



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

Administrative Assistant.....Susanna Lepak ext. 100
 School PrincipalDawn 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, October 6 – St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

Tuesday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Fr. Marcin Mankowski

Wednesday, October 8 – Feria

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Karen Greene, Edwin Dombrowski, Bill Bidlingmeyer
 by Bernard & Marlene

Thursday, October 9 – St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Alanna Kosmalski by Leon & Judy Wroblewski

Friday, October 10 – Feria

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Bette Maslowski by Pat & Family

Saturday, October 11 – St. John XXIII

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †Alice Wierzba by Agnes & Mark Milanowski
 †Peter Wrycza by Dolores & Family
 †Bob Zoromski by Jim & Brenda Zoromski
 †Pat Kluck by PCCW

2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart

4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families

Sunday, October 12 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Darlene Kropidlowski by LeRoy
 †Louise Betro by LeRoy & Pat Wierzba
 10:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Alvina Marchel by Lori Shroda

Please note: Mass
 Time Change

A WORD FROM FATHER

SŁOWO OD PASTORA



"He watches for Christ who is zealous in seeking and honoring him. He looks out for him in all that happens and would not be surprised if he found that he was coming at once. And he watches with Christ, who does not forget that he has suffered for him. He watches with Christ whoever commemorates and renews in his own person Christ's Cross and agony."

—St. John Newman



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

Altar Server

October 11: 4:00 pm Gavin E. & Luke
October 12: 10:00 am Jonah, Quinn & Drew

Hospitality

October 11: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers
October 12: 10:00 am Volunteer Ushers

Readers

October 11: 4:00 pm Jerry Twit
October 12: 10:00 am Chris Parker

Wellington

October 9: Carolyn McNamara

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, 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, Patsy Filtz, Marilyn Sobish, Connie Lepak

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.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$4,541
Youth: \$24
Loose: \$375
Total: \$4,940
Vigil Lights: \$117
School Donations: \$100
Boiler Fund: \$2,075
Renovation Fund: \$100
Misc: \$400

Sept Budget: \$23,515
Sept Actual: \$23,116

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." -Hebrews 13:16



Scrip: \$3,765 | \$128



Fueling Missions of Hope. *"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."* – John 20:21. Today marks the beginning of our Diocesan Annual Appeal for this year. We are reminded that every baptized Christian shares in Christ's mission to bring light, love, and healing to the world. Through our Diocesan Annual Appeal, we come together to fuel missions of hope—acts of mercy, service, and evangelization that flow from the heart of the Church. The blue cross anchors our mission in Jesus Christ, the source of grace and truth. The red flame symbolizes the Holy Spirit's power to renew and transform us. The golden waves represent the far-reaching impact of our generosity, touching lives in every corner of our Diocese and beyond. When we support the Annual Appeal, we: Educate future priests and support seminarians, feed the hungry and serve the poor, form the youth and evangelize families, and empower parishes and proclaim the Gospel. Let us respond to Christ's call with hope and joy. Your gift is a spark that God can transform into a flame. *Pray—Lord, send me. Let me be a bearer of hope.

SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE

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.



When the Flame of Love pours out, my love will destroy the satanic hatred that contaminates the world. The greatest number of souls will be set free. (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, October 6th. Come check us out!



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.

Job Opening. Sacred Heart Parish in Polonia currently has an opening for a Business Administrator. This is a part-time position approximately 20-25 hours per week. For more information go to: www.sacredheartpolonia.com/employment

Reminder. Due to St. Mary's—Custer Pancake Breakfast there will be a Mass time change for Sunday, October 12th. Sacred Heart will be having Mass at 10:00am and St. Mary's—Custer will be having Mass at 8:00am.

Parish Office. The parish office will be closed on Friday, October 10th, and Tuesday, October 14th.



Rosary Rally. Join us in front of the crucifix in Polonia, **Saturday, October 11th at 12:00pm** as we will be praying for peace and making reparation to her Immaculate Heart as she requested at Fatima.

The Youth Choir. The next opportunity is scheduled for the anticipatory Mass on Saturday, October 11th at 4:00pm. Mrs. Eron invites all children ages 7 and up to join her; please attend by 3:45pm in the church choir loft. We accept all voices!



BINGO Senior Bingo. It will take place after the morning Mass on Thursday, October 16th. If you would like to stay for lunch, please call 715-600-0396 to get in touch with Barb Lepak.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

Wednesday, October 8th

Classes begin with prayer in the church at 6:15pm. Parents—please stay and join us in prayer!

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



Holy Name Society. Sunday, October 5th @ 9:00am—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Finance Council. Wednesday, October 8th @ 6:00pm—Sacred Heart Parish Rectory.

Wrap-up Picnic Committee. Thursday, October 9th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



PCCW. Monday, October 13th @ 1:00pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



Sacred Heart Steak Night will be on Saturday, November 1st!

Holy Name Steak Night Raffle. Anyone who would like to purchase raffle tickets they are available at Sylvia's, JR's, Polonia Café, and Sacred Heart Parish office. The price of the tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Shamrowicz or Dave Zdroik. The drawing will be held on Saturday, November 1st at 7:00pm. ~ *Thank you*

Dinner tickets cost \$30 each and are available now at the parish office and at the following locations: Polonia Café, Sylvia's, and Pineries Bank.

Help Needed. Our parish's Fall Steak Dinner offers a gun raffle held in the Sacred Heart Church basement. Dinner service begins at 5:00pm and ends when the raffle winners are drawn at 7:00pm. To make this a successful event, please consider offering your help with some of the duties of the dinner service. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be displayed at the entrances of the church for you to select a task you are willing to help with, or you can call us. This has been an impactful fundraiser and social event for our parish for many years. Please consider participating as a volunteer. Thank you for your consideration, Kent and Susanna Lepak (715-592-6433).

SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE



Butterbraid Sale. A delicious pastry made with buttery dough wrapped into a braid pattern and then filled with fruit and various cream fillings is being offered at Sacred Heart Home & School's Butter

Braid Sale. Each one costs \$17. They come in the following flavors: Raspberry, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Apple, and Cinnamon & Cream Cheese; also Caramel Rolls (9 per package), Cinnamon Rolls (9 per package). Orders will be delivered on Friday, November 14th, and must be placed by October 27th. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart Home & School. Order forms are available at the church entrances. Kindly send completed forms back to the parish office with payment. You can utilize the school's parish drop box after business hours. ~ *Thank you*



Vande Walle Candy Bars Are Back! Most Sundays following Mass, the candy bars will be sold at the church's front entrance. The candy bars cost \$2 each. Also, candy bars can be delivered in the Polonia area by Becky, please contact her at 715-340-5361. These are the flavors that are available to purchase: Caramel Nut, Caramel, Chocolate Truffle, Mint Truffle, Peanut Butter Meltaway, English Toffee, Milk Chocolate, and Dark Chocolate. Thank you for your support!



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!



DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE: The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any

diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: If you or a loved one are struggling or are experiencing suicidal thoughts, please: call 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (multiple languages), text message to 988 (English only) or use the chat feature at 988lifeline.org (English only). The most important thing in suicide prevention is connecting people who are in pain with immediate, compassionate help. Be direct and non-judgmental when speaking to them.

"Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright." Proverbs 20:11

AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE



Knights of Columbus will be having their next meeting on Tuesday, October 7th @ 5:00 pm - Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

AFTERNOON OF HOPE

Join Bishop Battersby for a Jubilee Year of Hope gathering at 2:00pm on Sunday, October 12th at Church of the Resurrection in Wausau, a Diocese of La Crosse Jubilee Year pilgrimage site. The gathering will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the sacrament of Reconciliation and a presentation on the virtue of hope by Fr. James Kurzynski, pastor of St. Olaf Parish in Eau Claire.

St. Michael PCCW. Prolife Basket Raffle & Ponczka Pick up on Sunday, October 12th from 8:30—11:00am. Basket Raffle Winners announced after Prolife Walk.



"That Man Is You" men's group is every Tuesday. Starting with breakfast at 6:00am, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion, ending at 7:30am. The meetings will be held at the usual location, Sacred Heart Church in Polonia, just east of Stevens Point.



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!!

- The **Sisters and Family Rosary** is every Friday in October from 5:30pm by the families. The family will indicate interest by calling us on phone. We will go to the family and pray the Rosary with the family at 5:30pm and for the intention of the family. After that we come back to convent. We will neither eat nor drink nor accept any gift.
- **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.**
- **Carpenter and Painter Needed.** Two areas in our convent are leaking water, and we need a carpenter to fix them. We're also looking for a painter. In exchange for your service, we will compensate you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PORTESI PIZZA NIGHT on Thursday, October 16th, all you care to eat pizza and cheese fries for only \$10.00, kids 5-11 \$7.00, and 4 and under free. The price includes coffee, milk, water, and sales tax. Serving from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, the Lounge will be open. Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 401 W Clark St, just across the Clark St bridge. Pizza night is open to the public. Profits from pizza night go to our local charity fund. This is a great time to take the family out for an affordable meal and help our charities fund. Mark your calendar!

St. Joseph Parish—Stevens Point. Holy Name Society 15th Annual Pig Roast Dinner on Saturday, October 18th from 4:30—7:00pm. Adults \$15 and children under 12 \$5.

Faith Lutheran Church. Old Fashion Sunday Dinner on Sunday, October 19th from 11:00am—1:00pm. Adults \$15, 12-5 years \$10, 4 & under free.

AREA JOB OPENINGS • OFERTY PRACY

Employment Opportunity. St. Adalbert Parish in Rosholt has an opening for a part-time secretary. For application and more information please contact the parish office at 715-677-4519.



RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

October 2025

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

With great joy we celebrate October as Respect Life Month amid the Church's Jubilee Year of Hope. This Jubilee Year "offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama."¹ The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of our hope. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious.

Yet, the daily headlines remind us of how desperately our world is thirsting for the hope that only God can provide. Every day we witness the overwhelming disregard for human life: through rising rates of abortion and assisted suicide; the killing of innocent school children, even at prayer; the mistreatment of our immigrant sisters and brothers as they endure an environment of aggression; and political and ideological violence inflicted against unsuspecting victims. These attacks threaten life precisely when it is most vulnerable and in need of protection.

Despite these realities, the gift of human life exists as a sign of hope to our world today, defying the powers of darkness and the culture of death. It is of the utmost importance that we work to ensure that every life, in every stage and circumstance, is protected in law.

Earlier this year, history was made when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for one year. I thank Catholics across the country who

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have embraced a [nationwide call to prayer](#) for the end of all taxpayer funding of abortion centers, and I ask that we continue those prayers throughout the month of October.

This Jubilee Year we are challenged to be agents of hope to those whose hearts are burdened by trial, difficulty, or suffering, offering them the hope that comes from Christ Jesus alone. [Walking with Moms in Need](#) and [Project Rachel Ministry](#) are just two examples of how the Church continuously reaches out with love, compassion, and mercy to those most in need of a message of hope.

As we begin Respect Life Month, together we embrace the words of Pope Leo XIV, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."² Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel of Life, proclaiming in word and deed the innate goodness and dignity of every human person.

For information on Respect Life Month, visit <https://www.respectlife.org/>.

¹ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.

² Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html>.

respect life month

novena



October 22-30, 2025

The annual Respect Life Month Novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join thousands of Catholics in praying for life!

Sign Up!

Get the daily prayers by email or text message!
Scan the QR code or visit
respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena.



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