



**St. Mary's**  
**Immaculate Conception Parish**  
 May 29, 2022

**Ascension of the Lord**

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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**Deacon** Jim Sniadajewski

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**Senior Priest in Residence**

Fr. Roy R. Witucki

**PARISH STAFF**

**Secretary**-Donna Wierzba

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**Bookkeeper**-Rebecca Jones

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**CCD Coordinator**-Jessica Bielen

**Custodian**-Jeanne Hintz

**Maintenance/Grounds keeping**

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, May 31 @ SH

8:15 am +Leon & Magdelene by Pflugardt family

**Wednesday, June 1**

8:15 am +Butch Gagas by Deb & Al Kozelek

Thursday, June 2 @ SH

7-8 am Adoration 7:30 am Confessions

8:15 am +Emily Ramczyk by Randy Ramczyk

**Friday, June 3,**

**7:30—8 am-Confessions**

8:15 am +Denny Stransky

by Bob & Sandie Armatoski

9am-3pm Eucharistic Adoration followed  
by Divine Mercy/Benediction



Saturday, June 4, @ SH

8:15 am +Loretta Klesmith by Donna Orlikowski

+Bob Zoromski by Val Blaskey

+Terry Lepak by Family

+Emily Zinda by PCCW

+David Dombrowski by Adam Dombrowski

+Lillian Kaminski by Audrey & RoseAnn Gagas

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Anticipatory Mass @ SH

In Thanksgiving 50th Wedding Anniversary

Roger & Janice Firkus

**Sunday, June 5, Pentecost**

8:00 am @SH

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

10:00 am +John M. Britz, Amy Britz & Loretta

Britz by Julie & Kenny Wierzba & family

**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 JUNE**

Information please contact Gina

920-540-7804



*"The Lord says: 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her.' We too ought to be eager to possess what no one can take away from us, namely the gift of earnest, attentive listening to the Word of God. We know even from the*

*parable of the Sower that the seeds of the heavenly Word are taken away if they are sown along the path. So let the longing for wisdom inspire you as it did Mary, and never think those people idle who are seeking it."*

- St. Ambrose

With this great solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, we are entering the last week of Eastertide. In this coming week we should all ask, "How have I been living out this season of Easter?" Was Easter just Easter Sunday, and that's it, or have we immersed ourselves in the Resurrection, being with the early Church as we have been reading from the Acts of the Apostles at Mass, and allowing the risen Christ to transform us? There is still a week left. Let's use it wisely!

Monday, in the United States we celebrate Memorial Day. May the Lord bless our soldiers - those who have died, and those still living. Thank you for your service!

Fr. Mark Miller, Pastor

## St. Mary's I.C. Cemetery Regulations, Custer, WI

- \* Grave holders purchase burial rights in said grave. Title of land remains vested in the name of the cemetery.
- \* Flowers are permitted only in Urns, Vases or Shepherd poles, at the end of the monument. (to the right of left of the monument. **Glass jars, bottles, cans, crockery, wood, or other similar containers or objects are not permitted.**
- \* Real flowers must be placed in urns next to the monument **(not in front.)** Artificial flowers and wreaths must be tied to the monument or they will be removed 10 days after burial, Memorial Day or other Holidays.
- \* Artificial wreaths, foam crosses and the like are permitted between December 1<sup>st</sup>–April 1st **(the non-growing season).**
- \* Trees, hedges, or shrubbery shall not be planted on any lot.
- \* Planting or other decor will be removed by the management if through oversight of these rules are not observed.

**The Cemetery Association assumes no responsibility to loss or damage to any article placed or planted on lot.**

- \* All grave sites must have a marker once they are occupied. **(Monument or Funeral home marker.)**
- \* No loose pets or recreational vehicles allowed.

Thank you for your cooperation, The Cemetery Committee

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**5-22-22**

Offertory	\$ 72.00
Project Milk	636.00
Adult Env & ACH	1051.00
Total	\$1759.00

**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.**

We applied for a grant from the Better Education Endowment Trust (BEET) which is part of the Annual Appeal and received \$500.00. This money will be used to purchase tables for our classrooms. If it were not for the support of the members of our parish, these grants would not be possible. Thank you!

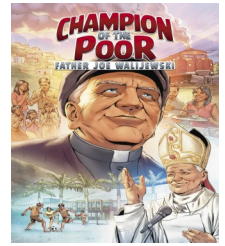


## **BUILDING FUND DONATIONS**

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**

**Project Milk** **BIG THANK YOU** to all parishioners for your GENEROUS donation for the **MILK PROJECT**. We have collected \$866.00, that's 8 1/2 sacks of powdered milk. Envelopes are in the pews and the entrance of church, if you wish to donate. We are continuing to sell "CHAMPION OF THE POOR: FR. JOE WALIJEWSKI: comic book for \$6.00. All income will go towards Milk Project. If you want a copy, please contact Marie Helminiak 715-592-4971.



This action-packed, full-color comic book biography tells the inspiring life story of **Father Joe Walijewski**, priest of the **Diocese of La Crosse**, Wisconsin and founder of the Casa Hogar orphanage in Peru. From his days as an impressionable young boy in Michigan where he discovered a unique call to the priesthood, to his daring adventures as a missionary in South America, readers are immersed into the heroic actions of a courageous *Champion of the Poor*.

**FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION June 3rd,**

**9am-3pm at St. Mary's I.C.** The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3pm followed by Benediction. All are welcome and encouraged to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We are Blessed to be able to offer a First Friday Devotion but our Lord cannot be left alone. **Please consider "adopting" an hour to sit with our Lord.** A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Church entrance.



Thank you to The Family Life Committee & the Altar Society for helping with the celebration for Deacon Jim & Deb. Special Thanks for Jeanne Hintz for donating the delicious cake & cupcakes. God Bless you all!

**Please remember in your prayers**

Please pray for the following and all who are ill in our parish:

*Anne Britz, Joe Raschka, Rich Zblewski, George Betro, Myron Soik, Gladys Pampuch, Tom Schmenk, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Mike Mrozek, Lisa Disher, Ken Wierzba, 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.*

A Mass of Christian burial was held for our parish family member, Bernadine Tepp, on Saturday, May 21st. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Bernadine. May we continue to pray for the happy repose of her soul and for the comfort of her family during this difficult time.



*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, And let the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen*

**Missionary Sisters of the Divine Image GIFT SHOP** is a great place to find unique gifts. We carry Wisconsin maple syrup and we have a selection of books as well. Please ring the doorbell at the FRONT entrance of the convent and Sister will be happy to direct you to the gift shop. Or, call Sister at 715-592-4213 to set up a time to visit.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

*Wishing you*

*Birthday Blessings!*

1st-Kathy Fields 4th-Pat Wierzba  
5th-Dorothy Wolloch  
13th-Denise Glodowski &  
Joe Johnson 14th-LeRoy Wierzba  
16th-Carol Firkus  
17th-Paul Woyak & Ruth Garski  
19th-Jeanne Hintz  
21st-Jean Miller, Barb Soik &  
Randie Lehman  
23rd-Kevin Schleicher & Lori Kluck  
24th-Tony Charneski  
25th-Mark Lehman  
28th-John Bustamante

**BUY SCRIP SUNDAY**

**JUNE 12th & 26th**

**after Mass**

**Thank you to everyone who purchases SCRIP.**

**Give Shelly (715-592-3775) a call.**

**SCRIP Sales for May**

**Total Sales= \$13,810.00**

**Profit = \$ 562.28**





Deb and I want to thank everyone who was involved in last weekend's fruit and cake reception. It was awesome! We know these things do not just happen. People put time and effort into making these types of receptions and gatherings possible. We are humbled by your support, encouragement and prayers. God bless you all!  
Deacon Jim and Deb Sniadajewski

## Liturgical Appointments

### SUNDAY, June 5

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

### SUNDAY, June 12

**LECTOR** Deb **USHERS** Travis  
**SERVERS** Zach, Samantha, Ben  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Lisa & Jeremy  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Jim

### SUNDAY, June 19

**LECTOR** Christine **USHERS** Eddie  
**SERVERS** Julia & Vincent  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Dave, Lorraine, Denise  
**MUSICIANS** Carolyn & Jacquie

## St. Joseph Parish Picnic

### June 4 & 5

 <b>Saturday, June 4</b> 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. <b>Sunday, June 5</b> 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	 <b>Silent Auction • Cherry Tree</b> <b>Kids Games • Country Store</b>
 <b>Food Tent</b> <b>Beer Tent</b> <b>Rainbow Snow</b>	 <b>Chicken Dinner</b> <i>(Take-out Only)</i> <b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>
 <b>Music by: Gray Catz (Sat.)</b> <b>Old Time Brass (Sun.)</b> <b>Ultimate Polka Band (Sun.)</b>	 <b>Picnic Sweepstakes</b> <b>Basket Raffles</b> <b>Pull Tabs</b>
 <b>Saturday Mass</b> <i>(In Church)</i> <b>4:00 p.m.</b>	 <b>Sunday Mass (Outside)</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <i>Music by The Choraleers &amp; Old Time Brass</i>

For More Information:  
[www.stjoespoint.org](http://www.stjoespoint.org)  
 (715) 343-1617

**Celebrate the First Church Picnic of 2022**  
**Corner of Jefferson & Wyatt, Stevens Point**

### \*FREE Outdoor Concert

Tuesday, June 14th, 6-8 p.m. on the church lawn at St. Ladislaus Parish. Bevent. Sarah & Hus-Band will be performing. Food available for purchase by Peplin 4-H. Come enjoy toe-tappin', wholesome entertainment, a social time, and good food. Bring your lawn chair or a blanket. \*Rain date is one week later. More great concerts with amazing bands on: July 12, July 26, Aug. 9 & Aug. 26.

### \*Vendors Needed: St. Ladislaus

Parish in Bevent parish will be hosting a Noodle, Baked Goods and Vendor Sale on Sat., Nov. 19. Vendors can reserve a table now (i.e. crafts, homemade items, small businesses, etc). To register, contact Bernie (715-341-2546).

## 3rd Annual MOTORCYCLE BLESSING AND FAITH RUN

June 5th at 1:30 pm

**Holy THUNDER**

St. Bronislava Parish

More information?  
Want to sign up? [STBRONS.COM](http://STBRONS.COM)

### Vacation Bible Camp July 26-29, St. Bronislava 8:15-11:45 am

Register today! \$35.00 per student. Camp Attendee Registration (age 4 – current 4<sup>th</sup> grade) and the Volunteer Form (current grade 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, College & Adult) are located on the bulletin board. More information contact: Jody Glodowski 715-341-6700 x 4207 or [jody@stbrons.com](mailto:jody@stbrons.com)

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE – SUNDAY, JUNE

**12th**, Father Ed Shuttleworth will lead a pilgrimage to St. Bernadette Parish in Appleton, WI on June 12 to venerate the relics of St. Bernadette, the visionary of Lourdes to whom the Mother of God appeared in 1858. A bus will depart at 12noon from St. Bronislava Parish, Plover and return by 6:30 PM. The afternoon includes Mass with Bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay. Cost is \$15.00 per person for transportation. For reservations or more information call 715-344-4326. For more information on the relics, visit [www.stbernadetteusa.org](http://www.stbernadetteusa.org).

Shrine of Our Lady of Sacred Heart is now open daily from 9am—6pm for people to come and have time with Our Lady. The shrine is located on the south side of the convent property. If you have any questions please contact Sr. Hyacintha at (715) 592-4213.

## St. Peter Church Parish Picnic

FOOD, MUSIC and DANCING  
 Grounds Open 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Polka Mass - 10:30 AM  
 Polish Style Chicken Dinner 11 - 2 PM  
 Polka Music - 11:30 - 5 PM  
 Bands Alternating "Main Squeeze" & "Happy Notes"

## GAMES ☆ BEER ☆ RAFFLES ☆ FUN

Saint Peter Middle School Grounds-Parish Picnic Building -  
 708 1st Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481  
 June 12th 2022

BYO Lawnchair

\$50 Gift Card Drawing Entry (need not be present to win)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Limit - 1 entry per person, 1 prize per person, present completed ticket at Grand Raffle Stand)

## **FAQ's about the deacon**

### **What is the proper way to address a deacon?**

According to the norms, the proper address for a permanent deacon is "Deacon". Therefore, Deacon, Deacon Jim, or Deacon Sniadajewski are all proper ways to address me depending on age and situation.

### **How long does it take to become a deacon?**

Formation for the diaconate is five years. There are very well defined norms that are followed for the formation of deacons as well as priests. This explanation is just a snapshot. Before entering into diaconal formation, one goes through an inquiry process and must be accepted into formation by the diocesan bishop. There are two stages to this formation. The first is the aspirant stage. This is primarily a time to discern the capability and readiness of an aspirant to enter the candidate stage. It is a time for both the aspirant, his wife, and the Church by those responsible for the formation to discern the call of the aspirant to the call to Holy Orders. I like the analogy of someone dating. Early in dating you are getting to know the other person, learning there likes and dislikes, etc. You are discerning if this is the person that you are being called to live the rest of your life with as a married couple. Being an aspirant is similar. The aspirant and his family as well as those responsible for his formation are discerning the call.

Acceptance into candidacy is the next step. It is the first official recognition of the positive signs of the vocation to the diaconate. This is three years, during this time, the candidate (if married, his wife) and those on the formation team continue to discern his call. It is similar to going from dating to being engaged. The aspirant moves from maybe I'm being called to a candidate who believes he is being called. There is an increase and more intense focus on all areas of diaconal ministry and formation.

### **Does a deacon get paid?**

As I stated in one of the earlier articles, the ministry of any given deacon can vary greatly depending on his state in life and the needs of the community he serves. There are general principles and diocesan norms that apply to permanent deacons. If a deacon is ministering full time and has no other means of income, he has a right to compensation for the work he does.

As an image of Christ the Servant, a deacon who has the means from secular employment to provide for himself and his family is called to offer his diaconal service freely. This describes my situation.

The parish maybe asked to reimburse the deacon for expenses incurred in the exercise of his ministry.

I will answer a few more next week.

God Bless you all!

Dcn. Jim Sniadajewski

JUNE  
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# Remember In Prayer



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	29	30	31	1	2	3
			Pope Francis	Bp. Callahan	Fr. Emmanuel Asamoah-Bekoe	Fr. Eric Awortewe-Dadson
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fr. Juan Baltazar	Fr. Donald Bauer	Fr. Aaron Becker	Fr. Augustine Bentil	Fr. Eric Berns	Fr. Steven Brice	Fr. David Bruener
	12	13	14	15	16	17
Fr. Jesse Burish	Fr. Alan Burkhardt	Msgr. Jeffrey Burill	Fr. William Dhein	Msgr. Joseph Diermeier	Fr. Billy Dodge	Fr. Clayton Elmhorst
	19	20	21	22	23	24
Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh	Fr. William Felix	Fr. Victor Feltes	Fr. James Genovesi	Fr. John Gilbert	Msgr. Richard Gilles	Msgr. Michael Gorman
	26	27	28	29	30	1
Fr. George Graham	Fr. Alan Guanella	Fr. Brandon Guenther	Fr. Jeffrey Hennes	Fr. Fernando Hernandez		2
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