



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 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 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, February 26 – Feria

Tuesday, February 27 – St. Gregory of Narek

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Grace Domaszek by Conrad & Delores Lepak

Wednesday, February 28 – Feria

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Myron Soik by Scott & Lori Kluck
 6:15pm Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart

Thursday, February 29 – Feria

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

Friday, March 1 – Feria

No Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 Special Intentions by Richard Perzinski
 8:45am Silent Adoration—St. Mary's
 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/Closing Benediction—St. Mary's

Please note

Please note:
 The school children will not be having Stations of the Cross this week.

Saturday, March 2 – Feria

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †Joann Bronk by Ann Omernik
 †Larry Kluck by Family
 †Henry Wierzbak by Tom & Ruth Printz
 †Elsie Fliss by Phil & Lynn Gliniecki
 †Sophie Erickson by Don & Rose Zabrowski
 †Paulette Blaskey by James Zblewski
 †Jacki Wanta by Sue Wanta
 †Gladys Lepak by Family
 Special Blessings for Lori Shroda by Connie & Delores Lepak
 2:45–3:45pm Confessions—Sacred Heart
 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Delores Kurszewski by Virginia Groshek

Sunday, March 3 – Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families
 Stations of the Cross—St. Mary's
 9:25am Mass—St. Mary's
 10:00am †Rich Zblewski by St. Mary's Altar Society



"O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power, and idle chatter. Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother and sister, for You are blessed, now and ever and forever. Amen." (Lenten prayer of St. Ephraim)

LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$6,278
 Youth: \$11
 Offertory: \$298
 Total: \$6,587
 Vigil Lights: \$97
 School Donations: \$825
 Boiler Fund: \$30
 Renovation: \$200

Feb Budget: \$22,700
 Feb to Date: \$16,164

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

Scrip Sales: \$2,980 | Profit: \$163

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: \$26,175 (53.5%)
 # of Donors: 92

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

Altar Servers

March 2:	4:00 pm	Gavin, William & Luke Eron
March 3:	8:00 am	Ben, Joseph & Jackson

Hospitality

March 2:	4:00 pm	Volunteer Ushers
March 3:	8:00 am	Volunteer Ushers

Readers

March 2:	4:00 pm	Deb Riske
March 3:	8:00 am	Chris Parker

Wellington

February 29:	Fr. Miller
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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 Wierzbza, Jason Wrycza, Trisha Wrycza, Newton Family, Gail Tepp, Dwight Huckle, Larry Strong

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.

Youth Choir. All youth ages 7 and up are welcome to join Mrs. Eron on Saturday, 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 Knights of Columbus would like to thank the people for attending the Prime Rib & Shrimp dinner held at Sacred Heart Church. The money that was raised will help fund all of the charity projects that our Council supports.

A heartfelt thank you from the Society of Propagation of the Faith and our Diocesan Mission Office to Sacred Heart Parish for your generous response of prayer and sacrifices for World Mission Sunday. Your response to Pope Francis' call to have our "Hearts on Fire, feet on the move" gives witness to your commitment to Christ and His teachings. We will forward your respective financial contributions of \$1,510 to our national office. The collected fund will assist in spreading God's message of hope and peace to the poor, those suffering persecution for their faith, and those who are yet to experience the redeeming power of the Gospel.



Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:15pm at Sacred Heart and Sunday, March 3rd at 9:25am at St. Mary's. Sacred Heart School children will not be having Stations of the Cross this week due to their field trip, but please join them on Friday, March 8th at 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

Magnificat. If you ordered a Magnificat for the month of March, your orders are now available at the entrances of the church.



PCCW News. PCCW is accepting nominations for the position of Vice President. This position is a two-year term as Vice President, and then two years as President. The deadline for nominations is at 1:00pm on Monday, March 11. If you are interested in the position or would like to nominate someone, please call Debbie at 715-345-1257. ~ *Thank you.*

- February's meeting minutes are available by the entrances of the church.

Lost and Found. If you are missing any items, please check the lost and found bin which is located on the pew by the front entrance of the church. If those items have not been recovered we plan to discard or donate them in the next couple of weeks. ~ *Thank you.*

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.

Cemetery Care - Now Hiring! Sacred Heart Parish is now accepting applications for a Cemetery Groundskeeper position. This position will be responsible for the mowing, trimming and grounds upkeep of the Sacred Heart and St. Martin Church cemeteries. If you are interested in this part-time position please contact the parish office by March 15th for more details or to express your interest.

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.

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.*



the "Answer" - Eucharistic Rally

Discover and embrace the gift of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist! Join us on Friday, June 7th as we travel by bus to La Crosse to join in this monumental event. We will

depart from Stevens Point at 7 a.m. and arrive in La Crosse in time to participate in the Pilgrimage from the Cameron Street Bridge to the La Crosse Center. Once at the La Crosse center will join in Mass, listen to presenters Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilbagiza, Josh Rosa, and enjoy the music of Luke Spehar.

Our departure time from La Crosse will be 6:30 p.m. to return to Stevens Point.

Cost: Sacred Heart high schoolers (grades 9-12) are free! All others: \$20.00. All youth younger than high school may attend as a family unit. There are several buses leaving Stevens Point for this event...and the ride is FREE!

Go to diolc.org/the-answer for more information about this once in a lifetime event - but for headcount purposes, DO NOT register through the Diocesan website.

Ready to register??? Register online by February 29th at: sacredheartpolonia.com/events

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



Updated! Knights of Columbus. Tuesday, March 5th @ 6:10pm—St. Mary's Torun



PCCW. Monday, March 12th @ 1:00pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Roses 1 & 2 bring desserts.

SACRED HEART PARISH

7379 CHURCH ST.
CUSTER, WI 54423

BINGO

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD
STARTS AT 1:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 AM
OVER \$600.00 IN CASH PRIZES!

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE:
BARBECUES, HOTDOGS, POPCORN, ICE CREAM, PIES, AND DESSERTS

50/50 RAFFLE CHERRY TREE

Seating availability 200



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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!

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:

Ron Karch

SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE



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.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

Wednesday, February 28th. During Lent classes will begin with Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:15pm. Parents are encouraged to stay for stations!

CORRESPONDENCE • KORESPONDENCJA

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.

Stewardship Reflections. Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It reminds us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all we have to the Gracious Giver. The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, to the Lord. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. He is blessed abundantly because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord. We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering his son's life, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we must surrender all to the Lord — our time, talents, and material treasures. We should willingly give God our entire lives, confident that He will care for us. St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son, who suffered, died, and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him, knowing He will continue to pour His love on us? As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? 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!

Area Confessions. During Lent Fr. Placid Stroik OFM is available for Confessions at Franciscans Downtown, 1000 Main St. across from the public library from 2:00 - 3:00pm on March 5th, March 12th, and March 19th.

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.

AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE

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.

Fish Fry. Pacelli High School, Stevens Point. March 1st. Serving from 4 to 7pm

St. Philip Catholic Church in Rudolph, WI. Annual Pancake Breakfast and BAKE SALE. Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024. Serving 8:00 am - 12:00 pm in Wagner Hall. The menu includes: Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes, Pork Sausage Patties, Applesauce, and Cinnamon Rolls. Adults - \$10.00 Ages 6-12 - \$5.00 5 and under - Free.

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

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!

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!

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/



Exploring the presence of Christ both inside and outside the Mass

Prior to His ascension to the right hand of the Father, Jesus makes us a beautiful promise: “Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). Since that time, the Church finds Jesus in the midst of His believers, in the proclamation of His word, and in the action of the Sacraments. But She encounters Him most fully in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Jesus’ Eucharistic presence is called “real”—a term that doesn’t imply that His other existences with us are somehow “unreal,” but “to indicate presence *par excellence*, because it is substantial and through it Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and man” (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*, 39). In other words, by the power of God, the priest’s words over the bread and wine at Mass change the substance of these elements into the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus. Unlike the other presences of Christ in the Mass, however, the Eucharistic presence of Jesus remains long after the Mass has ended.

People are present to one another in many ways: in thought, in memory, in bodily proximity, in sympathy. So too with Jesus: His presence in our midst is as real as any other. What a comfort that He remains with us as He promised! For centuries, His saints and faithful have had Christ as a real companion on their journey to the Promised Land.

Questions for reflection:

1. Consider Jesus’ promise to be with us until the end of time. How do you encounter Christ’s presence in your life, especially during Mass?
2. How would you explain to a friend or family member (in your own words, but informed by the Scriptures and the Church’s teaching) the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass and outside of Mass?
3. Pew Study research suggests that 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. What do you think are some of the biggest obstacles to holding this belief?

Ideas:

1. Consider beginning or joining a study group that learns and prays about Jesus’ Real Presence.
2. Review and renew how the demeanor, dress, and actions of both ministers and laity can express belief (or unbelief) in the Real Presence at Mass.
3. Participate in occasions for Eucharistic adoration or Eucharistic processions to foster belief in the Real Presence.

Christopher Carstens, Director of the Office for Sacred Worship

MARCH

2024

Please pray some kind of prayer for the priest listed each day. ~ *Thank you so much!*

CALENDAR MONTH	MARCH
CALENDAR YEAR	2024
1ST DAY OF WEEK	SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	25	26	27	28	29	1	2
					Pope Francis	Bp. Callahan	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Fr. Alex Kren	Fr. Thomas Krieg	Fr. Nathaniel Kuhn	Fr. Biju Kunjikutty	Msgr. David Kunz	Fr. James Kurzynski	Fr. Kyle Laylan	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Fr. Robert Latona	Fr. Thomas Lindner	Fr. Eric Linzmaier	Fr. Amalanathan Malayappan	Fr. Peter Manickam	Fr. Jerome Maria Francis	Fr. Peter Raj Mariasamy	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Fr. Samuel Martin	Fr. Eric Mashak	Fr. Heitor Matheus-Netto	Fr. Samuel McCarty	Fr. Gregory Michaud	Fr. Mark Miller	Fr. Todd Misna	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Fr. John Mano	Fr. Joseph Nakwahl	Fr. Thomas Nirrapel	Fr. John Ofori-Domah	Fr. David Olson	Fr. Daniel Oudenhoven	Fr. Timothy Oudenhoven	
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Fr. Woodrow Pace							