



# 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](mailto:fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com)  
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*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

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

#### PARISH STAFF

#### PRACOWNICY PARAFII

Business Administrator.....Veronica Bruske ext. 130  
 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](mailto: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, March 11 – *Feria*

##### Tuesday, March 12 – *Feria*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Esther Hintz by Tom & Laurie Weinfurter

##### Wednesday, March 13 – *Feria*

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's  
 †Bette Maslowski by Pat & Family  
 6:15pm Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart

##### Thursday, March 14 – *Feria*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart  
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart  
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Grace Domaszek by Pauline Bembenek

##### Friday, March 15 – *Feria*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's  
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's  
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's  
 †Judi Johnson by Bob & Barb Groholski  
 2:00pm Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart School Children

##### Saturday, March 16 – *Feria*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)  
 †Grace Domaszek by Daryl & Beverly Dvorak  
 †Elizabeth Gagas by Dennis Gagas & Barbara Wiza  
 †Norman Platta by Joe & Linda Burant  
 †Henry Wierzba by Chris Kaminski  
 †Elsie Fliss by Mike & Carol Kurszewski  
 †Parents of Don & Rose Zabrowski by Don & Rose Zabrowski  
 †Irene Kezeske by Ernie & Carol Kezeske  
 2:45–3:45pm Confessions—Sacred Heart  
 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Al & Eileen Czech by Family

##### Sunday, March 17 – *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families  
 9:25am Stations of the Cross—St. Mary's  
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's  
 †Gregory B. Adams & Justin McIntire by Patricia Adams Elsenrath



*Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones." Amen. (Prayer before a crucifix)*

**Thank you** to everyone for your patience and support as the parish successfully navigated through Phase I of the interior renovation of the church. Because of your generous donations and pledges before, during, and after our capital campaign, the beautiful transformation of your church has begun. The Beautification Committee will soon begin the planning stage for Phase II. At this time, we do not know what Phase II will entail. What can be accomplished, as well as timing, is dependent on costs and how much funding is on hand (not pledged).

As you are stakeholders in this project, I would like to share the actual final expenses, which have already been paid, related to Phase I and our current funding status.

* Painting, including lower wall repairs	\$ 219,993
* Flooring (ceramic tile)	105,932
* Pew Restoration	93,450
* Flooring (carpet tiles and stairwells)	56,525
* Asbestos Removal	47,363
* Sound System Upgrade	17,405
* Scaffolding	14,050
* Storage Unit Rentals	2,800
* Metal Grates	2,464
* Spray Foam Insulation in Arch	1,800
* 30 Yd Dumpster Rental	906
* Sanctuary Accent Lighting	336
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 563,024</b>

As of 2/29/24, the parish currently has \$334,399 available in Renovation Fund Savings. Outstanding campaign pledges total \$335,536. This means if all of the outstanding pledges are made whole (over the next 3 years), the parish can look forward to a total of \$669,935 (plus interest) of renovation funding for the upcoming phases. Again, what will be done, and when, is all dependent upon cash in hand.

The other good news to share is that the parish also has \$296,820 remaining in its general Maintenance & Repair Fund (known to some as the 'Mary Stanczyk Money'). This fund has been used for the asbestos removal, roof repairs, and the drainage project. It will continue to be used for major maintenance repair items.

Thank you again for your prayers, patience and support.  
~Fr. Miller



Adults: \$5,740  
 Youth: \$16  
 Loose: \$272  
 Total: \$6,028  
 Vigil Lights: \$81  
 Sanctuary Lamp: \$100  
 Flowers: \$30  
 School Donations: \$2,350  
 Non Parishioners: \$20  
 Special Needs: \$146  
 Boiler Fund: \$152  
 Renovation Fund: \$100  
 Memorial Donation: \$5,000

Mar Budget: \$23,900  
 Mar to Date: \$ 6,028

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

In Memory of †Anthony Brzezinski  
*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord*  
 Renovation Memorial Donation: \$1,000  
 In Memory of †Norman Eiden  
*May the perpetual light shine upon him*  
 Blackhawk Archers Memorial Donation: \$4,335  
 In Memory of †Tanner Simonis  
*May he rest in peace*

Scrip: \$3,265 | \$ 151

Your support makes a difference in the life of our parish. Planned Giving is a wonderful way to remember Sacred Heart Parish as we prepare for the day we will depart this life and enter into the blessedness of God's eternal kingdom. Prayerfully consider a gift of stock, insurance, real estate, retirement plan or cash to ensure the continued future for our parish ministries.



**2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal**  
 Sacred Heart's Goal: \$48,950  
 Contributions to Date: \$26,405 (53.9%)  
 # of Donors: 94

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

**Altar Servers**

March 16: 4:00 pm Magnus & Dmitri  
 March 17: 8:00 am Jonah, Quinn & Drew

**Hospitality**

March 16: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers  
 March 17: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

**Readers**

March 16: 4:00 pm Michelle Lewis  
 March 17: 8:00 am Kent Lepak

**Wellington**

March 14: Arleen Gross

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, Patsy Goretzki, Ernie Kurszewski, Beverly Stanczyk, Jerry Lepak, Theresa Pliska, Vanessa Lawson, Randy Schulist, Dorothy and Raymond Gagas, Frank Kurszewski, Donald J. Firkus, Ronald Trzebiatowski, Alice Wierzba, Jason Wrycza, Trisha Wrycza, Newton Family, Gail Tepp, Dwight Hucke

*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.*

**A sincere thank you** to everyone who came to help with the Sacred Heart bingo last weekend, and also thank you to the helpers with all the prior preparations! We had a nice attendance and we appreciate everyone for their generous support. ~ *Betty and the ladies of the PCCW*

**Thank you** to Jacob & Joshua Kurszewski, Aubrey Kramer, Hailey & Maycie Ostrowski for your wonderful singing voices and accompanying Mrs. Eron at last week's 4:00pm anticipatory Mass. All youth ages 7 and up are welcome to join Mrs. Eron on April 6th at the 4:00pm anticipatory Mass for the next youth choir opportunity. If you are interested, just come up to the choir loft by 3:45 pm. All voices are welcome!

**Building and Grounds.** I am looking to re-form a "Buildings and Grounds" Committee. I know some of you have been on this committee before and I met with you after I arrived here, and I want to start meeting again. If anyone would be interested in being on this committee (either past members if you're still interested or new members), please let the office know. Please include your name, area of expertise, and an email address. ~ *Fr. Miller*

**BINGO** Senior Bingo will be on Thursday, March 14th following the morning Mass. If you plan on staying for lunch, please contact Barb Lepak at 715-600-0396.




**Stations of the Cross** will be on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:15pm at Sacred Heart and Sunday, March 17th at 9:25am at St. Mary's. Please join Sacred Heart School children for Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 15th at 2:00pm. **Please note that the school children will be on Spring Break March 18th-22nd so March 15th will be their last Stations of the Cross for this Lenten season.**

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 \* **Cemetery Care - Now Hiring!** Sacred Heart Parish is \*  
 \* now accepting applications for a Cemetery Groundskeeper \*  
 \* position. This position will be responsible for the mowing, \*  
 \* trimming and grounds upkeep of the Sacred Heart and St. \*  
 \* Martin Church cemeteries. If you are interested in this part \*  
 \* -time position please contact the parish office by March \*  
 \* 15th for more details or to express your interest. \*  
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**SCHOOL NEWS** WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE

**A big thank you** to the Simonis family and Blackhawk Archers for their \$4,335 donation to the Tanner Simonis Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship fund is used for tuition assistance to Sacred Heart School.

 **Sacred Heart School** is now accepting new registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have any questions or for more information, please call the office at (715) 600-6942 or go to the website at [www.sacredheartpolonia.com/registration](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com/registration).

**PICNIC NEWS** WIADOMOŚCI PIKNIK

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 ★ **Save the date August 18, 2024** ★  
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- It is hard to believe it is time to start thinking about the Church Picnic. In a few months, it will be here. The Picnic is the most important and largest fundraiser that we do every year. It takes the efforts of a lot of parishioners for many months before the event. Here are some things we can do at this time:
- **Cash Raffle Sponsors.** Last year we had a very successful Cash Raffle. It is that time of year to plan for the 2024 cash raffle. Thank you all for the wonderful support of this event. The raffle is a good way to promote your business, honor a loved one, or be recognized for your raffle support. Please consider sponsoring or co-sponsoring our Cash Raffle Prizes. All contributor names will be listed and printed on the back of the raffle tickets. If you are interested, you may drop your donations in the collection basket or drop/mail it to the parish office by March 17th. For more information, call Donna Zaborowski at 715 677-3878 or Arleen Gross at 715 341-3645.
  - **Shop for Children's Game prizes, contribute a Mini Raffle prize and shop for items for Basket Raffle Prizes.**
  - The Country Store is looking for another co-chair. So please contact Arleen Gross if you are interested.
  - If you are not a shopper, Scrip, or cash donations for someone else to do it is an option.
  - Think about where you would like to work for the picnic. We are always in need of help and more volunteers.
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**SANCTUARY LAMP** WIECZNA LAMPKA



The Church prescribes that the sanctuary lamp should shine permanently near the tabernacle in the church. By it, the faithful are reminded of the presence of Christ and the light itself is a profession of their love and affection. This week, the sanctuary lamp burns in memory of:  
**Delphine Shulfer**

**RELIGIOUS ED NEWS** AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

**Wednesday, March 13.** During Lent classes will begin with Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:15pm. Parents are encouraged to stay for stations!

**PARISH MEETINGS** SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



**PCCW.** Monday, March 11th @ 1:00pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Roses 1 & 2 bring desserts.



**Knights of Columbus.** Tuesday, April 9th @ 6:10pm—St. Mary's Torun



## AREA PENANCE • POKUTA WSPÓLNOTOWA

### Area Lenten Penance Opportunities:

- March 12th at 6:30pm at St. Joseph
- March 14th at 7:00pm at St. Bronislava
- March 18th at 6:00pm at St. Mary of Mount Carmel
- March 20th at 6:30pm at Holy Spirit
- March 20th at 6:30pm at St. Michael (2 priests available)
- March 21st at 6:00pm at St. Mary Torun
- March 22nd at 5:00pm at St. Wenceslaus & after 6pm Mass
- March 27th at 6:30pm at St. Bartholomew
- March 27th at 6:00pm at St. Adalbert

**Area Confessions.** During Lent Fr. Placid Stroik OFM is available for Confessions at Franciscans Downtown, 1000 Main St. across from the public library from 2:00 - 3:00pm on March 12th and March 19th.

## AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE



"That Man Is You" is every Tuesday starting with breakfast at 6:00am, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion, ending at 7:30am. Come to one meeting...or several. It's never too late!

**Raymond Card. Burke will be having a nine-month novena** for the needs of the church. If you would like more information, including the ability to receive the novena and other spiritual encouragement, go to the following website: [novena.cardinalburke.com](http://novena.cardinalburke.com)

**FREE Blessed Votive Candle** for home use. Made by Sacred Heart parishioner from melted down and reformed candle stubs from our church. To obtain one, please use sign up sheet at the elevator entrance area.

**Sacred Silence High School Retreat.** St. Stephen & St. Joseph Parishes are hosting a High School Lenten Retreat on March 16th from 9:00am to Noon at St. Mary-Torun. Any questions please contact Christine 715-341-1617 ex 104 or [dre@pointcatholicfaith.org](mailto:dre@pointcatholicfaith.org). All High School youth are welcome to attend.

**St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish – Almond** on Sunday, March 17th from 10 am to 1 pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 8611 State Highway 54. Menu: Ham, Potatoes, Corn, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Beverages, Homemade Pies Cost: \$13 for Adults, \$6 for Children 6-12, FREE for Children 5 and Under. Country Store, Basket Raffle, Silent Auction, Cash Prize Raffle.

**St. Michael Parish (Junction City) Annual Grilled Pork Chop Dinner – Drive Thru ONLY** serving from 10:30am to 1:00pm on Sunday, March 17th. Double Chop meal (\$13) includes 2 grilled & seasoned chops, baked potato, green bean casserole, garden salad, bread and dessert. Enjoy an early taste of Summer!

## AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE

**Old Fashion St. Patty Dinner.** Faith Lutheran Church 253 S. Main St, Rosholt on March 17th. Dinner from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Serving: Corned Beef & Cabbage, Roast Pork, Red Potato, Vegetable, Irish soda bread, Beverage & Dessert. ADULTS: \$15.00, 5 TO 11 YEARS OLD: \$7.00, 4 YEARS AND YOUNGER: FREE. Handicap Accessible. Carry Outs - Call 715-677-4631

**St. Peter's Annual Pancake Breakfast & Basket Raffle** on Sunday, March 17th from 8:00am to Noon. Enjoy Homemade buttermilk or potato pancakes, sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs, applesauce, sweet breads, coffee, juice or milk. 10 and up \$10; 9 and under free. ADA accessible.

**Chrism Mass Pilgrimage** on Tuesday, March 26th, with departure/return from St. Joe's parking lot in Stevens Point. Cost is \$20/person. To register for busing [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage). Sponsored by the Stevens Point Deanery hosted by St. Joseph Parish.

**Tenebrae Prayer Service at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Wisconsin Rapids.** Please join us for a sung, candlelight prayer service that will feature the choirs and musicians of Ss. Peter and Paul Church of Wisconsin Rapids and Sacred Heart Church of Polonia. This event, inspired by the traditional Holy Week offices of Tenebrae, will take place on Holy Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1150 2nd St. N, Wisconsin Rapids.

**Community Seder Meal.** St. Joseph Family Center in Stevens Point on Wednesday, March 27th at 5:30pm. Please RSVP by Friday March 22nd call 715-341-1617 ex.101 or Leo & Janet at 715-341-2790.

**Eggstravaganza.** St. Joseph Parish on Saturday, March 30th at 12:30pm after the noon blessing of food baskets. Special Easter Egg hunt for 2 year olds and under, fun outside hunt for age groups 3-4 & 5-7, scavenger hunt for our big kids 8-9 years old, crafts, games, prizes, snacka, and lots of FUN for the whole family!

**POLONIA PARK EASTER EGG HUNT.** Save the date: Saturday, March 30th. All are invited to attend our Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 and under. Registration starts at noon & Egg Hunt begins at 1:00pm. Food & beverages will be provided at concession stand. Don't miss the basket raffles! All proceeds benefit the Polonia Park implementation plans.

**BEVENT LIONS CLUB. ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on Sunday, April 7th from 8:00 AM - NOON at St. Ladislaus Parish Basement, Bevent. Breakfast includes: potato and regular pancakes, syrup (sugar-free available), sausage links and patties, applesauce, milk, coffee, juice, and scrumptious desserts. 12 years and older \$10; 6 to 12 years \$5; children under 6 eat free. Great prizes at the mini and large raffles! Come and enjoy a great meal with friends and family!

Sacred Heart's audio system now offers hearing assistance for improved clarity of speech and music during Mass. There are a limited number of receivers available for use during Mass or, if you already have a hearing aid that uses Bluetooth, you can download an app that will work using your Smartphone.

## Which hearing assistance unit should I use?

My hearing aid uses T-coil



Ask an usher for the PPA-R38 receiver w/neckloop. Enable 'T-coil' on your hearing aid



Set your receiver volume to 15 as a starting point and then adjust as needed.

My hearing aid uses Bluetooth



At home, using your Smartphone or Tablet, download the following app to your phone or Tablet:  
Williams Sound WaveCAST



When you come to Mass, on your Smartphone (or Tablet), connect to Sacred Heart's intranet:  
Wifi SSID: SH-SoundSystem  
Password: 12345678

(You are not connecting to the internet but to Sacred Heart's internal network for hearing assistance; therefore you may see the message 'no internet'. This is normal.)

After connection, open the WaveCast app which you previously downloaded at home, and find "SacredHeartSound" to listen

Use your hearing aid app to adjust sound as needed.

I do not have a hearing aid



Ask an usher for the PPA-R38 receiver w/headphone. You can also bring your own headphone from home. The headphone will need a 3.5mm (1/8") plug.



Set your receiver volume to 15 as a starting point and then adjust as needed.



## The Joy of Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist

The world situation is grim these days. We see brutal terrorism and fighting in the Middle East, Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine, the continued scourge of abortion, painful confusion about gender identity, and the widespread conviction that our country is headed in the wrong direction. Our plea to Mary in the *Memorare* is especially appropriate right now: "To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears." It seems there is much misery in our world, and little cause for joy. But that's not true. Jesus has prepared us for this.

It is a paradox that on the eve of His Passion and death, Jesus, in His farewell discourse to the apostles, picked that very occasion to speak to them – twice – of joy. First, after proclaiming that He is the vine, and we are the branches, and that we can bear fruit only in union with Him, he said: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." Later in the same discourse, He said: "You...are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will *rejoice*, and no one will take your joy away from you."

Yes, Jesus has called us to take up our crosses and to follow Him on the path of suffering, and there must be no illusions about that; but the destination is Risen Life with Him in eternal joy! And that joy is available to us even now, if only we are united with Him, so that "His joy may be in us" and "our joy may be complete."

How can that happen? Above all, it can happen when we receive the incredible gift of Jesus Himself – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – in Holy Communion. But not if we sleepwalk through it. We need to be wide awake. If we "recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread," like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, our "hearts will burn within us," as theirs did. And that is the point of the Eucharistic Revival, to awaken us to the joy of encountering and knowing Jesus in the Eucharist.

That joy has tremendous depth and is not dependent on the circumstances of life. The situations we face in our lives and in the world may be like the roaring waves and wind of a storm at sea, but the joy of union with Jesus goes much deeper, like the still waters far below the ocean's surface. As the saints have attested, we find there a joy and a peace that is unshakable. So, receive Jesus in Communion with prayerful attention and gratitude, daily if you can. Kneel before Him in adoration and ask Him to flood your life with His grace. Do this, and as He said, "no one will take your joy away from you."

### *Questions for reflection:*

1. Recall a time when you felt special joy in prayer, or in an awareness of God's presence and grace in some moment or situation in your life. How was that joy different from worldly happiness?
2. Have you sometimes felt deep joy in receiving Jesus in Holy Communion? What steps can you take to help open yourself up to that grace and joy?

### *Ideas:*

1. Pray before receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, asking Him to help you to experience the joy of being united to Him. Pray this on your way to Mass (even the night before). Take some time to pray in thanksgiving after Holy Communion, lingering on your knees after Mass has ended.
2. Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, whether at one of the adoration chapels around the diocese (see [diolc.org/adoration](http://diolc.org/adoration)), or before the tabernacle in your parish church.