



St. Mary's
Immaculate Conception Parish
 May 8, 2022 *MOTHER'S DAY*

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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

715-600-6942

fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com

Senior Priest in Residence

Fr. Roy R. Witucki

PARISH STAFF

Deacon Jim Sniadajewski

Secretary-Donna Wierzba

stmary@wi-net.com

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stmaryicfinance@gmail.com

CCD Coordinator-Jessica Bielen

Custodian-Jeanne Hintz

Maintenance/Grounds keeping

Josh Genskow

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 10 @ SH

8:15 am +Edmund Drefcinski by Conrad & Delores Lepak

Wednesday, May 11

8:15 am +Butch Gagas by Marie Gill

Thursday, May 12 @ SH

7-8 am Adoration 7:30 am Confessions

8:15 am +Lillian Drefcinski by Conrad & Delores Lepak

Friday, May 13,

7-8 am Adoration 7:30 am-Confessions

8:15 am +Felix, Regina, Frances & Conroy
 Soik by Myron Soik Family

Saturday, May 14, @ SH

8:15 am +Gladys Lepak by Family

+Sophie Koziczowski by Marie & Family

+Loretta Klesmith by Dennis Raflik

+Shannon Blanchard by Karl & Brandy Kaminski

+Richard Orlikowski by Family

+Art Lepak by Adam Dombrowski

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Anticipatory Mass @ SH

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

Sunday, May 15, 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am @SH

+Emily Ramczyk by Randy Ramczyk

10:00 am +Darlene Kropidowski by LeRoy





"It is right that you should begin again every day. There is no better way to complete the spiritual life than to be ever beginning it over again." - St. Francis de Sales

Dear Parishioners:

We've completed three weeks of Eastertide. How has the Lord spoken to us during this time? In last Sunday's Gospel we heard how Christ appeared at that point three times to the disciples after the Resurrection. Have we allowed him to appear to us? Have we allowed him to enter our minds and hearts? Have we allowed this mystery to change us? Or, are we still in the upper room with the doors locked?
Fr. Mark Miller - Pastor

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

Pastoral Council Elections will take place **Next 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.

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.



COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL
SUNDAY, MAY 15th after Mass in the Parish Hall
ALL ARE WELCOME

Hosted by Group 4, Cheryl Gagas & Mary Egle Co-leaders

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

5-1-22

Offertory	\$ 152.00
Building	50.00
Picnic	700.00
<u>Adult Env & ACH</u>	<u>1610.00</u>
Total	\$2512.00

St. Mary's I.C. Meetings

*May 17th—6:30 pm
Finance Council
19th—6:30 p.m.
Pastoral Council*

If any member of the parish has an item that they would like discussed or added to the agenda, please contact any of the following members:

Fr. Mark Miller, Pastor,
Gina Kempf, chair, Russell Wysocki, Brenda Retzlaff, Pat Johnson, Terry Fritschler

**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.



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**



SPECIAL THANK YOU to our Religious Education Teachers:
JENNY GENSKOW, HEIDI SCHLEICHER, CHRISTINE SAPA,
AMY STREMKOWSKI and JESSICA BIELEN

We appreciate your dedication and sharing of your Faith with our Children. **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 our 3 parish families

people helping people



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

BUY SCRIP SUNDAY May 8th & 22nd after Mass Thank you to everyone who purchases SCRIP. Give Shelly (715-592-3775) a call. **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!**

Project Milk second collection on Sunday, May 22, envelopes are in the pews.

How much do we need?

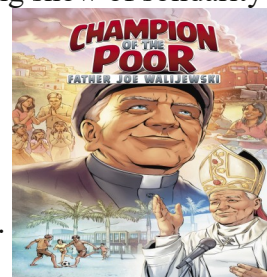
- Casa Hogar uses about 1 sack (50 pounds) of powdered milk each week. Sample bag is hanging in the church entrance
- It costs about \$100.00 to send 1 sack of milk to Lurín, Peru.
- Your donation goes straight to the purchase, preparation and shipment of the milk. Administrative costs are covered by the Diocesan Annual Appeal. It is only your continued support that makes these shipments possible.

How much does it cost? The cost of everything has gone up.

- \$400 will provide Casa Hogar with 4 sacks milk, enough for one month. A missionary there says they make it into yogurt, which makes it really popular.
- As of March 2022 the approximate price of 100 pounds of raw milk for Wisconsin farmers was \$20.87. \$3.53 higher than last year. Maybe even higher today.

We wish to thank all of you that will give so generously to Project Milk! Your contributions are not only an act of charity for the orphans of Casa Hogar in Peru, but also a strong show of solidarity and support for our dairy farmers.

Also, we will be selling on May 22nd "CHAMPION OF THE POOR: FR. JOE WALIJEWSKI: comic book for \$6.00. All income will go to support the Milk Project. If we sell out, we can order more.



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*.

Thanks to you all for the enormous response you gave for the Sunday DCCW Collection of \$328.00 that was taken up on Sunday, April 24th



**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

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, May 8

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

SUNDAY, May 15

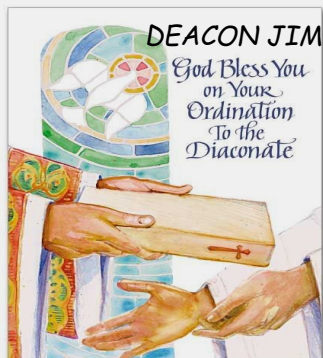
LECTOR Christine **USHERS** Eddie
SERVERS Vincent, Julia, Elizabeth
MONEY COUNTERS Dave, Lorraine, Denise
MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl

SUNDAY, May 22

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS *Wishing you Birthday Blessings!*

8th Fr. Roy, Diane Wysocki, David Cieslewicz 11th Rick Weronke
15th Carol Trembl 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



The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcement: **Mr. James J. Sniadajewski**, upon his ordination to the Diaconate, will be appointed to serve as Deacon at Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parishes effective May 7, 2022

Please join us on **Sunday, May 22nd** for cake after Mass as we celebrate with Deacon Jim. God Bless you Deacon Jim

Padre Jose Polish Party - Celebrating Father Joseph Walijewski

Saturday, May 14th 4 –9 pm Memories Ballroom, 142475 County Rd NN, Marathon City \$30 adult; \$10 6-12 year olds; Free 5 & under \$10 dance only begins at 6pm Advance tickets at: 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 and polka music by Rhythm Playboys Trio. Questions/register call Noel Furger 715-297-5139.

St. Mary's of Mt Carmel FANCHER RUMMAGE SALE: 3995 Hwy. K. May 27th & 28th. 8AM-6PM. May 29th. 9AM-12PM. Church basement. Too many items to mention. Free will offering, unless marked. All proceeds go to repair & painting of statues.

Pacelli Catholic Schools 12th Annual Shredding Party Hosted by Schulfer & Associates, LLC Wealth Management Thursday, May 12, 3-6pm 1417 Main St, BRING YOUR SECURE DOCUMENTS TO SHRED Donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated 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 For more than 10 boxes please call ahead! RSVP to 715.343.9600, www.schulferandassociates.com, Please remove alligator clips, black binder clips, and folders. SHREDDED FOOD FOR SALE \$3 Shredded Chicken Sandwiches | \$1 Shoestring Potato Chips | \$2 Cupcake | \$1 Soda/Water | \$6 Meal (includes sandwich, chips, cupcake, & drink)



First Choice
Pregnancy
Resource

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

The Deacon III

It is official! I have been assigned to serve as Deacon at Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Parishes. For this, I am most grateful.

This is the third in a series of articles on the role of the deacon in the Church today. The ministry of the deacon is threefold. Strengthened by sacramental grace, the deacon is dedicated to the People of God in the service of the liturgy, of the Gospel, and of works of charity. Last week we looked at how the deacon is at the service of the Word or Gospel. This article will discuss in what ways the deacon serves in the liturgy. The primary focus of this article will be to look at what a deacon does or can do at Mass and various other liturgical roles. In a future article, I hope to come back to why the deacon is ordained to assist in service to God's People and his Church in these ways.

During the celebration of the Mass, the deacon may participate in specific penitential rites (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have Mercy). As we discussed in the last article, he proclaims the Gospel and may preach the homily. He voices the needs of the people in the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful). The deacon assists the presider and other ministers in accepting the offerings and helps prepare the altar and the gifts for sacrifice, with special care for the chalice. He may extend the invitation of peace and serves as an ordinary minister of Holy Communion. At the conclusion of Mass, after the final blessing, the deacon dismisses the people using one of the formulas from the Roman Missal such as "Go forth, the Mass is ended".

Other liturgical roles a deacon is authorized include solemnly baptizing, witnessing marriages, bringing viaticum to the dying, and presiding at funerals and burials. The deacon can preside over Liturgies of the Word and communion services in the absence of a priest. He may officiate at celebrations of the Liturgy of the hours and at exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. He may conduct public rites of blessing, offer prayer services for the sick and dying, and administer the Church's sacramental as designated in the "Book of Blessings".

Next time we will look at the deacon's ministry of works of charity.

God Bless you all!

Jim Sniadajewski