



# 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  
 Deacon Jim Sniadajewski.....dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com  
 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, February 12 – FERIA

##### Tuesday, February 13 – FERIA

No Mass—Sacred Heart

Please note

6:00pm

Mass—Sacred Heart

†Germaine M. by Family

##### Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

8:15am

Mass—St. Mary's

†David Mansavage by Elsie & Family

6:00pm

Mass—Sacred Heart

†Deceased Members of the

Kurszewski & Groshek Families by Virginia Groshek

##### Thursday, February 15 – FERIA

7:00—8:00am

Adoration—Sacred Heart

7:30—8:00am

Confessions—Sacred Heart

8:15am

Mass—Sacred Heart

†Lorraine Wroblewski by Virginia Groshek

##### Friday, February 16 – 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

2:00pm

Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart School Children

##### Saturday, February 17 – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:15am

Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)

†Loretta Klesmit by Bernie & Louise Smyth

†Grace Domaszek by Herman & Sandy Danczyk

†JoAnn Lorbiecki by Peter & Family

†Myron Orlikowski by Orlikowski Family

†Elsie Fliss by Paul & Nancy Domaszek

†Henry Wierzbza by Don Kluck

†John Kowalski by Betty Kowalski

2:45—3:45pm

Confessions—Sacred Heart

4:00pm

Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart

†Norman Eiden by Barb Konkol

##### Sunday, February 18 – First 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

†Judi Johnson by St. Mary's Altar Society



*"So natural is the connection between a reverential spirit in worshipping God and faith in God that the wonder only is how anyone can for a moment imagine he has faith in God and yet allow himself to be irreverent toward Him. To believe in God is to believe the being and presence of One Who is All-holy, and All-powerful, and All-gracious; how can a man really believe thus of Him and yet make free with Him? —St. John Newman*

**Synod on Synodality.** Your input is requested! With the ongoing Synod on Synodality, the Church values your feedback regarding how Church structures and organization further or hinder the Church's mission and how such structures can help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel. Please take some time to offer consultation using an online questionnaire at <https://forms.office.com/r/SVPGxJChAv> Consultation must be received by March 20th, 2024. Thank you for your participation.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

## POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

## Altar Servers

February 13:	6:00 pm	Volunteers
February 14:	6:00 pm	Volunteers
February 17:	4:00 pm	Wyatt & Gavin M.
February 18:	8:00 am	Joseph, Christopher & Isaac

## Hospitality

February 17:	4:00 pm	Volunteer Ushers
February 18:	8:00 am	Volunteer Ushers

## Readers

February 13:	6:00 pm	Gary Ross
February 14:	6:00 pm	Connie Lepak
February 17:	4:00 pm	Michelle Lewis
February 18:	8:00 am	Tom Glavin

## Wellington

February 15:	Carolyn McNamara
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## 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 Goretski, 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 Huckle

*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.

Adults: \$5,033  
First Offering: \$30  
Solemnity of Mary: \$5  
Youth: \$13  
Offertory: \$422  
Total: \$5,503  
Flowers: \$20  
Vigil Lights: \$101  
Blessed Candles: \$22  
Boiler Fund: \$22  
Renovation: \$100  
Special Needs: \$5

Feb Budget: \$22,700  
Feb to Date: \$ 5,503

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

Scrip Sales: \$3,810 | Profit: \$166

**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](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com).



## 2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal

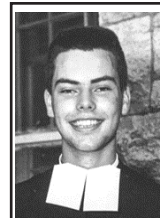
Sacred Heart's Goal: \$48,950

Contributions to Date: \$25,244 (51.6%)

# of Donors: 88

**2023 Giving Statements.** If you have not received a statement please let the parish office know. If you made a contribution to the Diocesan Annual Appeal or to the parish Heart Speaks to Heart capital campaign, those contribution statements will be coming from the Diocese, not Sacred Heart.

## SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE



**Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller –** Sacred Heart Parish will be having Eucharistic Adoration and Mass on Tuesday, February 13th. Adoration will begin at 3:00pm and Mass will be at 6:00pm. There will be a first-class relic from the family of Blessed Brother James Miller displayed.

- **Please note.** There will be no 8:15am Mass at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, February 13th. The Mass time has been moved to 6:00pm for the Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller.



**Reminder.** February 14th is Ash Wednesday, Mass will be at St. Mary's at 8:15am and Sacred Heart at 6:00pm. Please see Lenten regulations for fasting and abstaining.



**PCCW meeting minutes** from January are available at the entrances of the church.



RaiseRight  
by ShopWithScrip


**SCRIP NEWS.** Scrip will be sold by the front entrance after the Sunday Mass. Also, during the week you can purchase scrip through the parish office. Thank you for supporting our scrip program and helping our parish and school!

**Thank you** Jacob & Joshua Kurszewski 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 March 2nd 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!

**The Women's book club** will be reading Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brant Pitre during the Lenten season. We invite you to join us on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the church basement at 7:15pm. We begin with prayer and fellowship and have open discussion of the book. Our meeting dates are: 2/19, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1. This will be a very interesting study! Please order your own book prior to the meeting. For more information, call or text Theresa Glavin at 715.321.4464. See below for the book description:

*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist shines fresh light on the Last Supper by looking at it through Jewish eyes. Using his in-depth knowledge of the Bible and ancient Judaism, Dr. Brant Pitre answers questions such as: What was the Passover like at the time of Jesus? What were the Jewish hopes for the Messiah? What was Jesus' purpose in instituting the Eucharist during the feast of Passover? And, most important of all, what did Jesus mean when he said, "This is my body... This is my blood"?*

 **Senior Bingo** will be on Thursday, February 15th 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 starting on Sunday, February 18th at 9:25am at St. Mary's and on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:15pm at Sacred Heart. Sacred Heart School children will be having Stations at 2:00pm on the following Fridays: February 16th, February 23rd, March 8th, and March 15th. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Lenten Regulations:** The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th Lenten regulations are as follows:  
1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.  
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Blessed Candles.** A reminder that blessed candles for home use can be found at the elevator entrance of the church. A suggested \$3.00 donation is appreciated to help cover the cost. Father is always able to bless personal candles for devotional use at home as well. ~ Thank you



**Sacred Heart Parish—PCCW** will be having a bingo on Sunday, March 3rd in the church basement. Doors open at 11:00am and bingo will start at 1:00pm seating availability will be limited to 200. The bingo will offer over \$600 in cash prizes. Also, there will be a 50/50 Raffle and Cherry Tree. Concessions will be available. Everyone is welcome!

 **BINGO.** PCCW is having a Cherry Tree at the Bingo on Sunday, March 3rd. We are looking for prizes please consider donating. The prizes can be dropped off in the designated area in the church basement. ~ Thank you

**PICNIC NEWS.** 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 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. 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 for more information.

#### 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:

**Susan Domaszek**

#### RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

#### AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

**Wednesday, February 14th** is Ash Wednesday. There will be no Religious Ed classes that night. Classes will resume Wednesday, February 21st.

#### PARISH MEETINGS

#### SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



**Holy Name Society.** Sunday, February 11th @ 9:00am—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



**PCCW.** Monday, February 12th @ 1:00pm— Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Roses 13 & 14 bring desserts.



**Home and School.** Thursday, February 22nd @ 6:00pm— Sacred Heart School.



**Knights of Columbus.** Tuesday, March 5th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall

## CORRESPONDENCE • KORESPONDENCJA

**Called to More.** What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn't anything more that can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? 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



**"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!

**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.

**St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent—Lenten Soup Suppers.** Gather and enjoy a delicious meal of soup, sandwiches, salads, and desserts every Wednesday starting February 21—March 20th. Serving from 5:30--6:30pm in the church basement. Open to the public there will be a weekly prize drawing. Free will donation.

**Sunday Dinner.** Faith Lutheran Church—253 S. Main St, Rosholt. Mardi Gras Dinner on February 18th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Serving: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, beverage & dessert. Adults: \$15.00, 5 to 11 years old: \$7, 4 years and younger eat free. Call 715-677-4631 for carry outs. Supporting our Youth Group attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July of 2024.

**Lenten Mission.** The Parishes of St. Peter, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, and St. Casimir will host Deacon Keith Strohm for our 2024 Lenten Mission, February 25th-27th at St. Peter, 800 4th Avenue, Stevens Point beginning at 6:30pm each evening.

**Retrouvaille.** Is your marriage in Distress? No matter how hopeless it seems, forgiveness and trust are possible. Retrouvaille is a Catholic-based program that helps couples through difficult times in their marriages, some even after separation or divorce. It is not counseling or group therapy. The next program begins with a weekend on February 16th-18th, 2024, in the Wausau area. Call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673). Fully Confidential. More at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) No couple is turned away for lack of finances.

## AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE

**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 and early taste of Summer!

**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

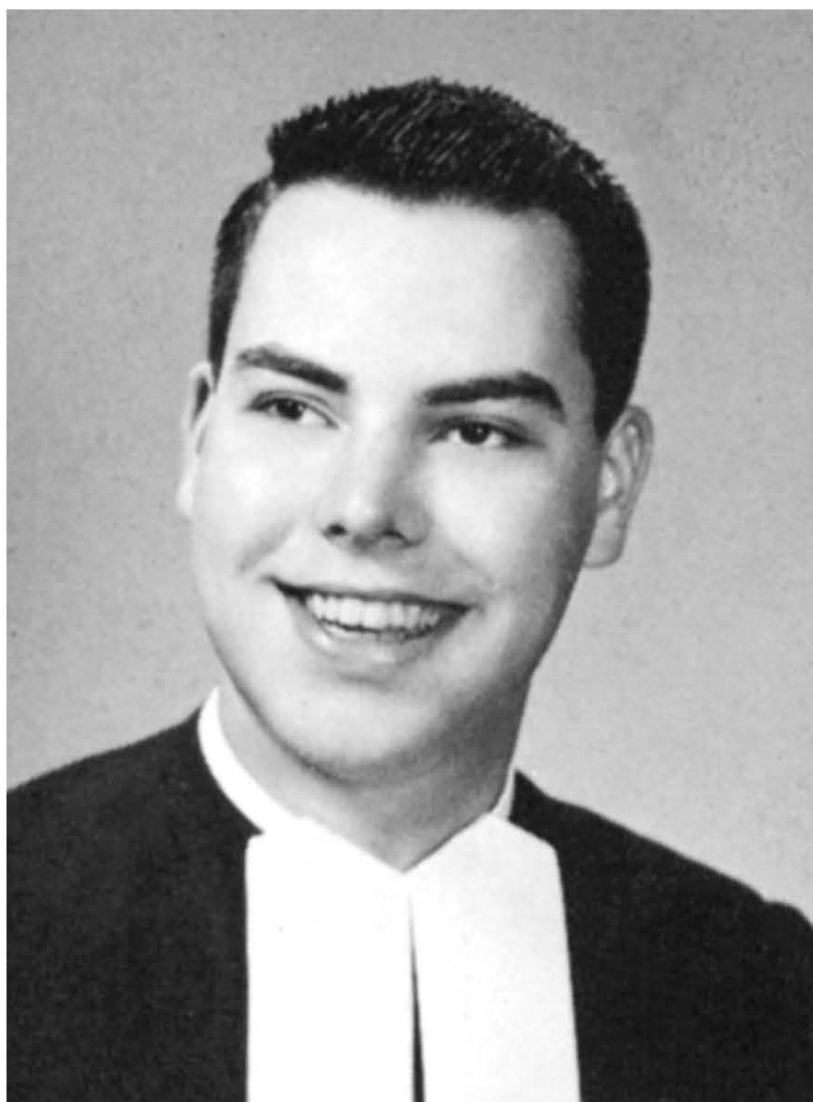
**POLONIA PARK EASTER EGG HUNT.** Save the date: Saturday, March 30th. All are invited to attend our Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 and under. Registration starts at noon & Egg Hunt begins at 1:00pm. Food & beverages will be provided at concession stand. Don't miss the basket raffles! All proceeds benefit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

**Domestic Church Retreat.** The next Domestic Church Retreat will be held April 13-14, 2024, at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Wisconsin Rapids. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The retreat aims to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. To register and find out more information, click this link: [diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/](http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/)

**Abby Johnson Speaking at April 13th DCCW Convention in La Crosse.** You are invited to come hear pro-life leader Abby Johnson at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse on Saturday, April 13th, at the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Biennial Convention. Abby was a Planned Parenthood director before undergoing a profound conversion in 2009, when she witnessed an ultrasound-guided abortion. Her story was portrayed in the major 2019 film *Unplanned*. To learn more and to register, visit [dccw.org](http://dccw.org).

**The Answer” Eucharistic Rally** on Friday, June 7, 2024, will be an incredible event for each participant and for our diocese; you don't want to miss it. There will be a Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Barron and Bishop Callahan, internationally-known speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee, Josh Rosa, and our own Father Justin Kizewski, music, vendors, and, of course, Mass, adoration and confession. Discounted tickets are now available for purchase. Please go to the website for more information [diolc.org/the-answer](http://diolc.org/the-answer)

**Pregnant and in distress?** Confidential help is available from First Choice Pregnancy in Stevens Point, WI, call 800-712-help or visit [www.firstchoiceprc.org](http://www.firstchoiceprc.org). Additional resources and locations, visit [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).



**TUESDAY**  
**February 13,**  
**2024**  
**Sacred Heart**  
**Parish**  
**7375 Church St.**  
**Polonia**

**ADORATION AT**  
**3:00 P.M.**

**HOLY SACRIFICE**  
**OF THE MASS AT**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**CELEBRATING**  
**BROTHER JAMES**  
**MILLER DAY**

**COME LEARN HOW A FARM BOY FROM**  
**ELLIS, WI BECAME A SAINT!**

**FIRST CLASS RELIC OF**  
**BROTHER JAMES MILLER**  
**WILL BE DISPLAYED**  
**FOR VENERATION!!**



Brother James Miller FSC is a Christian Brother who gave his life in service to the marginalized and the poor in Central America. A life cut short, Brother James was only 37 when he was shot and killed by three masked gunmen on Feb. 13, 1982, as he was repairing a wall outside a school in Guatemala, where he served. His cause of martyrdom was undertaken by the Diocese of Huehuetenango in 2009 and received the Decree of Validity in Rome in July 2010 when he was designated a Servant of God and a martyr for the faith. The process leading to his beatification continues with the Congregation of the Causes of Saints in Rome. Born in 1944, James Miller was raised on a farm in Wisconsin where he was taught by the Christian Brothers at Pacelli High School. It was there that he realized he wanted to become a brother, so he left after his freshman year to attend the Juniorate at La Salle Institute, here in Glencoe, Missouri. The Brothers continued to encourage him as he learned what being Lasallian was all about. He was considered "likeable, completely genuine" and also known for his simplicity and hard work. He graduated with a class of 24 young men in June, 1962 and that August, he received his robes to become a Christian Brother. Following his formation years, he taught high school for about 5 years in Minnesota, but yearned for missionary work. A Saint in the Making...A Graduate of La Salle Institute In 1969, after he professed perpetual vows, he answered the call to serve as a missionary in Bluefields, Nicaragua. He taught there until he was assigned to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua in 1974. Under his leadership as Director, the school population grew from 300 to 800 students. He also accepted the task of supervising the construction of ten new rural schools. His superiors ordered him to leave Nicaragua in July 1979 during the time of the Sandinista revolution. It was feared that because of his work as a religious, he was at risk. Brother James knew that his time serving in the missions was not done yet, so when an opportunity to serve in Guatemala came up, he was glad to go. He taught at a secondary school in Huehuetenango and worked at the Indian Center where young indigenous Mayans were trained in job skills and leadership skills. There he helped begin an experimental farm where students studied and trained in agriculture. The relations between the Brothers at the Indian Center and the Guatemalan military were often strained. Although students were exempt from military service, the boys from the Center were often rounded up from the street and conscripted into the army. When that happened, a Brother would present proof to the authorities that the boy in question was a student. The military would then reluctantly release him. One such episode occurred just two days before Brother James was murdered. On the afternoon of February 13, 1982, while he was on a ladder repairing a wall at the Indian Center, three hooded men shot Brother James point blank. He died instantly. His death was thought to send a warning to the Brothers to cease interfering in government affairs. Attempts to identify his assassins were unsuccessful. After funeral rites in Guatemala and in St. Paul, Minnesota, he was buried in the parish cemetery in Wisconsin. In one of his last letters before he died, he showed that he was aware of the situation in Guatemala and the possible personal consequences for him. Brother James wrote in January 1982: "I am personally weary of violence, but I continue to feel a strong commitment to the suffering poor of Central America. ... the Church is being persecuted because of its option for the poor. Aware of numerous dangers and difficulties, we continue working with faith and hope and trusting in God's Providence." He went on to write: "I have been a Brother of the Christian Schools for nearly 20 years now, and commitment to my vocation grows steadily stronger in my work in Central America. I pray to God for the grace and strength to serve Him faithfully among the poor and oppressed in Guatemala. I place my life in His Providence. I place my trust in Him." He died one month after writing those words.

Brother James Miller FSC is a Central American Martyr who graduated from La Salle Institute. Bro. James was shot to death on February 13, 1982, in Huehuetenango, Guatemala, while repairing a wall at the De La Salle Indian School. He was very aware of the oppression of the Guatemalan Indian people and worked to provide training in job and leadership skills. He was thought to be martyred over the Brothers' efforts to keep the Indian boys from being conscripted into the military.

Remembering Bro. James Miller A Graduate of La Salle Now Among the Saints

"I place my life in God's Providence. I place my trust in Him." Words of Bro. James Miller, written a month before his martyrdom

Brother James Miller was beatified on December 7, 2019 in Huehuetenango, Guatemala.