



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parafia Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa

IN POLONIA

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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
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 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

NAMASZCZENIE CHRZYCH

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MSZE ŚWIĘTE

Monday, January 24 – *St. Francis de Sales*

Tuesday, January 25 – *Conversion of St. Paul*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Mark Prondzinski by Holy Name Society

Wednesday, January 26 – *St. Timothy & Titus*

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Donna Trzebiatowski by Frank & Karen Groshek

Thursday, January 27 – *St. Angela Merici*

7:00—8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart
 7:30—8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Connie & Carol Zdroik by Diane Wojtalewicz

Friday, January 28 – *St. Thomas Aquinas*

7:00—8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30—8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Myron Gavin, Dorothy Dombrowski &
 Dolores Ganski-Wierzba by Shirley

Saturday, January 29 – *Feria*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †Jeanette Wiza by Family
 †Ron Check by Family
 †Shannon Blanchard by Roger & Dee Lepak
 †Julian, Julia & George Chodzinski by Family

2:45pm Confessions—Sacred heart

4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families

Sunday, January 30 – *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Clarence Ostrowski by Betty Ostrowski
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Felix, Regina, Frances & Conroy Soik by Myron Soik Family

A WORD FROM FATHER**SŁOWO OD PASTORA**

"The Holy Eucharist is a fire that purifies and consumes all our miseries and imperfections. Do everything in your power to make yourself worthy of the Eucharist, and this Divine Fire will take care of the rest." - *St. Hyacinth of Mariscotti*

SUNDAY BY SUNDAY**NIEDZIELA DO NIEDZIELI****"DO NOT BE SAD, AND DO NOT WEEP"**

"Do not be sad," Nehemiah said, "and do not weep" (9:9). Our days are holy when they are lived in the presence of God. So why do we weep? Not because God is not present to us. That's impossible. We weep because we are not present to God. We lose ourselves in our fears and our wishes that things would be different than they are.

The people of Nazareth sat down to listen. Jesus sat with them, and opened up the book of Isaiah. And what passage did he turn to? A message of consolation, the promise of "glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . recovery of sight to the blind" and freedom for the oppressed. Then when all eyes were fixed on him, he declared, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:18, 21). When is that "today"? Is it yet to come? If so, then Jesus was mistaken. Is it already past? If so, then it is not today. "Today" is now, always now.

WE PLAY OUR PART . . . TODAY

Paul tells us that we are "Christ's body." He explains that in the church there are apostles, prophets, and teachers, as well as gifts of mighty deeds, "healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues" (1 Corinthians 12:28). In other words, a lot of different gifts, a lot of different jobs.

In God's work--work like setting captives free and giving sight to the blind--we have our part to play. Our part is not to fall down on our faces and weep because we haven't done more. Our part is to recognize and acknowledge what we have done, see what else we might do, and then walk out into today and do it.

God has made this year a "year acceptable to the Lord" and this day a "holy day." God is present to us and we need to be present to God and to God's world. We each have our part to play, our contribution to make. Each of us can make God's world more peaceful, more joyful, healthier, and freer. This year! Today!

Today's Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:8-10, 15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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**LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT****DAROWIZNY**

Adults: \$5,912
Solemnity of Mary: \$25
1st Offering: \$57
Youth: \$5
Offertory: \$216
Total: \$6,215
Vigil Lights: \$26
Boiler Fund: \$100
School Donations: \$350
Non-Parishioners: \$20

Jan. Budget: \$23,280
Jan. to Date: \$15,852

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

Hebrews 13:16

Last Week's Scrip Sales: \$5,470; Profit: \$189



Annual Appeal Goal: \$47,865
Committed: \$29,057 Balance: \$18,808

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS**POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE****Altar Servers:**

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| January 29: | 4:00 pm | Colten & Wyatt |
| January 30: | 8:00 am | Christopher, Isaac, Thomas Joseph, Mark |

Hospitality:

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| January 29: | 4:00 pm | Volunteer Ushers |
| January 30: | 8:00 am | Volunteer Ushers |

Readers:

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| January 29: | 4:00 pm | Patt Roberts |
| January 30: | 8:00 am | Kent Lepak |

PRAYER REQUESTS**PROŚBY MODLITEWNE**

Let us remember the following in our daily prayers:

Robert Rozek, Colleen Kluck, Cristy Wiza, Theresa Prondzinski, Cecilia Rozek, Austin James, Jerry Kontney, Anthony Brzezinski, Dominic Kaminski, Brittany Olivia, Ernie Kurszewski, Michael J. Woyak, Theresa Arnsdorff, Vince Herek, Drew Glavin, Theresa Pliska, Leonard Schulist, JD Wysocki, Sr. Barbara, Dave Grawey, Elsie Fliss, Devon Kowalski, Bacon Family, Elaine Dombrowski, Peter Hagen, David K. Trzebiatowski, Newton Family, Carol Weinfurtnner, Vanessa Lawson, Bob Zorowski, Dan Sekerka, Ray Sommers, Megan Rose, Theresa Glavin, Chester Eron, Gary Haessly, Lewis Zinda, Karen Liebe, Beverly Stanczyk, Loretta Klesmit, Christopher Kurszewski, Greg Laska, Chad Wiza, Roger Firkus, Janice Firkus, Sadie Goldsworthy, Mark Worzalla, Leroy Milanowski

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



Thank you Sacred Heart Polonia, for your Christmas gift, but most of all for your prayers and blessings. Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated. ~ *Pauline Bembenek*

Parish office changes. Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin about the changes to the parish office.

February 2nd is Candlemas: the Presentation of Jesus Christ. Candles will be blessed that day and will be available in the back of church through February 5th and 6th. A suggested offering of at least \$3 would be appreciated. ~ *Thank you*

Looking Ahead. There will be a Mass and confession location change for Saturday, February 12th. Due to St. Mary's—Custer Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Mass will be held there at 4:00pm and confessions at 2:45pm.

PCCW Raffle. The PCCW winter raffle tickets are available for pickup at the front entrance. Members' tickets are in Rose number order. Also, there are extra tickets available for sale for anyone who would like to purchase them. Any tickets sold can be dropped off in the rectory drop box. The price of the tickets will be \$5 each or 3/\$10. The drawing is February 5th 2022, at 7:30pm in conjunction with KC's Steak night. **The purpose of this raffle is for Parish upcoming repair expenses.**

▶ **PCCW Donation Envelopes.** PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) are responsible for purchasing the hosts, wine, candles, carpet cleaning, and etc. for the church. The donations from the pink envelopes will be used to help purchase these items.

▶ **Ponczkas and Ponczka Bingo.** Sacred Heart Church will not be having Ponczka Bingo this year, but we still plan to make Ponczka's & peanut squares. They will be available before and after the 4:00pm Mass on February 26th and before and after the 8:00am Mass on February 27th.

▶ **PCCW meeting minutes** are available by the entrances of the church.

Youth Envelopes. Tithing envelopes for youth (up to age 18) are available at the church entrance. Please take any box, but be sure to write your name on the first envelope that is turned in so that the parish database can be updated. We encourage all youth to learn the importance of sacrifice and financial support. However, if you do not plan on using the envelopes please do not take a box. ~ *Thank you!*

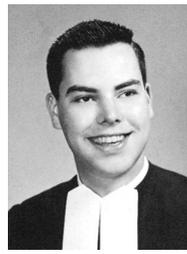
Our church is open daily, Monday through Sunday, from 7:00am-5:00pm for private prayer. Please use either the handicap or the front east side door entry.

CCD NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

Wednesday, January 26th. Classes begin with prayer in the church at 6:15pm.

- CCD parents. The gift shop located in the convent is open during CCD class on Wednesdays. Stop in!



The feast day of Blessed Brother James Miller is on February 13th. We ask him to intercede for us and our intentions.

"O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [mention request] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen."

You can find prayer cards of Blessed Brother James Miller at the entrances of the church.

BINGO **Next Senior Bingo.** Senior bingo will be on Thursday, February 17th, following the morning Mass. If you plan on staying for lunch, please contact Barb Lepak at 715-592-6103.

SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE



Portesi Pizza Orders. All orders will be delivered after January 27th, delivery and pick up arrangements will be made through Malayna Polum. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. ~ *Thank you*



Catholic Schools Week will be held January 30th-February 5th. To start off the celebration of Catholic Schools Week the children and parents of Sacred Heart school will be handing out candy bars after the Masses on January 29th and 30th. This is to thank the parishioners for their continued support of our school. ~ *God Bless!*

SANCTUARY LAMP

WIECZNA LAMPKA

There are many openings for \$100 donations to have the sanctuary lamp burn for a week in memory of a departed family member or members. Please call the parish office to select a date and make a donation.

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE

Parish Council. Tuesday, January 25th @ 6:30pm— Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



Knights of Columbus. Tuesday, February 1st @ 6:30pm— Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



PCCW. Tuesday, February 8th @ 1:00pm— Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Rose 6 & 7 to bring desserts.

Picnic Committee. Tuesday, February 15th @ 6:30pm— Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 5th-6th. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Please pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved!



SCRIP NEWS. Scrip is another way for you to earn money for your parish and school. Please consider purchasing scrip today. Scrip will be sold after the weekend Masses! Also, during the week you can purchase scrip through the parish office. The scrip forms are available at the entrances of the church. To place an order for physical cards, please call, email, or drop off the form at the parish office. Thank you for supporting our scrip program!

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

AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE



Missionary Sisters of the Divine Image GIFT SHOP is a great place to find unique gifts. We carry Wisconsin maple syrup and we have a selection of books as well. Please ring the doorbell at the FRONT entrance of the convent and Sister will be happy to direct you to the gift shop. Or, call Sister at 715-592-4213 to set up a time to visit. Thank you for your support of this on-going fundraiser for the MSDI Polonia Convent. ~ Thank you



That Man is You. Tuesday, January 25th. 6:15am-7:30am Sacred Heart Church basement. For more information please contact Tom Glavin or check out their website paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/

St. Peter Parish. Soup and Pie Sale on Saturday, January 22nd from 2:00-5:30pm and Sunday, January 23rd from 7:30am-Noon or until sold out. Soups: Chicken Noodle, Ham and Bean, Tomato Basil Bisque and Swiss Broccoli \$9 per quart. Assorted home made pies prices vary.

Portage County Walk For Life in Stevens Point as hosted by Portage County Right to Life on Sunday, January 30th at 2:00pm in front of the Portage Co. Court House located at 1516 Church St. New this year, the 1.5 mile walk will proceed to Saint Peters Catholic Church located at 800 Fourth Ave. The presentation will be held downstairs in Kolbe hall (elevator available). Refreshments will be served. Our guest speaker will be Gracie Skogan, Legislative and PAC Director for Wisconsin Right To Life. If you are unable to do the walk, you are most welcome to come to hear Gracie, who will begin at 3:00pm.

Breakfast Event at St. Adalbert Catholic School on Sunday, January 30th serving at 8:30am-Noon. All you can eat potato and regular pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambles eggs, toast, hash browns, desserts, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Cost for adults \$10, ages 6-12 \$5, 5 and under free. We will be selling Ponczkas (no early sales). Cash and prize raffle drawing at 12:00pm need not to be present to win.



Knights of Columbus Polonia is sponsoring a Prime Rib or Gulf Shrimp Dinner. **Saturday, February 5th** at Sacred Heart Church. Dinner will start at 5:00pm. Your choice of Slow Roasted Prime Rib or Jumbo Deep Fried Gulf Shrimp. Plus salad bar with dessert bar. Meal includes milk & coffee. Tickets available at Sacred Heart Church, Sylvia's in Polonia, Polonia Café, and People Meat Market. Cost is \$20 per person. Children 10 and under eat free (Hot dogs with French fries). There will be in house raffles, and Winter Raffle \$2,000 in prizes sponsored by Sacred Heart PCCW drawing will be held at 7:30pm.

Ponczka Sale: St. Mary-Torun will hold their Ponczka sale on Saturday, February 5th. Sale is by pre-order only, limited amount being made! Cost is \$9.50 per dozen for raspberry jelly or prune filled; \$9 for unfilled. To order call 715-344-9665 or visit www.TorunCatholic.org/Ponczka

St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent, invites you to our **Green & Gold Raffle Event** on **Saturday, February 5 at 5 pm** (after 4pm Mass) -- great for **Packer fans** or anyone looking for an enjoyable night out helping one of God's churches. The evening includes complimentary beverages, finger foods, and bars. This event concludes our Green & Gold Raffle; drawing for first prize of \$1,000 Cash and other great prizes. Also, our Basket Raffle drawing for unique items. We will also have a 50/50 Raffle. Three lucky attendees will win a \$30 gift certificate to Texas Roadhouse, plus the first 200 people will receive a free appetizer card to Texas Roadhouse - \$6.99 value.

St. Adalbert Soup Sale. Pre-orders only! Call your order in by January 30th. Call Chris at 715-592-4648 or Cindy at 715-570-8215. Chicken Noodle Soup \$5 per quart or \$20 per gallon. Czernina \$6 per quart or \$24 per gallon. Pick up on February 12th from noon until after 7:00pm Mass.



New Hope for Unborn Babies? Pray for our Supreme Court Justices! Is the end near for Roe v. Wade? Could the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy be overturned? The Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court could have that outcome – but we must pray. Read about the nationwide initiative of fasting and prayer at diolc.org/respect-life, where you can also download a flyer with photos of each of the Justices. Post it on your refrigerator and remember to pray and sacrifice for each of them by name! A ruling is expected by June.

Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages! When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!



How God Guides Us

The Revelation of God's Guidance Follows Our Surrender

Have you ever found yourself saying when making a decision, “If God would just tell me what to do”? Actually, He is more than willing. Like any parent that would want to guide their child in the best path forward, we know and come to experience that God **wants** to guide us, and that He wants what's best for us—both now and in the long run. This is the ninth in a series of bulletin inserts on “How God Guides Us.” It is reassuring to know that the Lord **will** guide us in all aspects of our life. For our part, we want to open our hearts and follow His direction as we come to understand the ways in which He normally guides us.

In considering a decision, and seeking God's guidance in this decision, we must initially do our part. It is good to undertake legitimate preparation, especially regarding big decisions: considering various possibilities, anticipating road blocks, weighing the pros and cons, etc. And all of this preparation needs to be done in the context of prayer.

Knowing that God wants what is best for us, there is a principle that is necessary to understand in order to receive God's guidance for the situation under consideration. The principle is: “**revelation follows surrender.**” In other words, when asking Jesus for guidance, we need to truly

desire His will in the matter. We will not receive Our Lord's guidance until we come to Him “without our mind already made up” about the direction to take.

It is important that we don't discount the desires of our heart. If we already have a strong leaning as to what we want the outcome to be, we must be honest and tell this to Jesus. These longings are different from things we simply want out of selfishness. God has placed desires deep in our heart that He wants to fulfill. His direction, as we come to understand it and He confirms it, will help us know the difference between what we think we want and His true guidance. Remember that He really does want what is best and is good for us, what *we really do want* in the end!

God's direction will come to us after we express our willingness to follow His guidance in any given area. Therefore, what is needed is our surrender to God. Surrender is not being irresponsible or lazy, or having an attitude that we “don't care,” or that we “could care less.”

Surrender in this context of seeking God's guidance means having examined the possibilities with responsibility and a willingness to place the outcome in His hands, and to trust Him. We will ultimately come to a place of relinquishment, where we can say to Jesus, “I place this in Your hands, because I want

what You want. I believe it is best for me.”

We really aren't able to come to a place of surrender without first being convinced of God's goodness. In order to believe and trust God with a sure confidence in Him, we have to personally experience His benevolence, His perfect goodness. We open ourselves to identify and remember His goodness through times of quiet reflection, where Jesus gives us the grace to recognize how He has helped and guided us in the past, and His unchanging desire to faithfully protect and guide us now. With this, a firm conviction that He is truly worthy of our trust grows.

Having **trust in God's goodness**, and a willingness to **surrender** to Him, are necessary to receive Our Lord's guidance and follow Him. God *will* guide us. He cares about every detail in our lives. Ask the Lord to deepen your belief in His goodness and your desire to surrender to His guidance. Watch for the amazing effect it will have!

Remember the principle:
Revelation follows surrender.

By Ann and Carol Lankford

Visit diolc.org/deeper for the previous principles.



DIocese of LA CROSSE

The Parish Office has Moved



...to the school building

The parish office is now located in the school building. This change was made for several reasons, including greatly improved efficiencies and communications. However, one of the primary reasons is to allow for a safer and easier access to the parish office for all parishioners and guests. The new entrance is handicap accessible with no slippery, uneven steps to climb. We are excited about this much needed change and are confident that anyone who needs to conduct business in the parish and school office will agree. I will be a frequent visitor to the school building, however if you would ever like to talk or meet with me, my office will continue to be in the parish rectory and open as before during standard hours or by appointment.

There are a few critical items you need to be aware of related to this move. You will find these items addressed below. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me, Susanna or Mr. McCann.

Thank you.

Fr. Miller

Phone Numbers

To reach Father Miller (including for emergencies), the parish office, or the school office there is now only one number.

(715) 600-6942

The phone number to the church basement has not changed. It is still (715) 592-6103.

Standard Office Hours

Please note that the parish office will be closed daily from 11:15-11:45am for lunch.

| | <u>Parish Office</u> | <u>Fr. Miller</u> |
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| Monday | 9:00am-3:00pm | - |
| Tuesday | 9:00am-3:00pm | 9:00am-3:00pm |
| Wednesday | Closed | By appointment |
| Thursday | 9:00am-3:00pm | 9:00am-3:00pm |
| Friday | 9:00am-1:00pm | 9:00am-1:00pm |

Parish & School Mailing Address

7379 Church Street
Custer, WI 54423

Father Miller Mailing Address

7375 Church Street
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Parking

Please do not park in front of the school building between 7:00am-8:00am and between 2:00pm-3:00pm (buses need access). However, you may park in front of the school building at any other time during the day. The existing signs will be updated soon to reflect this change.

After Hours Dropbox

An after hours dropbox will be available later this week at the front of the school building to the left of the door. The dropbox formerly on the rectory porch has been removed.