



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parafia Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa

IN POLONIA

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Please submit bulletin notices to bulletin@sacredheartpolonia.com by noon on Tuesday.

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 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 4 – St. Casimir

Tuesday, March 5 – Feria

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Germaine M. by Family

Wednesday, March 6 – Feria

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Stephen Piesik by Dave & Dolly Peper
 6:15pm Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart

Thursday, March 7 – Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

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

Friday, March 8 – St. John of God

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Gerald, Rhode & Patsy Studinski by Brad & Bette Britz
 2:00pm Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart School Children

Saturday, March 9 – St. Frances of Rome

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †Grace Domaszek by Carl Brezenski
 †Gladys Lepak by Family
 †Theresa Gagas by Dennis Gagas
 †Loretta Klesmit by Roger Klesmit
 †Henry Wierzba by Tom & Debbie Kulas
 †Gregory Zabrowski by Don & Rose Zabrowski
 †Andrea Singer by Dave & Judy Zdroik
 2:45–3:45pm Confessions—Sacred Heart
 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families

Sunday, March 10 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Dennis Groshek by Virginia Groshek
 9:25am Stations of the Cross—St. Mary's
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's (Collective Intention)
 †Denny Stransky by Nora
 †Chuck Egle by Ron & Donna Wierzba
 †LeRoy Feltz by Joan & Family
 †Dorothy Gavin by Trevor and Meghan Kluck



Dear Jesus, in the Sacrament of the Altar, be forever thanked and praised. Love, worthy of all celestial and terrestrial love! Who, out of infinite love for me, ungrateful sinner, assumed our human nature, shed Your most Precious Blood in the cruel scourging, and expired on a shameful Cross for our eternal welfare! Now illumined with lively faith, with the outpouring of my whole soul and the fervor of my heart, I humbly beseech You, through the infinite merits of Your painful sufferings, give me strength and courage to destroy every evil passion which sways my heart, to bless You by the exact fulfillment of my duties, supremely to hate all sin, and thus to become a Saint. Amen. (Prayer to overcome sinful passions)

LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$5,755 Youth: \$18 Offertory: \$237 Total: \$6,010 Vigil Lights: \$68 School Donations: \$795 Blessed Candles: \$24 Special Needs: \$837 TMIY Donation: \$500 Renovation Donation: \$100 Scrip Sales: \$7,465 Profit: \$265	Feb Budget: \$22,700 Feb Actual: \$22,174 <i>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.</i>
2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal Sacred Heart's Goal: \$48,950 Contributions to Date: \$26,405 (53.9%) # of Donors: 94	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

Altar Servers

March 9: 4:00 pm Wyatt & Gavin M.
 March 10: 8:00 am Caleb, Ben & Christopher

Hospitality

March 9: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers
 March 10: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

Readers

March 9: 4:00 pm Donna Zaborowski
 March 10: 8:00 am Tom Glavin

Wellington

March 7: Deb Riske

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 Hucke

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.



Our deepest condolences and prayers are extended to the entire family and friends of Larry Strong. Larry passed away on Sunday, February 25th and was laid to rest Thursday, February 29th. May we continue to pray for the happy repose of his soul and for the comfort of Bernadine and his family during this difficult time.

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



Boiler Fund Envelopes are once again available in your 2024 box of giving envelopes. As you may recall, at the end of each quarter the second collection usually used for Special Needs was replaced by a Boiler Fund collection. The fund will be used to pay for the eventual repair or replacement of the existing church boiler (which is roughly 90 years old with a life expectancy of 100 years, give or take a few years). We removed the envelopes in 2023 to acknowledge and appreciate the financial sacrifices many families were making to the 'Heart Speaks to Heart' Campaign. Even without special envelopes, many parishioners continued to contribute to the Boiler Fund during 2023. Thank you! The balance in the fund is now slightly over \$30k. Beginning with the end of March, the end of quarter Special Needs collection will be replaced with a collection for the Boiler Fund.



Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:15pm at Sacred Heart and Sunday, March 10th at 9:25am at St. Mary's. Please join Sacred Heart School children for Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8th at 2:00pm.

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.

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.



Congratulations to Michael John Laskowski, son of Marjuan and Agnieszka who was baptized last weekend into God's family. May God grant Michael all the blessings of His gentle love and may he enjoy a lifetime of health and happiness.


"Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism." (CCC 1277)

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.


Reminder. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10th. Please do not forget to set your clocks 1 hour forward on Saturday night March 9th.

BINGO Senior Bingo will be on Thursday, March 14th following the morning Mass. If you plan on staying for lunch, please contact Barb Lepak at 715-600-0396.

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 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!

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.

PARISH MEETINGS SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE

 **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.

PICNIC NEWS WIADOMOŚCI PIKNIK


Save the date August 18, 2024

It is hard to believe it is time to start thinking about the Church Picnic. In a few months, it will be here. The Picnic is the most important and largest fundraiser that we do every year. It takes the efforts of a lot of parishioners for many months before the event.

Here are some things we can do at this time:

- **Cash Raffle Sponsors.** 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.
- **Shop for Children's Game prizes.** Sacred Heart is known for its fun games and prizes.
- **Contribute a Mini Raffle prize.** Bought alone or it can be a shared raffle with another person or family. The Mini Raffle consists of large prizes. each with a value of \$100 or more.
- **Shop for items for Basket Raffle Prizes.**
- Cannot forget the **Country Store** as we are dreaming about gardening. We are looking for another co-chair/s. Because of health reasons, Julie Wanserski is stepping away as a chair. Thank you, Julie, for all you have done to contribute to the Country Store's success. Julie is willing to advise anyone willing to volunteer to assist Ramona Biadasz, a co-chair.
- If you are not a shopper, Scrip, or cash donations for someone else to do it is an option.
- Think about where you would like to work for the picnic. We are always in need of help and more volunteers.

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:

Peter Wrycza

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

Wednesday, March 6. 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.

AREA PENANCE • POKUTA WSPÓLNOTOWA

Area Lenten Penance Opportunities:

- March 12th at 6:30pm at St. Joseph
- March 14th at 7:00pm at St. Bronislava
- March 18th at 6:00pm at St. Mary of Mount Carmel
- March 20th at 6:30pm at Holy Spirit
- March 20th at 6:30pm at St. Michael (2 priests available)
- March 21st at 6:00pm at St. Mary Torun
- March 22nd at 5:00pm at St. Wenceslaus & after 6pm Mass
- March 27th at 6:30pm at St. Bartholomew
- March 27th at 6:00pm at St. Adalbert

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.

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.

Sacred Silence High School Retreat. St. Stephen & St. Joseph Parishes are hosting a High School Lenten Retreat on March 16th from 9:00am to Noon at St. Mary-Torun. Any questions please contact Christine 715-341-1617 ex 104 or dre@pointcatholicfaith.org. All High School youth are welcome to attend.

Please Donate to Project Milk! Your help is needed, as we prepare to purchase whole powdered milk for the children of Casa Hogar and other surrounding orphanages in Peru. We are \$32,000 short of funding to purchase a full shipping container, which is 800 bags of milk (we currently have enough for 500 bags). Please consider donating by visiting frjoesguild.org/donate/ and Select "Project Milk" from the designation menu. If you prefer to donate by mail, write "Project Milk" on the memo line of your check. Send your donation to: Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild, Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. The Children of Casa Hogar and the members of the Rural Life Committee thank you!

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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!

Chrism Mass Pilgrimage on Tuesday, March 26th, with departure/return from St. Joe's parking lot in Stevens Point. Cost is \$20/person. To register for busing www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage. Sponsored by the Stevens Point Deanery hosted by St. Joseph Parish.

Community Seder Meal. St. Joseph Family Center in Stevens Point on Wednesday, March 27th at 5:30pm. Please RSVP by Friday March 22nd call 715-341-1617 ex.101 or Leo & Janet at 715-341-2790.

Eggstravaganza. St. Joseph Parish on Saturday, March 30th at 12:30pm after the noon blessing of food baskets. Special Easter Egg hunt for 2 year olds and under, fun outside hunt for age groups 3-4 & 5-7, scavenger hunt for our big kids 8-9 years old, crafts, games, prizes, snacka, and lots of FUN for the whole family!

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/



Who is 15-year-old Blessed Carlo Acutis who planned and developed the International “Eucharistic Miracles” Exhibit?

Carlo Acutis was an Italian teenager like most of the youth of our day. He was known as a computer whiz, who liked to play soccer, video games, and the saxophone. He enjoyed spending time with his many friends. Carlo was cheerful, outgoing and fun-loving.

What set Carlo apart was that he loved God and made Jesus and Mary the center of his life. Beginning at an early age, he developed a deep devotion to the Eucharist and attended Mass every day, being realistic about the times in which he lived and realizing he needed this grace to overcome temptations, sin and the various struggles of life. He also loved to frequent Eucharistic adoration. Carlo called the Holy Eucharist his “highway to Heaven.” This teen believed that if Catholics recognized the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus, their lives would be transformed.

Carlo was committed to teaching the Faith at the parish and serving in soup kitchens. He also went around the city giving money to homeless people. “This was Carlo’s secret: He had a constant, intimate friendship with Jesus. He wanted everyone he encountered to have this kind of relationship [with Christ] like he did.” (by Carlo’s mother)

Carlo became interested and adept at computer programming and video making. With these interests and fascination with the potential for the profound good that social media could bring, he began creating a website of all of the Eucharistic Miracles of the world. Carlo and his family traveled to many of these Eucharistic Miracle sites and photographed them to develop a virtual exhibit that would display these incredible “gifts” from God in order to help strengthen the faith of people.

As a teenager Carlo was diagnosed suddenly with leukemia and died in 2006 at the age of 15. Carlo has already passed two of three required steps for canonization - the path to sainthood: 1) “Venerable” recognizes a person has lived a heroically virtuous life. 2) They are recognized as “Blessed” when a miracle has been attributed to their intercession. 3) “Canonization” requires a second miracle after being declared blessed. The second and third steps each require a miracle through the intercession of this person and are seen as God’s confirmation that this person is indeed in Heaven with Him.

Questions for reflection:

“The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus.” “The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers adoration to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, not only during Mass, but also outside of it,... for the solemn veneration of the faithful...” (Catechism, paragraphs 1391, 1378)

1. In what way does the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis inspire you?
2. “To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan.” (Quote of Blessed Carlo Acutis) What is a phrase that captures your life plan that you might say to yourself often?
3. How realistically can you add the practice of Eucharistic Adoration to your life, in a simple way?

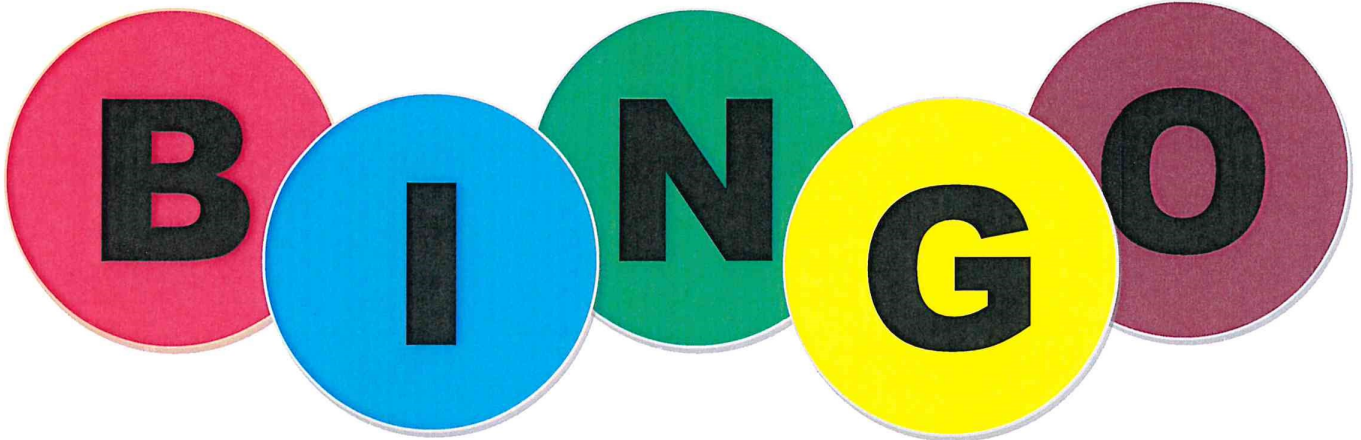
Ideas:

1. Attend the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, which presents a selection of the main Miracles of the Eucharist approved by the Catholic Church. The Exhibit was planned and developed by Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Ann Lankford, Director of the Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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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**