



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
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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

CONFESSION

SPOWIEDŹ ŚWIĘTA

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 18 – *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

Tuesday, March 19 – *St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Myron Omernik by Scott & Lori Kluck

Wednesday, March 20 – *Feria*

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Wayne Raschka by Chet
 6:15pm Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart

Thursday, March 21 – *Feria*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Rose Marie Rosenthal by Gary & Jean Rosenthal

Friday, March 22 – *Feria*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Butch Gagas by Ralph & Theresa Kostuch
 No Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 23 – *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †Edward Drefcinski by Family
 †Bernard Smyth Sr. by Bernie & Louise Smyth
 †Terry Hoeft by Bill & Linda Konkol
 †Henry Wierzba by Marlene Padovano
 †Elsie Fliss by Roger & Dee Lepak
 Blessings for Sr. Hyacintha by Bernie & Louise Smyth
 Special Intentions for Good Health
 2:45–3:45pm Confessions—Sacred Heart
 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 †John Kowalski by Jim & Eileen Konkol

Sunday, March 24 – *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Bernard Lepak by Family
 9:25am Stations of the Cross—St. Mary's
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 St. Mary's & Sacred Heart Parish Families



Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures – I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. Amen. (Prayer of abandonment - Bl. Charles de Foucauld)

LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$ 6,273
 Easter Offering: \$35
 Youth: \$26
 Loose: \$349
 Total: \$ 6,683
 Vigil Lights: \$76
 Flowers: \$210
 Non-Parishioners: \$1,020
 Special Needs: \$40
 St. Gianna Donor Donation: \$2,500
 Renovation Fund: \$100
 School Donations: \$1,250
 Communion Rail Donations: \$2,550
 St. Ambrose Financial Gift to Parishes: \$5,000

Mar Budget: \$23,900
 Mar to Date: \$12,711

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

Scrip: \$4,385 | \$140

Automated Giving Program: Parishioners have the option to enroll in Direct Payments (ACH debits) as a means of sharing your financial gifts. Additional details are on the Authorization Agreement form available on our website: www.sacredheartpolonia.com.



2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal
 Sacred Heart's Goal: \$48,950
 Contributions to Date: \$27,405 (56%)
 # of Donors: 95

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

Altar Servers

March 23: 4:00 pm Wyatt & Gavin M.
 March 24: 8:00 am Joseph, Jackson & Christopher

Hospitality

March 23: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers
 March 24: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

Readers

March 23: 4:00 pm Patt Roberts
 March 24: 8:00 am Connie Lepak

Wellington

March 21: Carolyn McNamara

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.

Thank you so much to Father Miller and Deacon Jim for leading Larry's Mass with such grace and kindness. Thank you to the PCCW ladies for preparing a delicious meal and for all the wonderful desserts. I would also like to express my appreciation for all the thoughts, prayers, and support that I have received during this time.

~ Bernadine Strong

Thank you to the people who gave prizes for the March 3rd Cherry Tree and to the workers who came to help. God bless you! ~ Audrey Gagas

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



A special prayer to St. Joseph. In *Patris Corde* (On the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church), Pope Francis shared a special prayer to St. Joseph. He said, "Every day, for over 40 years, following Lauds I have recited a prayer to St. Joseph taken from the 19th-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph." Here is the prayer:

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoke you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 26th, at 10:30am, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending! **Please note there will be no morning Mass here at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, March 26th. Father Miller will be in La Crosse.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

PROŚBY MODLITEWNE

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

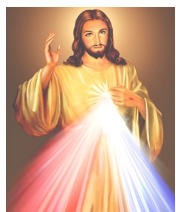
If you would like someone added to the list please contact the parish office. Always be sure you have permission to add someone's name.

The schedule for Sacred Triduum and Easter Masses

- ▶ Holy Thursday: Mass at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart
- ▶ Good Friday: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts at 1:00pm at Sacred Heart. (Mass will not be celebrated at all that day.)
- ▶ Holy Saturday: 10:00 am Blessing of Easter baskets (święconka)
- ▶ Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00pm at Sacred Heart
- ▶ Easter Sunday: Mass at 8:00am at Sacred Heart. Mass at 10:00am at St. Mary's I.C.

Please note that there will be NO morning daily Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday as no other Masses are allowed other than those of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

Please note. The parish office will be closed Good Friday, March 29th, and Easter Monday, April 1st. Also, Father Miller will not be here on Tuesday, April 2nd so there will be no daily Mass at Sacred Heart.



Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday, April 7th. Those wishing to participate in the Divine Mercy Novena should pray the chaplet for nine days starting on Good Friday, March 29th—Saturday, April 6th. *The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion in a state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday shall obtain complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment.*

Looking ahead. Due to St. Mary's annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 14th, there will be a Mass time change. Sacred Heart will be having Mass at 10:00am and St. Mary's Mass will be at 8:00am.

SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE

Reminder. Sacred Heart school is closed March 18th—22nd for Spring Break. We pray that the children and teachers have a safe and healthy Spring Break week and are blessed with enjoyable weather.



On March 2nd, Sacred Heart students, Rose, Gloria, and Thomas, competed in the Knights of Columbus Diocesan Level Knowledge Contest in Math and Spelling. We are so proud of their accomplishments!!!

We also wish good luck to Gloria and Thomas who will move on to the State competition which will be held on April 13th at Wisconsin Rapids Assumption High 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.



Mark your calendars! The Sacred Heart Home and School and PCCW are planning a Spaghetti Dinner in the church basement on Saturday, April 13th from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Spaghetti dinner will include spaghetti w/homemade meat sauce, garlic bread, salad bar, and homemade desserts for \$13, ages 6-12 \$10 & children under 5 free. Come sit, and enjoy your meal or carryout. The proceeds from the dinner will go towards the painting of the Stations.



Senior Bingo will be on Thursday, April 18th following the morning Mass. If you plan on staying for lunch, please contact Barb Lepak at 715-600-0396.

Important information regarding the Sacred Heart and St. Martin Cemeteries. In order to secure the safety of visitors and staff, to prevent interference with the routine maintenance operations, and to prevent equipment damage, the Cemetery Committee will again be removing items from grave sites which are not in compliance with our cemetery guidelines. Please remove any items you wish to retain prior to June 1, 2024. Complete cemetery regulations are available at the parish office or online at sacredheartpolonia.com. The Cemetery Committee expresses their appreciation for helping to maintain a final resting place for your loved ones.

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:

Bob Zoromski

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

Wednesday, March 20th. No classes due to Spring Break. Have a blessed and enjoyable week off!

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



PCCW. Monday, April 8th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Roses 3 & 4 bring desserts.



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



Holy Name Society. Sunday, April 14th @ 11:00am—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Picnic Committee. Thursday, April 16th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

PICNIC NEWS • WIADOMOŚCI PIKNIK

Save the date August 18, 2024

- **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.

AREA PENANCE • POKUTA WSPÓLNOTOWA

Area Lenten Penance Opportunities:

- March 19th at 2:00pm at Franciscans Downtown Fr. Placid
- 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 EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE

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.

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

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. Sponsored by the Stevens Point Deanery hosted by St. Joseph Parish.

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!

TENEBRAE
A Prayer Service of Sacred Music and Readings
Inspired by the Traditional Offices of Tenebrae

Holy Wednesday
March 27, 2024
7:00 PM

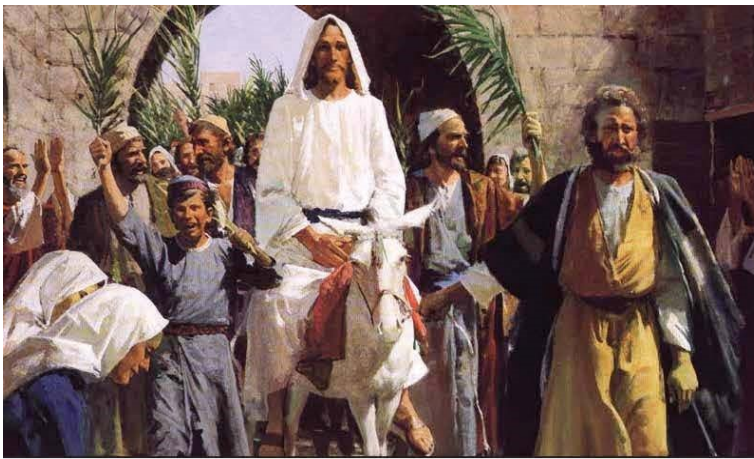
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Wisconsin Rapids

Featuring the choirs and musicians of
SS. PETER AND PAUL WISCONSIN RAPIDS & SACRED HEART POLONIA

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!



Entering into the Holiest Week of the Year

Holy Week Schedule

The events of Holy Week changed the world and are, therefore, the holiest days of the year. The sacred liturgies observed during this week remember and make present again the passing of Jesus from death to new life—what is called the Paschal Mystery. You will want to go through the entire week with Christ, dying to selfishness and sin in order to rise to new life along with Him.

Palm Sunday

Time: **8:00 AM**

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week, which commences with the blessing of palms and the reading of the Gospel somewhere outside the nave. A procession into church, with people holding blessed palm branches and singing festive songs follows, in imitation of the triumphant entrance of Jesus from Bethany to Jerusalem. Immediately afterwards, the theme of triumph changes radically with the reading of the Passion narrative, devoted to the suffering of Christ, which He endured for love of you.

Preparation Days

Time:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week are preparation days, both spiritually and physically, for the holiest days to come later in the week. It is a most appropriate time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesday of Holy Week is known as Spy Wednesday. This gets its name because this is the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin. Because Judas is thought to be sneaky, his actions conjured up the image of a spy.

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 26, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. All are welcome to attend.

Holy Thursday

Time: **6:30 PM**

Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum - which means three days. On this first day the Church commemorates the events surrounding the Last Supper and the institution by Christ of the Holy Eucharist. At the Last Supper Jesus was with His Apostles celebrating the Passover, the annual memorial of the mystery of the Jews' escape from Egypt, and the "passing over" of the angel of death. The Passover was an exodus, or passage, from the oppression of slavery to spiritual freedom. On this night before His crucifixion, Jesus commanded that this Passover be celebrated in a new way as an unbloody anticipation of His sacrificial and saving death that would take place the next day on the cross. This was (is) the new Passover of the Lord in which we are freed from slavery to sin and death through our cooperation with His divine life of grace received in Holy Communion.

A solemn ritual of washing of feet takes place in imitation of Jesus who humbly served His Apostles by washing their feet. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.... By this, all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34, 35)

At the end of Mass, consecrated Hosts—the true presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist—are carried in procession to the side chapel of adoration. These Hosts will be received the next day in Holy Communion. After placing the Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle, an atmosphere of quiet watching with the Lord begins. This commemorates how Jesus went with His Apostles to the Garden of Gethsemane, and asking them (and you) to watch and pray with Him. Jesus prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup [of suffering] pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will it." (Matthew 26:39) "And being in agony He

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DIocese of LA CROSSE, WI

Holy Week Schedule



prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.” (Luke 22:44) Remain with Jesus in His agony over what He knew He would endure for the sins of the world.

Good Friday Time: 1:00 PM

The second day of the Sacred Triduum is the Passion of the Lord, known as Good Friday, the commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross outside the walls of Jerusalem. The theme of this day throughout history has been one of quiet sorrow and mourning for the crucified and dead Jesus. Consider spending the hours of 12- 3 p.m. in quiet prayer, giving up even a drink of water, as this was the time that Jesus hung on the cross and died at 3 p.m.

The emphasis of the liturgy on this solemn day is on Scripture readings and prayers, the veneration of the cross, and the reception of the Eucharist consecrated on Holy Thursday.

Holy Saturday Time: 9:00 PM

The daytime hours of Holy Saturday continue the atmosphere of Good Friday, and have been observed as a time of quiet and fasting. The Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday is the night of all nights and the primary celebration of Jesus’ Resurrection. The elaborate and beautiful ritual of the Easter Vigil has four clearly-defined parts: the service of light, the Liturgy of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and the reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion.

The service of light begins with a darkened church. The priest lights the Paschal candle, the symbol of Christ’s Resurrection. The Paschal candle is used to light small candles held by those in the congregation as all process into the church to the chant of “light of Christ.”

The Exsultet is sung which recounts the saving action of Christ, and it is followed by the readings of the Mass, several from the Old Testament, interspersed with responsorial Psalms and prayers. The Liturgy of the Word consists of as many as seven Old Testament readings that recapitulate God’s saving action throughout history. The Gloria is then sung with the maximum amount of musical instruments, bells, and choir available to the parish. The Gospel is proclaimed that narrates eye witness accounts of those who encountered the risen Christ, stirring you to a deeper realization that He is alive! There are baptisms, bringing people to new life in Christ followed by confirmation, strengthening them to be bold witnesses for their faith in God. You will renew your own baptismal promises to live more fully as a committed disciple of Christ. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated with the greatest of joy, leading to our reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion. This is a day to rejoice that the establishment of the Church and the celebration of the Sacraments are all made possible through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday Time: 8:00 AM

The theme of Easter morning continues the triumphant joy of the Easter Vigil. It remembers and celebrates the very foundation of Christianity: Jesus who is Lord is raised from the dead. You will want to share in this incredible joy by participating, as much as possible, in the holiest Week of the year.

