



# 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

Administrative Assistant.....Susanna Lepak ext. 100  
 Business Administrator.....Dianne Smith ext. 130  
 School Principal .....Dawn Cisewski ext. 160  
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 Coordinator of Religious Ed.....Debbie Riske (715-340-4626)  
[CCD@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto: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 16 – *Feria*

#### Tuesday, March 17 – *St. Patrick*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Delphine Shulfer by Fred & Barb Lepak

#### Wednesday, March 18 – *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

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

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

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart  
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart  
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †David K. Trzebiatowski by Bob & Barbara Groholski

#### Friday, March 20 – *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 Cheryl, Rebecca & Family  
 No Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart

#### Saturday, March 21 – *Feria*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)  
 †Gusty & Frank Mager by Tom & Julie Wanserski  
 †Mark Peskie by Andy Zick & Family  
 †Souls in Purgatory by Deb Adamski  
 Special Intention for Jane Louise by Carol & Sharon

2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart

4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Beverly Stanczyk by Bernadine Strong

#### Sunday, March 22 – *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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

**A WORD FROM FATHER**

**SŁOWO OD PASTORA**



*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)*

**LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT**

**DAROWIZNY**

Adults: \$5,017  
 Youth: \$31  
 Loose: \$418  
 Total: \$5,466  
 Vigil Lights: \$157  
 Sanctuary Lamp: \$600  
 Easter Flowers: \$200  
 Renovation Fund: \$100  
 School Donations: \$250  
 Boiler Fund: \$215  
 \*Memorial Donation: \$600  
 \*Boiler Fund: \$100  
*\*In Memory of Dorothy Gagas. May She Rest in Peace.*

Scrip: \$2,505 | \$82

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



**SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE**

**Thank you very much** to the family of Dorothy Gagas for their generous donation to PCCW in her memory for the kitchen floor replacement. Dorothy was a PCCW member for sixty-four years and gave her time to serve as an officer four separate times. For many years after working all day, she and her husband Ray would peel the potatoes for our funeral meals until her health would not let her do it anymore. She was a joy to work with. Her positive and joyful attitude was inspiring.

**We are grateful** to everyone who contributed prizes for the Cherry Tree and helped with the bingo on Sunday. We also want to express thanks to everyone who made the pies and desserts. Overall, the event was a success! ~ *Betty and The PCCW*

**Baby Bottle Campaign** for First Choice Pregnancy Center, please return the bottles filled with cash, checks, and coins to the church by **March 21st**. You can give the baby bottles to an usher or place them in their room before or after Mass.

**Stations of the Cross** will be on Wednesday, March 18th at 6:15pm at Sacred Heart, and on Sunday, March 22nd at 9:25am at St. Mary's. Sacred Heart School children will be having Stations at 2:00pm on Friday, March 27th. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**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.



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE**

**Altar Server**  
 March 21: 4:00 pm Gavin M. & Grant  
 March 22: 8:00 am Gavin E., Luke & Tim

**Hospitality**  
 March 21: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers  
 March 22: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

**Readers**  
 March 21: 4:00 pm Jerry Twit  
 March 22: 8:00 am Gary Ross

**Wellington:**  
 March 19: Arleen Gross

**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:



**Dennis Groshek**

**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, Newton Family, Gail Tepp, Rhody Bushman, Leonard Schulist, Bruce & Patt Roberts, Taylor Groshek, Karen Liebe, Kenny Rozek, Debbie Repinski, Patsy Filtz, Marilyn Sobish, Todd Borski, Cheryl Dodde, Helen Gollon, Tom Printz

*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 CHRZYCH**

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.



**We extend our prayers and condolences** to Lorraine Bushman's family and friends. Lorraine passed away on Saturday, March 7th, and will be laid to rest at a later time. May we pray for her family and friends during this difficult time.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul  
and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



**Please note.** The parish and school office will be closed on Friday, March 20th.

**UPDATE.** Please be advised that the Women's Book Club will now meet in the church basement from 7:15 to 9:00pm on March 23rd instead of March 16th due to spring break and on March 30th instead of April 6th due to Easter Monday. They will return to their usual schedule on April 20th.



**The Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 31st 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 31st. Father Miller will be in La Crosse.**

**Blessed Palms from last year.** Please consider disposing of your blessed palms properly. There are baskets at the entrances of the church to collect your old blessed palms to use for next year's Ash Wednesday. ~ *Thank you.*

 **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!

**RELIGIOUS ED NEWS**      AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

**Wednesday, March 18th.** No classes due to Spring Break. Have a blessed and enjoyable week off!

**PARISH MEETINGS**      SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE

 **Holy Name Society.** Sunday, March 15th @ 9:00am—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

**2026-2027 Religious Education Registration Packets.** Registration forms for new families can be found on the parish website or at the church's front entrance. The registration forms for current families were handed out two weeks ago. Please submit your completed forms to the Religious Ed teacher or the parish office by Wednesday, April 8th. This will help the office and the new coordinator plan for the upcoming year.

~*Thank you*

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE**

**Reminder.** Sacred Heart school is closed March 16th—20th for Spring Break. We pray that the children and teachers have a safe and healthy Spring Break week.



**What's Happening at Sacred Heart School?** We finished our celebration of Dr. Seuss Birthday Week by reading "The Tooth Book."



We were delighted to welcome Dr. Alison Mlodik, a school parent and dentist, and her assistant Michelle, who provided an informative talk on oral hygiene and offered hands-on tooth-brushing practice. Thank you, Dr. Mlodik and Michelle!



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

TEACHING GRADES  
4K THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

ACADEMICS

FAITH




TRADITIONAL VALUES

Tuesday,  
March 24, 2026

9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

7379 Church St., Custer WI 54423

Tuition Assistance Available Through the Tanner Simonis Memorial

5 day ALL DAY 4K Program



for more info  
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**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*



PICNIC NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI PIKNIK

**Picnic News.** It is time again to plan for the 2026 picnic cash raffle. Thank you all for the wonderful support for this event. Last year we had \$11,000 in prize money. The raffle is a good way to promote your business, honor a loved one or be recognized for your individual 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. Each donation is a separate prize. If you are interested, you may drop your donations in the collection basket or drop/mail it to the parish office by March 16th. For more information, call Donna Zaborowski at 715 677-3878 or Arleen Gross at 715 341-3645.

AREA PENANCE

POKUTA OBSZAROWA

**Area Lenten Communal Penance Opportunities:**

—March 19th at 6:30pm at St. Joseph, Stevens Point

—“Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God.” — St. Pope John Paul II

AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE



**Entering a New Springtime:** “Before spring becomes beautiful, it’s plug-ugly, nothing but mud and muck. I’ve walked through early spring fields that will suck the boots off your feet, a world so wet and woeful you yearn for the return of snow and ice. Of course, there’s a miracle inside that muddy mess: those fields are a seedbed for rebirth” (Parker Palmer). We may be entering a “new springtime of evangelization,” but it sure seems messy. What can we do? For more reflections go to <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>



**“That Man Is You”** men’s group will meet 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.



**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.**

- Throughout the summer, MSDI will be having Saturday rummage sales. If you would like to donate any items to our rummage sale, please contact the convent at 715-592-4213.

~Thank you

**Final Breakfast of the season at the Knights of Columbus:**

Sunday, March 22nd, serving from 8:15am to 11am. \$10 for adults, \$6 for ages 6-12, and \$4 for those under 6. The price includes coffee and sales tax. The Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 401 W. Clark St., just across the Clark St. Bridge in Stevens Point, is open to the public. Next Breakfast: Sept. 27th, 2026.



**Men of the Cross: Forged for Mission** on March 21st, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Men of the Diocese of La Crosse! This is your invitation to step away from

the noise of daily life and be renewed in faith, brotherhood, and purpose. Join other Catholic men for a powerful day of encouragement and formation as we grow stronger as disciples, husbands, fathers, and leaders forged for mission.



**March 21st – St. Wenceslaus Lenten/Centennial**

**Retreat** starting at 2pm ending with Mass at 6pm. We have two dynamic speakers, Fr. Damian Joseph Redfern (from St. Vincent De Paul Parish – Wisconsin Rapids) and Fr. Sam Martin (Vicar of Clergy – the Diocese of LaCrosse) there will a light lunch between speakers, then three priest to hear confessions from 5pm until Mass with Fr. Sam Martin as the main celebrant.

**St. Peter’s—Stevens Point Annual Pancake Breakfast and Basket Raffle.**

Sunday, March 29th from 8am-Noon. Cost \$10 for ages 10-up and free for ages 9 and under.

**March 29 – Grilled Pork Chop Dinner, St.**

**Michael** (Junction City) **Drive Thru Only.** Serving from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Double Chop Meal \$14 includes 2 Grilled & Seasoned Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Salad, Bread, and dessert.