



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE

BIURO PARAFIALNA

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00am–3:00pm
 Friday: 9:00am–1:00pm • Closed on Wednesdays
 ▶ If you need anything, please feel free stop by during our office hours.

PARISH STAFF

PRACOWNICY PARAFII

Business Administrator..... Veronica Bruske
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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.

ANointing of the Sick

NAMASZCZENIE CHRYCH

Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long time should receive the Sacraments. Please call the parish to make arrangements or to schedule a non-emergency visit for those who are sick or homebound.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MSZE ŚWIĘTE

Monday, January 10 – Feria

Tuesday, January 11 – Feria

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Conrad Domaszek by Pat Domaszek

Wednesday, January 12 – Feria

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Ron & Ruth Werachowski by Jerome & Lisa

Thursday, January 13 – St. Hilary

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Ed & Loretta Wojtalewicz by Ed Wojtalewicz

Friday, January 14 – Feria

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Mona Platta

Saturday, January 15 – Feria

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †Emily Ramczyk by Randy Ramczyk
 †Loyce Kluck by PCCW
 †Shannon Blanchard by Pete & Becky Skibba
 †Regina Trzebiatowski by Jim & Kathy Wrycza
 Special Blessings to everyone who contributed to the 2021 Giving Tree by Sr. Hyacintha & MSDI

2:45pm Confessions—Sacred heart
 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Harleigh Firkus by Roger & Janice Firkus

Sunday, January 16 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 Living & Deceased members of St. Mary's Altar Society

A WORD FROM FATHER

SŁOWO OD PASTORA



"You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10: 37-38)

With today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Season of Christmastide ends. I hope these past two weeks were a time of resting in the joy of the Lord's birth. Christmastide can be hectic of course, with many parties and planning of parties and get-togethers. Those aren't bad things, but sometimes they can be draining. So hopefully you enjoyed yourselves and didn't stress too much. We know too that just because it's the Christmas Season, life, and the messiness that comes with it doesn't go away. But while it doesn't go away, we can, we hope, interiorize the mystery of what we've been celebrating and allow it into our hearts and allow the newly born King into our lives, however messy they may be at times.

SUNDAY BY SUNDAY

NIEDZIELA DO NIEDZIELI

GOD MADE MANIFEST

An epiphany is a manifestation of God in visible form. Today's scriptures are replete with references to ways that God was made manifest. Isaiah sees "the glory of the LORD . . . revealed" in the visible form of God renewing the covenant by bringing the Israelites home from exile. Psalm 104 presents God's "manifold works," singing: "When you send forth your spirit . . . you renew the face of the earth" (Psalm 104:30). The reading from Titus takes up this theme of renewal as a manifestation of God. It mentions three "appearances" of God--in the person of Jesus, in glory in the fullness of time, and in our baptismal "renewal by the Holy Spirit." Finally, God was made manifest in Jesus' baptism when "the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove and a voice came from heaven" (Luke 3:22).

BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE

What do all these epiphanies have to do with us? Titus assures us that the same Spirit of God who renews the universe, renewed the covenant, and descended upon Jesus has been "richly poured out on us" in "the bath of rebirth." With Jesus, we have been baptized "with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Those of us who were baptized as infants may not remember our baptism; even less might we remember our experience of God made manifest in us that day. Yet every time our community prays the Eucharistic Prayer and shares in Holy Communion the Spirit descends upon us again, pouring out the divine life that renews and "fires" us. As we move into Ordinary Time we will hear how the Spirit propelled Jesus forth to proclaim the Good News. Through our sharing in the Holy Spirit in baptism and Eucharist we, too, are propelled forth to make Christ manifest in the world. God is manifested in visible form today by the renewal and the "fire" of all the baptized.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Dec. Adults: \$2,810
Jan. Adults: \$3,802
All Souls: \$400
Solemnity of Mary: \$676
Christmas Offering: \$350
1st Offering: \$520
Total: \$8,557
Vigil Lights: \$36
Boiler Fund: \$10
School Donations: \$200
Foresters Matching Soup
Sale Donation: \$750

Dec. Budget: \$49,710
Dec. to Date: \$40,801
Jan. Budget: \$23,280
Jan. to Date: \$ 4,998

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

Hebrews 13:16

Scrip Sales \$4,105; Profit: \$144



Annual Appeal Goal: \$47,865
Committed: \$26,952 Balance: \$20,913

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

Altar Servers:

January 15:	4:00 pm	Colten & Wyatt
January 16:	8:00 am	Dominic, Caleb, Gavin, Joseph Jackson

Hospitality:

January 15:	4:00 pm	Volunteer Ushers
January 16:	8:00 am	Volunteer Ushers

Readers:

January 15:	4:00 pm	Deb Riske
January 16:	8:00 am	Gary Ross

PRAYER REQUESTS

PROŚBY MODLITEWNE

Let us remember the following in our daily prayers:

Robert Rozek, Colleen Kluck, Cristy Wiza, Theresa Prondzinski, Cecilia Rozek, Austin James, Jerry Kontney, Anthony Brzezinski, Dominic Kaminski, Brittany Olivia, Ernie Kurszewski, Michael J. Woyak, Theresa Arnsdorff, Vince Herek, Drew Glavin, Theresa Pliska, Leonard Schulist, JD Wysocki, Sr. Barbara, Dave Grawey, Roger Wrycza, Elsie Fliss, Devon Kowalski, Bacon Family, Elaine Dombrowski, Peter Hagen, David K. Trzebiatowski, Newton Family, Carol Weinfurtnner, Vanessa Lawson, Bob Zoromski, Dan Sekerka, Ray Sommers, Megan Rose, Theresa Glavin, Chester Eron, Gary Haessly, Lewis Zinda, Karen Liebe, Beverly Stanczyk, Loretta Klesmit, Christopher Kurszewski, Greg Laska, Chad Wiza, Roger Firkus, Janice Firkus, Sadie Goldsworthy, Mark Worzalla, James Wrzyca, Leroy Milanowski

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



Thank you. Aubrey Kramer & Luke Eron for your wonderful singing voices in the youth choir at last week's 4:00pm anticipatory Mass. All youth ages 7 and up are welcome to join Mrs. Eron on February 12th at the 4:00pm anticipatory Mass for the next youth choir opportunity. If you are interested, just come up to the choir loft by 3:45pm. All voices are welcome!

Dear Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you very much for the gift card I received at Christmas. Your kindness is very much appreciated. ~ *Larry Gagas*

I want to sincerely thank all the ladies who helped with the Remembrance Tree. I really appreciate all of your help and time. May you be blessed with a wonderful and healthy New Year. ~ *Susanna Lepak*

Thank you to everyone who came to help decorate our church for the Christmas Season. Your devotion to our parish and your hard work are greatly appreciated! The trees, flowers and manger are very beautiful.



Senior Bingo. Senior bingo will be on Thursday, January 20th, following the morning Mass. If you plan on staying for lunch, please contact Barb Lepak at 715-592-6103.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY. If either the Stevens Point or Rosholt School Districts cancel school due to weather, the daily Mass that day, whether it be at Sacred Heart or St. Mary's, will also be cancelled. If Mass is cancelled, Fr. Miller will celebrate Mass privately for the intention. Any scheduled evening events in the parish will also be cancelled.



SCRIP NEWS. Scrip is another way for you to earn money for your parish and school. Please consider purchasing scrip today. Scrip will be sold after the weekend Masses! Also, during the week you can purchase scrip through the parish office. The scrip forms are available at the entrances of the church. To place an order for physical cards, please call, email, or drop off the form at the parish office. Thank you for supporting our scrip program!

Reminder. If you have a change of address, phone number, or other status changing event please be sure to contact the parish office so that your parish record can be updated.

Routine Reminder that any use of the church or church hall for meetings or gatherings should be requested through the parish office in order to be entered into the parish calendar, so that any needed door access codes can be granted.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

NAMASZCZENIE CHORYCH

Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long period of time should receive the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office to make arrangements or to schedule a non-emergency visit for those who are sick or homebound.



PCCW Raffle. The PCCW winter raffle tickets are available for pickup at the elevator entrance. Members tickets are listed in alphabetical order. Also, there are extra tickets available for sale for anyone who would like to purchase them. Any tickets sold can be dropped off in the rectory drop box. The price of the tickets will be \$5 each or 3/\$10. The drawing is February 5th, 2022, at 7:30pm in conjunction with the KC's Steak night. The purpose of this raffle is for Parish upcoming repair expenses.

2022 envelopes which have not been picked up have been moved to the rectory front porch. The rectory front porch is always open and the envelope boxes are available for pick up at your earliest convenience. ~ *Thank you.*

2022 Calendars are available and can be picked up at the handicap entrance and front entrance of the church. Please note that we have English and Polish versions again.

Our church is open daily, Monday through Sunday, from 7:00am-5:00pm for private prayer. Please use either the handicap or the front east side door entry.

SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE



Reminder. This is the last week to place orders for the Portesi Pizza Sale to help raise money for our playground project. The pizzas are \$7 each. Orders can be found by the entrances of our church, please fill out a form and return them to the parish office by this Thursday, January 13th. All orders will be delivered after January 27th, delivery and pick up arrangements will be made through Malayna Polum. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. ~ *Thank you*

CCD NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

Wednesday, January 12th. Classes begin with prayer in the church at 6:15pm.

- CCD parents. The gift shop located in the convent is open during CCD class on Wednesdays. Stop in!

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:

Shannon Blanchard

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



Knights of Columbus. Tuesday, February 1st @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Stewardship Reflections. As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example. Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence. As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He does not just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must “walk the walk” and not just “talk the talk.” If we want those who we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves. Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased.” Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.



Come Follow Me! When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an over-abundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, “Come, follow me...” and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him. To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE



Help those Devastated by the December

Tornadoes Assist families and communities affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and at least 5 other states – including Stanley, WI, in our own Diocese. Visit

Catholic Charities' website – CCLSE.org – click on “Donate Today,” enter “tornado relief” and your gift amount in the “general donations” box.

• **Help Catholic Charities** assist the Homeless this Winter; Also Afghan Refugees Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is second to none in assisting the homeless in our communities, as well as helping the thousands of Afghan refugees who are receiving shelter and care at Ft. McCoy, near Tomah. Find out how you can contribute to these efforts, financially or by volunteering. Visit CCLSE.org



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. Thank you for your support of this on-going fundraiser for the MSDI Polonia



That Man is You. Tuesday, January 18th. 6:15am-7:30am Sacred Heart Church basement. For more information please contact Tom Glavin or check out their website paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/



New Hope for Unborn Babies? Pray for our Supreme Court Justices! Is the end near for Roe v. Wade? Could the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy be overturned? The Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court could have that outcome – but we must pray. Read about the nationwide initiative of fasting and prayer at diolc.org/respect-life, where you can also download a flyer with photos of each of the Justices. Post it on your refrigerator and remember to pray and sacrifice for each of them by name! A ruling is expected by June.

Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages!

When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of “post sessions” provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

Join our Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C.,

January 19th-23rd. There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation's capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Deliberations will go on for many weeks, with a decision expected in June. Let us show the Supreme Court justices by our numbers and our passion that we stand strong for life. For the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details, visit diolc.org/yya and click on the Pilgrimage for Life tab.

AREA JOB OPENINGS

OFERTY PRACY

St. Adalbert Parish & School, Rosholt is looking to hire an Administrative Assistant. This full-time position will manage the parish & school office, assisting the pastor & principal, and coordinating parish communications. Computer skills are a must as well as a positive attitude. For more information or information on how to apply, please visit: www.rosholtcatholic.org/employment.