**

**LECTOR** Deb **USHERS** Kyle & Cade  
**SERVERS** Caly, Addy, Raana  
**MONEY COUNTERS** David & Rosemarie  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Jim

## The Deacon

Easter greetings to you all! My name is Jim Sniadajewski. I have been in formation for the Permanent Diaconate for the past 5 years and will be ordained on May 7, 2022. Although I have not been officially assigned to serve at any parish yet, it is possible that I will remain at Immaculate Conception and by extension Sacred Heart. With this in mind, Fr. Miller has asked me to explain the role of a deacon in the Church today.

Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles and their successors continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time. Within the Church, there are two degrees of ministerial participation in the priesthood of Christ: the episcopacy (Bishops) and presbyterate (Priests). The third degree of the diaconate (Deacon) is intended to help and serve the bishop and his priests. All three degrees are conferred through the sacrament of Holy Orders.

The priest through ordination is consecrated and configured as Christ the Head. That is he acts in the person of Christ the head. This is most evident during the Mass when the priest acts in "*In Persona Christi*" (In the Person of Christ) at the consecration of the Holy Eucharist.

The deacon through ordination is consecrated and configured as Christ the servant. He is neither a lay person nor priest but one ordained to the service of God's people in communion with the diocesan bishop and his body of priests.

The ministry of the deacon is threefold. Strengthened by sacramental grace, they are dedicated to the People of God in the service of the liturgy, of the Gospel, and of works of charity.

In the next few weeks, we will look at each of these ministries in more detail. In the meantime I humbly ask for your prayers and patience.

God Bless you all!

Jim Sniadajewski

## The Deacon II

In the first article concerning the ministry of the deacon, we briefly looked at the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the relationships of the bishop, priest, and deacon. The principle function of the deacon is to collaborate with the bishop and the priests in the exercise of a ministry, which is not of their own wisdom, but that of the Word of God, calling all to conversion and holiness. We ended by noting that the deacon is in the service of the Church in three ways. In the Word, in Liturgy, and in works of Charity. In this article, we will look at how the deacon participates in the Church's ministry of the Word.

During the Ordination Rite of a Deacon, after the Prayer of Ordination and the newly ordained deacon has vested he goes to the Bishop and kneels. The Bishop places the Book of the Gospels into his hands and says: ***Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.*** The deacon is called to proclaim the Scriptures, to instruct and to encourage the people in their faith. The deacon participates as an evangelizer and teacher in the Church's mission of heralding the Word.

This is most evident during Mass and other liturgies. It is the deacon who properly proclaims the Gospel when he is present. By virtue of his ordination, he may give the homily in accord with requirements of canon law.

The deacon can participate many other ways in the Church's ministry of the Word. These may include catechetical instruction, assisting in the religious formation of those preparing for the reception of the sacraments, outreach to alienate Catholics, evangelization, and leading retreats.

In these and many other formal and informal ways, the deacon leads and assists the community to reflect on its communion and mission in Jesus Christ. The deacon, by God's sacramental grace, by word and example, helps the faithful discover their own call to live lives of service.

Next time we will look at how the deacon serves the Church in the Liturgy. I again, humbly ask for your prayers and patience.

God Bless you all.

Jim Sniadajewski

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PACELLI CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

# **SHREDDING PARTY**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE & FUNDRAISING EVENT HOSTED BY  
SCHULFER & ASSOCIATES, LLC WEALTH MANAGEMENT**



**Thursday, May 12 | 3-6pm  
1417 Main Street, Stevens Point**

## **BRING YOUR SECURE DOCUMENTS TO SHRED**

Donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated for secure, confidential shredding services provided by Express Recycling Solutions, Inc. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 towards a Lü Interactive Playground system for our elementary schools which promotes cross-curricular and active learning.

## **Suggested Donation: \$10/Bag | \$20/Box**

*No early drop off. For more than 10 boxes, please call ahead!  
Please remove alligator clips, black binder clips, and folders.*

## **FEATURING SHREDDED FOOD FOR SALE**

\$3 Shredded Chicken Sandwiches | \$1 Shoestring Potato Chips | \$2 Cupcake | \$1 Soda/Water | \$6 Meal (includes sandwich, chips, cupcake, & drink)

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