



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.....Thomas McCann ext. 120
 Director of Sacred Music.....Anna Kozikowski ext. 180
 Maintenance & Grounds.....Rick Clark ext. 220
 Custodian.....Cerise Pezewski ext. 210
 Basement Kitchen.....Barb Lepak (715-600-0396)
 Sacristan.....Sr. Hyacintha Ahamuefula, MSDI
 CCD Coordinator.....Debbie Riske (715-340-4626)
 CCD@sacredheartpolonia.com

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MSZE ŚWIĘTE

Monday, April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Tuesday, April 25 – St. Mark

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Deceased Members of Ambrose & Sophie Konkol Family by Richard Konkol

Wednesday, April 26 – Feria

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Gusty & Janet Peplinski by Russell, Diane & Family
 6:15pm CCD Closing Mass —Sacred Heart

Thursday, April 27 – Feria

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Marvin Zivney by Family

Friday, April 28 – St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Rita Raschka by Chet

Saturday, April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Theresa (Terrie) Gagas by Dennis Gagas & Barbara Wiza
 †Gladys Lepak by Family
 †Dale Buntrock by Dan Zaborowski
 †Peter Wrycza by Dolores Wrycza

2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart

4:00pm Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Ervin & Romona Lilla by Bryon & Laurie Simonis

Sunday, April 30 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 First Communicants & Their Families
 +Eugene Meyer by Kenny & Betty

A WORD FROM FATHER

SŁOWO OD PASTORA



"Love is the bond of life, the mother of the poor, and the teacher of the rich. It is the nurse of orphans, the attendant of the elderly, the treasure of the intelligent, and the common port of all the afflicted."

— St. Gregory of Nyssa

Dear parishioners:

We are entering the third week of the Easter Season. Yes! It is **STILL** Easter. Remember, Easter is **NOT** just Easter Sunday. For a number of weeks we will be celebrating liturgically the mystery of the Resurrection. This is a special time. We need to be living it!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

Altar Servers

April 29: 4:00 pm Colten & Wyatt
April 30: 8:00 am Dominic, Sam, Caleb

Hospitality

April 29: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers
April 30: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

Readers

April 29: 4:00 pm Donna Zaborowski
April 30: 8:00 am Tom Glavin

Wellington

April 27: Arleen Gross

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PROŚBY MODLITEWNE

Let us remember the following in our daily prayers:

Austin James, Brittany Olivia, JD Wysocki, Dave Grawey, Elsie Fliss, Megan Rose, James Kezeske, Agnes Peplinski, Jennifer Lepak, Agnes Milanowski, Lorraine Wroblewski, Patsy Goretski, Michael Trzebiatowski, Ernie Kurszewski, Beverly Stanczyk, Nancy Roberts, Jerry 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.

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



LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$5,077
Easter: \$465
Youth: \$29
Offertory: \$278
Total: \$5,849
Vigil Lights: \$55
Sanctuary Lamp: \$100
Non Parishioner: \$10

Apr. Budget: \$23,165
Apr. to Date: \$21,866

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

Scrip Sales: \$3,105 | Profit: \$106

Your support makes a difference in the life of our parish. Planned Giving is a wonderful way to remember Sacred Heart Parish as we prepare for the day we will depart this life and enter into the blessedness of God's eternal kingdom. Prayerfully consider a gift of stock, insurance, real estate, retirement plan or cash to ensure the continued future for our parish ministries.

SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE

Thank you! On paper those are only words, but to Myron's family they are words of profound gratitude.
~ MaryAnn Omernik and family.

Thank you to Jacob and Joshua Kurszewski for your wonderful singing voices and accompanying Mrs. Eron on last week's 4:00pm anticipatory Mass. All youth ages 7 and up are welcome to join Mrs. Eron on May 13th 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!

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity! Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your understanding of the Catholic Faith? Perhaps a fuller understanding of the Liturgy? Deacon Jim Sniadajewski will be presenting an overview of the Roman Missal. There will also be time for open questions during the sessions. You do not have to attend all sessions, come when you can. The sessions will be held on Sunday evenings at Immaculate Conception beginning at 6:00 p.m. and will be formally an hour long. The dates are April 30th, May 7th, May 14th, and May 21st. All are welcome! if you have any questions please contact Deacon Jim. by email (dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com) or phone (715-824-6747).



PCCW News. PCCW is having a Diaper and Wipes Drive until Sunday, May 7th. Baskets will be set up at the entrances of the church for donations of disposable diapers or wipes. These items will be given to First Choice Pregnancy, Operation Bootstrap, Rosholt Pantry, or families in need. ~Thank you

PICNIC NEWS • WIADOMOŚCI PIKNIK

Picnic Mini Raffle Chairperson. The picnic committee needs a chairperson or a chair team (for example: it could be a husband and wife) to run the Mini Raffle for the picnic. If you are a person who likes the idea of working and sitting outside at the picnic under a tent and like to meet and greet our picnic guests from all over, this job is for you. For job duties and a job description call Arleen at 715-341-3645 or 715-340-7812.

Please Note. Father Miller will be on retreat starting Monday, May 8th—Friday, May 12th. There will be NO daily Masses, confession, or adoration at Sacred Heart or St. Mary's on those days. Please be advised, if you have a scheduled intention for those days Father Miller will be offering those intentions at his private Masses. If there are any emergencies that week, please call the parish office and we will contact Fr. Baltazar or Fr. Shuttleworth for you.

Important information regarding the Sacred Heart and St. Martin Cemeteries. In order to secure the safety of visitors and staff, prevent interference with the routine maintenance operations and 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, 2023. 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.



St. Isidore Blessings: The feast day of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers is on Sunday, May 14th. Due to Father Miller's Sunday Mass schedule, he plans to do the blessings of seeds, plants, machinery, etc. outside the front entrance of the church after the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 13th. If you have farm machinery, please drive up to the front. Holy cards of St. Isidore will be available at the entrances of the church from May 6th-14th.



SCRIP NEWS. When you purchase a scrip gift card you will receive the full value. The brand gives back to the parish in rebates so there is no extra money coming from your pocket. Please consider purchasing scrip. Scrip will be sold at the weekend Masses! Also, during the week you can purchase scrip through the parish office. Thank you for supporting our scrip program!

CCD NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

CCD Closing Mass will be on Wednesday, April 26th, and attendance is required.

- **First Holy Communion Retreat** for children and parents will be on Saturday, May 13th, beginning at 8:00am. This is for all Sacred Heart School and CCD students and one parent must be in attendance also. Rehearsal will be on this day.
- **First Holy Communion Mass** will be on Saturday, May 20th at 4:00pm Mass. Please arrive between 3:15pm and 3:30pm in the church basement and bring any items you would like blessed. Please contact Debbie Riske for details at ccd@sacredheartpolonia.com or 715-340-4626.

CCD registration packets for families currently enrolled in our Religious Education Program were sent home on April 12th with the oldest student from each family. Completed registrations are due back this upcoming Wednesday, April 26th. For families who will be new to the program for the 2023-2024 school year, packets will be available at the church entrances soon. Please continue to watch the bulletins or our website for updates. ~Thank you.

Magnificat Subscriptions. If you ordered an annual subscription to the Magnificat, the May Magnificats are available at the church entrances.

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:

Archie Lepak & Alma "Marie" Lepak-Wolter

SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE



Dear Parishioners,

As part of Sacred Heart School's reaccreditation, various groups are asked to complete an online survey. Please type the following URL into any web browser and complete the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/Parishioner-Survey>. If you do not have a computer, you are welcome to stop by the office during regular hours and use one of ours. Susanna will assist you if needed. Thank you for your support of Sacred Heart School. —Principal McCann

Job Posting. Full-Time Teacher. Sacred Heart Catholic School in Polonia is now accepting applications for a full-time classroom teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Sacred Heart hires highly qualified individuals who are faithful Catholics, who love children and are committed to serving their educational needs. If you are a Catholic who loves learning as much as you love children, this position may be perfect for you. A qualified applicant will be a practicing Catholic who holds at least a bachelor's degree and a valid Wisconsin teaching license or a willingness to obtain a license. You would be teaching in a combined 3rd & 4th grade classroom. Sacred Heart School's student-to-teacher ratio is currently 13 to 1. A teacher application may be found on our website at www.sacredheartpolonia.com/ employment. Application deadline: May 19th, 2023.

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE

Finance Council. Tuesday, April 25th @ 6:00pm — Sacred Heart Parish Rectory.



Knights of Columbus. Tuesday, May 2nd @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart



PCCW. Monday, May 8th @ 6:30pm —Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Rosary will be prayed at 6:00pm at the Memorial for the Unborn (weather permitting, otherwise, in church). Rose groups do not need to bring snacks or desserts for the meeting; pizza will be provided.



Holy Name Society. Sunday, May 14th @ 9:00am—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



POLONIA CONVENT MSDI

Giftshop: Spring is here and so are First Communion dresses at the Polonia Convent gift shop. This self-serve gift shop features many unique gifts, locally made items along with Wisconsin maple syrup. The MSDI Convent front door has the gift shop availability information. Your support of this project is much needed and greatly appreciated!

April is Abortion Recovery Awareness Month. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org.

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. Additional resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources.

CALIX – For Help with Addiction from a Catholic Perspective. Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? Or, do you just need someone to talk with? You can reach out to a member of CALIX. CALIX (calixsociety.org) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. You can make a confidential call to 612.383.8232 (Jim R.) or 651.587.4668 (Jim B.), for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.

Catholics Returning Home. St. Joseph's & St. Stephen's will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning Wednesday evenings starting April 12th-May 17th at 6:30pm, St Joseph Conference Room. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics seeking answers to questions about returning to the church. If you know someone who has left the church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Sally Mews at 715-254-0935 or email ssmews@msn.com.

A Night with Padre Jose – Sharing Memories. Please join us Saturday, May 6th in Marathon City, as we come together to share memories of the good work Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski did for the people in Bolivia and Peru, along with messages from individuals who saw firsthand how he used just his two hands to make a big difference in the lives of so many people. This event is a celebration of the life of Father Walijewski and his legacy that lives on at Casa Hogar Juan Pablo orphanage, a direct mission of the Diocese of La Crosse. Guest speakers for the evening will be Msgr. Joseph Hirsch, Director of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II, and Fr. Sebastian Kolodziejczyk, previous Director of Casa Hogar (2001-2013), both continuing the work started by Padre Jose. Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Memories Ballroom in Marathon City. Social 4:30pm – Dinner at 6:15pm. Cost – \$30 adults, \$10 for children 5-10 years, and free for 4 years and under. Register at homeajpm.org/events. For questions, or to register by phone, call 715-297-5139.

St. Maximilian Kolbe will be having a free will offering rummage sale on Friday May 5th and Saturday, May 6th, 8am-4pm. 8611 State Highway 54, Almond, WI.

The annual First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's Walk for Life will be held in Wisconsin Rapids at Lake Wazeecha on May 6th. This family friendly event will begin at the South Wood County Shelter House at 10:00am with registration beginning at 9:00 am. Fun raffles and concessions will be available. Please join us to help raise \$32,000. All area parishes and individuals are welcome to walk and register with the **St. Gianna Walkers for Life** (team captain is the Lauren Rubenzer). To participate or donate you can find more information on the First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's website: <https://www.firstchoiceprc.org/walkforlife>. If you have any questions, feel free to call Lauren Rubenzer – 608-234-8502. See you there!!

Join us for the 13th Annual Pacelli Catholic Schools SHREDDING PARTY. The community service & fundraising event is hosted by Schulfer & Associates, LLC Wealth Management. Please bring your secure documents to shred on Thursday, May 11th from 3-6pm at 1417 Main Street, Stevens Point. Donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated for secure, confidential shredding services provided by Express Recycling Solutions, Inc. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 towards a larger campaign to replace aging playground equipment at our elementary schools and early childhood center.

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society. "All You Can Eat Breakfast" will be held Sunday, May 7th from 8:30am to Noon at St. Bronislava Catholic Church located at 3200 Plover Rd in Plover. The Menu includes buttermilk & milk; potato pancakes, French toast, breakfast sausage links, milk, juice & coffee. Cost is \$9.00 for ages 13-adult, \$4 for ages 5-12 & Free for ages 4 under. The meal is cooked by the men of Holy Name and table service is provided by St. Bron's Boy Scout troop #201. Proceeds from the breakfast go towards the Parish, School & Youth Needs. Thank you for your support.

Be Part of an Amazing Adventure in Faith – Join the Lay Formation Institute! Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2023. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities? A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you? If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The upcoming dates are April 22nd-23rd in Epworth, Iowa and September 22nd-24th in Dubuque, Iowa. For more information, call 563-920-9419.