



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parafia Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa

IN POLONIA

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PARISH CLERGY

DUCHOWIEŃSTWO PARAFIALNE

Father Mark Miller • Pastor.....fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com
 Deacon Jim Sniadajewski.....dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com
 You may reach Father Miller for both emergency and non-emergency situations by calling the parish office number 715-600-6942 at any time of the day.

PARISH OFFICE

BIURO PARAFIALNA

Summer Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00am–3:00pm
 Thursday: 9:00am–1:00pm • Closed on Fridays
 • Please note that the parish office will be closed daily from 11:15-11:45am for lunch.

PARISH STAFF

PRACOWNICY PARAFII

Administrative Assistant.....Susanna Lepak ext. 100
 School Principal.....Dawn Cisewski ext. 160
 Basement Kitchen.....Barb Lepak (715-600-0396)
 Coordinator of Religious Ed.....Debbie Riske (715-340-4626)
CCD@sacredheartpolonia.com

CONFESSION

SPOWIEDŹ ŚWIĘTE

Thursday: 7:30am–8:00am Friday: 7:30am–8:00am
 Saturday: 2:45pm–3:45pm at Saint Mary's in Custer

ADORATION

ADORACJA EUCHARYSTYCZNA

Thursday: 7:00am–8:00am
 Friday: 7:00am–8:00am at Saint Mary's in Custer
 First Friday: 8:45am–3:00pm at Saint Mary's in Custer

BAPTISM PREPARATION

CHRZEST

Please contact the parish to schedule a baptism class and request a date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Parents are encouraged to attend before the birth of their child.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

MAŁŻEŃSTWO

Couples requesting the celebration of Marriage should contact the parish at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MSZE ŚWIĘTE

Monday, August 18 – *Feria*

Tuesday, August 19 – *St. John Eudes*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Lillian Drefcinski by Conrad & Delores Lepak

Wednesday, August 20 – *St. Bernard*

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Phyllis Klesmith by Kurt & Jessica Groholski

Thursday, August 21 – *St. Pius X*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Margaret Leow by Kevin & Theresa Leow

Friday, August 22 – *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Dennis Stransky by Nora & Family

Saturday, August 23 – *St. Rose of Lima*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †James Kozak by Sue Wanta
 †Alanna Kosmalski by Edwin & Betty Damask
 †Dave Garski by Tom & Julie Wanserski

2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart

4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Fr. Herb Zorowski by Friends

Sunday, August 24 – *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Dennis Groshek by Virginia Groshek
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 St. Mary's & Sacred Heart Parish Families



"A man said to himself, 'How am I to know I am in earnest?' I would suggest to him: Make some sacrifice, do some distasteful thing, which you are not obliged to do. Bring home to your mind that in fact you do love your savior, that you do have sin, that you have put aside the present world. Thus you will have evidence, to a certain point, that you are not using mere words." — St. John Newman

Stewardship Reflection:

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: JER 38:4-6, 8-10; PS 40:2-4,18; HEB 12:1-4; LK 12:49-53

Today’s readings set a high standard for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life. In the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? “For the sake of the joy that lay before Him, He endured the cross.” If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure as Christ’s disciples, we are told, “In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.” In other words, “If you’re not bleeding, what are you complaining about?” That is quite a high bar! The Gospel reading from Luke continues with this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.” A few verses later, Jesus adds, “Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Jesus’s life on this earth and the message He brought weren’t meant to simply make us feel good. His words can sometimes make us feel uncomfortable. That’s because His Good News (and it truly is good news!) is intended to transform us, to make saints out of us. The stewardship way of life sets a high standard indeed. However, when fully embraced, this way of life, focused on God and others, will help us become the saints we are called to be.

Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Steven Weller, Director of Office For Vocations at the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2666. God bless you!

Prayer to Jesus after Holy Communion

Jesus, I believe in you. Jesus, I hope in You. Jesus, I want to love You with all my heart. Jesus, I thank You for having come to dwell in me as I receive You in Holy Communion. I welcome You into my heart and I ask you to “crowd out” whatever might be there that is not of You. And I desire to give You full reign as my Lord, my Savior and my King. Thank You for giving Your life for me on the Cross, loving me this much and allowing me to receive You into my heart in this present moment. And now that You are so close to me, please help me love You more and more, and serve You by loving the people around me. Amen.

Adults: \$4,655 Assumption: \$65 Youth: \$7 Loose \$336 Total: \$5,003 Vigil Lights: \$128 School Donations: \$1,000 Boiler Fund: \$120 Renovation Fund: \$100	Aug Budget: \$23,515 Aug to Date: \$10,979
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"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." -Hebrews 13:16

Scrip: \$2,375 | \$89

Did you know? You have the option to enroll in direct debit (ACH) as a means of sharing your financial gifts to the parish. You can set up your automated giving to occur weekly or monthly. Many families find this to be much simpler as it eliminates the need to prepare and bring your giving envelope each week. For more information please see our website: www.sacredheartpolonia.com/forms or call the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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Altar Server		
August 23:	4:00 pm	Magnus & Dmitri
August 24:	8:00 am	Gavin E., Luke & Andrew
Hospitality		
August 23:	4:00 pm	Volunteer Ushers
August 24:	8:00 am	Volunteer Ushers
Readers		
August 23:	4:00 pm	Deb Riske
August 24:	8:00 am	Gary Ross
Wellington		
August 21:		Deb Riske

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Let us remember the following in our daily prayers:
 Austin James, Brittany Olivia, JD Wysocki, Dave Grawey, Megan Rose, Jennifer Lepak, Agnes Milanowski, Ernie Kurszewski, Jerry Lepak, Theresa Pliska, Vanessa Lawson, Randy Schulist, Dorothy Gagas, Newton Family, Gail Tepp, Rhody Bushman, Leonard Schulist, Bruce & Patt Roberts, Taylor Groshek, Betty Kowalski, Karen Liebe, Kenny Rozek, Debbie Repinski, Dale Gagas, Patsy Filtz

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

NAMASZCZENIE CHRYCH

If anyone is in need of spiritual care at your home or the 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 the parish. This is important because hospitals do not make us aware of these situations.



Congratulations to Henry Schmid, son of Ryan and Elizabeth and grandson of Jerry and Renee Brzezinski, who was baptized last weekend into God's family. May God grant Henry all the blessings of His gentle love, and may he enjoy a lifetime of health and happiness.

A sincere THANK YOU to Lloyd Firkus and Badgerland Concrete Products, Inc. for their generous donation of delivered concrete used for our food stand. Your kindness is so greatly appreciated!

Religious Ed program is looking for teachers for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. **There are openings for 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 10th grade teachers.** Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time to our parish youth. If you have additional questions or if you are ready to volunteer, please contact our Religious Ed Coordinator, Deb Riske (715) 340-4626 or ccd@sacredheartpolonia.com. *Let us join together in prayer, asking that God will move the hearts of men and women in the parish to want to hand on the Faith and accompany the next generation in their relationship with Jesus. Will you join in praying a decade of the Rosary each day for this intention?*

Flame of Love Holy Hour. We meet to pray a special Rosary and prayers **every** Monday at 6:30 pm, in the church at Sacred Heart. The **Flame of Love** is a powerful Movement of Grace that Our Lord requested to be spread throughout the world. Please join us and discover the powerful promises of the **Flame of Love!** Everyone is welcome. Please use the handicap entrance.


—From now on, when any of you are at prayer during the night vigil, I will give you the grace so that the Flame of Love blesses dying persons in the whole world. (Mary)



The Women's Book Club of Sacred Heart.

We will meet in the church basement from 7:15-9:00pm. Call or text Theresa Glavin with any questions 715-321-4464. The next meeting is Monday, August 18th. Come check us out!



 **SCRIP NEWS.** Scrip will be sold by the front entrance after some weekend Masses. Also, the parish office sells scrip during the week. We appreciate your support of our Scrip program!

SANCTUARY LAMP

WIECZNA LAMPKA

There are many openings to have the sanctuary lamp burn for a week in memory of a departed family member (or members). Please call the parish office to select a date and make a donation in their memory. The recommended offering is \$100.



54-Day Novena For Our Nation. Feast of the Assumption—Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary starting August 15—October 7, 2025.

The intention this year is “May Our Nation Enshrine the Sanctity of Life at Conception.” The 54-Day Rosary Novena is extremely powerful, and, united together in prayer and God's supernatural strength, we have witnessed a multitude of miracles (private and public) since this [United States Grace Force](#) began praying together in 2016. We are calling all “believing” Catholics to join in a powerful campaign seeking a spiritual revival in our land, entitled, “[Novena for Our Nation.](#)”

SCHOOL NEWS

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Job Openings. Sacred Heart School is currently seeking Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. These are temporary, as needed positions. Once hired, you will be placed on our substitute teachers list and called on an as-needed basis. This is a great opportunity for retired teachers or teachers who only want the occasional classroom time. For more information please visit our website: www.sacredheartpolonia.com/employment



Reminder. The first day of school at Sacred Heart will be Tuesday, August 26th. Supply drop-off day will be Thursday, August 21st between 3:00pm-6:00pm. If you need a supply list you can find it on our website at <https://www.sacredheartpolonia.com/parent-resources>. Please keep our teachers, students, and school in your prayers that everyone will have a safe and wonderful start of the new school year.



Help Support Sacred Heart School on Wednesday, August 27th. Order dinner at the Papa Murphy's Stevens Point (Main St. location) and raise money for Sacred Heart School. Thank you for your support!

Have you heard the news? 

Sacred Heart School's 4K Program is expanding to Monday through Friday!

All Day - Every Day

ENROLL NOW

Sacred Heart School is excited to announce that its 4K program is expanding to full time with special 4K tuition rates!

Contact us for the exciting details!
(715) 600-6942
principal@sacredheartpolonia.com



St. Wenceslaus Parish in Milladore is having a Back to School Rummage Sale on August 21, 22, & 23 from 8:00am—4:00pm. The rummage sale will be located in the school directly behind the church. Infant, toddler, youth & adult clothing, with house decorations & more!

St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point, will be taking a bus trip on Wednesday, September 17th, to Door County. Stops include Pilgrimage Site, St Pius Church in Appleton, before we head off on a Scenic Trolley tour, winery tour, and lunch. Bus departs St. Joseph at 7:00am and returns around 7:00pm. Cost is \$118 per person. To register, call 715-341-1617 by August 19th.



Diocesan Rural Life Day Mass.

Join us for the 44th annual Rural Life Day at the Van Wychen Family Farm in Warrens on Monday, September 22nd! Mass with Bishop Battersby at 10:00am will be followed by awards, the blessing of

farm animals, crops, and machinery and a delightful lunch. The Van Wychen Farm is located at 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI 54666. This is a day to celebrate rural life and to rejoice in the way its values contribute to the Church at large.

2025 Legacy Guild Benefit Dinner | Nov 7 | Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse. SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for the 2025 Legacy Guild Benefit Dinner for the support of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II on Friday, November 7, 2025 at Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse. This is an annual fundraiser that promises to be an inspiring evening of celebration, heartfelt stories and renewed commitment to the mission of the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild and Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II. For more information go to: frjoesguild.org/events or use your camera's smartphone to scan the QR code to the right.



Jubilee 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope". A meaningful way to participate in the Jubilee Year of Hope is by making a pilgrimage, which is different from a vacation. A pilgrimage is to a sacred place and involves stepping out of the normal routine with the goal of coming closer to God. Making a pilgrimage reminds us that in our everyday lives we are pilgrims on a journey to heaven, and therefore, our desire is to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ with whom we hope to spend eternity. Take this opportunity to receive an abundance of God's grace by making a pilgrimage. The following locations have been set aside as places of pilgrimage:

- The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman - La Crosse
- The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - La Crosse
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Church - Eau Claire
- Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church - Wausau
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church - Nekoosa

If planning a pilgrimage outside of normal open hours, call ahead to ensure that the church will be unlocked. For more information on Jubilee 2025 visit: diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope



Gazebo/Convent Gift Shop. Gazebo Gift Shop behind Polonia Convent is open dawn to dusk. Self-serve with instructions inside the gazebo. Enjoy browsing and supporting this on-going fundraiser which helps the MSDI Polonia Convent. Thank you to all who come and shop and blessings to you!!

- New items added frequently so please come and see inside the gazebo!

Convent Chapel. The MSDI invites you to participate in Vespers Service (evening prayers beginning with rosary) every Sunday at 5:00pm. **The inside Convent Gift Shop can be accessed immediately before or after the Sunday Vespers Service as well as before or after First Saturday morning Mass.**

The Missionary Sisters of the Divine welcomed the Youth of Stevens Point Catholic Deanery.

The youths and the adult volunteers wrapped up this year's youth conference (STEUBENVILLE) at the St. Clare Convent of the Missionary Sisters of the Divine Image on Sunday, July 27th, 2025.



Fr. Jude Dioka led them in prayer after the sisters joyfully welcomed them with drumming and music. Mother Vivian showed everyone around the convent. For everyone who was there, it was wonderful. A brief refreshment was then provided in the convent basement, where Mother Vivian spoke on religious life, with a focus on Divine Image Sister. Mother Vivian Ozurumba

inspired the young people to see that they are the Church's future through this typical intergenerational ministry of the Missionary Sisters of the Divine. The benediction at the convent chapel concluded the youth conference. The seminar was organized by Teres Singer and Cindy Klish, who were quite appreciative of the sisters' kind welcome.

