



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, December 5 – *Feria*

Tuesday, December 6 – *St. Nicholas*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Linda Konkol by Richard Konkol

Wednesday, December 7 – *St. Ambrose*

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Amy Britz by John Herman Family

Thursday, December 8 – *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

No Adoration—St. Mary's

No Confession—St. Mary's

Please note

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Edwin & Verona Herek by family

Please note
location
change

6:00pm Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families

Friday, December 9 – *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Denny Stransky by Bonnie Groshek

Saturday, December 10 – *Feria*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †Shannon Blanchard by Tom & Kim Glodowski
 †Gladys Lepak by Family
 †Bob Zorowski by Len & Justine Brilowski
 †Lorraine Karch by PCCW
 †Paul Tadda by Scott & Tracy Kulas
 †Andrew Kurszewski by Dave & Barb Kurszewski
 †Loretta Klesmit by Lenny & Connie Ziolkowski
 2:15–3:45pm Confessions—St. Mary's
 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—St. Mary's
 †Leo F. Zywicki by David & Janice

Please note
location
change

Sunday, December 11 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Clarence Pampuch by Gladys & Family
 †Richard Schulist by Bernard & Marlene Schulist
 †Amy Britz by John & Lucille Herman
 †Loretta Borski by Family of Loretta
 †George Betro by Pat Lake



O God, You looked on man when he had fallen down into death, and resolved to redeem him by the advent of Your only begotten Son; grant, we implore You, that they who confess His glorious Incarnation may also be admitted to the fellowship of Him their Redeemer; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (An Advent prayer of St. Ambrose of Milan)

Dear parishioners:

As you saw this past Sunday (and throughout the week) we are celebrating Mass during the Advent Season Ad Orientem (to the East). I mentioned this in a prior bulletin. This as I said has been a constant form of worship in the Latin Rite as well as the various Eastern Rites of the Church (which is still the normative form). While the priest "facing the people" is one permitted form, ad Orientem (where the priest leads the congregation and hence everyone is facing the same way) is also permitted.

"Ad Orientem worship is simply all about the priest orienting the sacrifice of the Mass toward Jesus Christ in the re-presentation of the Crucifixion, facing the Lord. God initiated the Passover sacrifice of the spotless lamb for the Jews, which spared the first-born sons of the Jews. Then God led the Jews out of Egypt and bondage to the Promised Land. At the Mass, Catholics for over a thousand years faced east, toward Jerusalem, and toward the Lord. Catholics faced Jerusalem, which is translated (The City of Peace) because the earthly City of Peace represents the Heavenly City of Peace and God resides in the Heavenly Jerusalem. (The Eternal Promised Land). The Catholic priest, Ad Orientem, (Facing East toward Jerusalem) in persona Christi (the High Priest Jesus Christ) during Mass, in the re-presentation of the sacrifice of the crucifixion, leads us out of our earthly bondage of sin and death to the Heavenly Jerusalem. Everything harkens back to God's conventual promises. The Old Covenant is fulfilled in the New Covenant. The ancient Jewish sacrifice of the lamb is fulfilled in the New Covenant sacrifice of the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." (<https://reverentcatholicmass.com/blog/what-everyone-should-know-about-ad-orientem-worship>)

As we continue in this holy time of preparation, please continue to pray for me and for each other. I will be praying for you!

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, 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 Weinfurter, Vanessa Lawson, Dan Sekerka, Megan Rose, Theresa Glavin, Chester Eron, Gary Haessly, Lewis Zinda, Karen Liebe, Beverly Stanczyk, Greg Laska, Chad Wiza, Michael L. Trzebiatowski, Lee Falkavage, Peter Wrycza, Larry F. Gagas, James Kezeske, Ashley Simonis, Agnes Peplinski

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.

Adults: \$3,593
 Youth: \$17
 Offertory: \$474
 Total: \$4,084
 School Donation: \$100
 Flower Donation: \$320
 Vigil Lights: \$329
 Boiler Fund: \$35
 Special Needs: \$787
 Knights of Columbus Donation: \$326

Nov. Budget: \$25,860
 Nov. Actual: \$25,616

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
 Hebrews 13:16

Scrip Sales: \$4,610 | Profit: \$163

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 Server

December 8:	6:00 pm	Volunteers
December 10:	4:00 pm	Mass at St. Mary's
December 11:	8:00 am	Jonah, Quinn, Mark

Hospitality

December 10:	4:00 pm	Mass at St. Mary's
December 11:	8:00 am	Volunteer Ushers

Readers

December 8:	6:00 pm	Gary Ross
December 10:	4:00 pm	Mass at St. Mary's
December 11:	8:00 am	Connie Lepak

Wellington

December 8:	Arleen Gross
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SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE



Give in thanksgiving. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young, provide health care, minister in parishes, and serve others in need. Next weekend we will have envelopes at the entrances of the church. Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. May God reward you.

Please note. The Sacred Heart School children will be attending Mass on Tuesday, December 6th at 8:15am.



Please note that **Thursday, December 8th** is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a day of obligation to attend Mass. Mass on that day will be at **8:15am at Immaculate Conception Parish (NOT at Sacred Heart)**. There will be no Confessions or Exposition before Mass. **Mass that night will be at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart.** Please attend Mass at either parish or another parish that day.



Advent Tree. The season of Advent is upon us! We eagerly await and prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. While it is challenging to keep in mind amid holiday celebrations, shopping, lights and decorations, and joyful carols, Advent is intended to be a season of spiritual preparation, much like Lent. This year, the parish Advent Tree (located in the back of the church) will have tags

with ideas for acts of service, sacrifice or kindness. The green tags have ideas specifically for children and the purple tags have ideas for families, young adults, or adults. Take a tag...or two! Once you have completed your act of service, sacrifice or kindness, please take an ornament (located next to the tree) and hang it on the tree. By Christmas our tree should be shining brightly with love for our neighbor and our Lord!

Magnificat Advent Companions please feel free to take a copy. They are available at the entrances of the church.

Mass location change. The Mass for Saturday, December 10th at 4:00pm will be held at St. Mary's due to their annual potluck dinner. Confessions will be from 2:15pm -3:45pm at St. Mary's.

Bambinelli Sunday. Next weekend at the 8:00am Mass you are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figurine from your home nativity to be blessed. In addition, you may want to consider this... following the blessing, take your "Bambinelli" home and place in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib.



Remembrance Tree. Sacred Heart will be continuing the beautiful practice of remembering our loved ones who have passed with our "Remembrance Tree". The Remembrance Tree will be decorated with ornaments having the names of those we want to remember in a special way this Christmas. This will be an inside tree located at the church entrance which will be lit on Christmas Eve. The suggested donation is \$3 per ornament. Please no more than 2 names per ornament. **Please drop your donation, along with the name of your loved one(s) in the collection basket (or mail it to the parish office) by Thursday, December 15th.** The ornaments will be labeled with your loved ones name. The ornaments will be left next to the Remembrance Tree the weekend of December 17th/18th for you to hang your own special ornaments on the tree.



Senior Bingo. The next Senior bingo will be Thursday, December 15th, following the morning Mass. If you plan on staying for lunch, please contact Barb Lepak at 715-600-0396. Reminder the lunch price has increased to \$5.00.

Holy Name and PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) invite all parishioners to the Christmas Party/ Dinner being held at 11:00 a.m. on January 8th, with a meal being served at Noon. The cost is \$5.00 per person to attend and the seating is limited. Please contact Debbie Adamski at 715-345-1257 or Judy Wroblewski at 715-592-4864 by December 22nd to make a reservation. A raffle will be held. Any donations would be appreciated.



Phone Number Change! The phone number to the church kitchen has changed. The new number is (715) 600-0396. If you need to reach Barb Lepak you can either call our main number (715) 600-6942 and Susanna will transfer your call to the kitchen, or you can call the new '0396' number to reach the kitchen directly.

FYI. Students for Life, an organization group from UWSP will be at the parish after Mass on December 11th. They will have a table set up in the lobby with some materials that focus on pro-life and crisis pregnancies.

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.



SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE

Benefit for James Kezeske on Friday, December 9th at Sacred Heart Church. Sacred Heart Home & School will be hosting a Chili & Soup feed from 5:00pm-8:00pm during the Polonia Christmas Parade. There will be a basket raffle the drawing will be at 7:30pm. Please come and show your support for James who has been a generous, kind, and immense influence to the community. We are also looking for volunteers to come and help while some of our parents will be on the parade float with the school children. If you are able to help, please contact Malayna Polum at 715-321-1898. ~ *Thank you*

The Sacred Heart School children are having their Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 15th at 6:00pm in the church basement. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sacred Heart Home & School is having a Portesi Pizza Sale. The pizzas are \$7 each. If you are interested in placing an order, please fill out an order form and return them to the parish office by January 5th. You can find the order forms by the entrances of the church. 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*

CCD NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

Wednesday, December 7th

Classes will begin with prayer in the church at 6:15pm.
Parents—please consider staying and praying!

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



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



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

Advent Sacrament of Confession Schedules:

St. Mary's (Custer)—Saturday, December 10th at 2:15pm-3:45pm

St. Mary's (Custer)—Sunday, December 11th after the 10:00am Mass

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St. Stephen—Thursday, December 15th at 6:30pm

St. James—Monday, December 19th at 6:00pm

St. Michael—Monday, December 19th at 6:30pm

St. Peter—Tuesday, December 20th at 6:00pm

Please consider making a good confession in order to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas.



Fundraising made easy! Plan ahead with your shopping for Christmas by using scrip! Grocery cards for Christmas cookies

or meals, gift cards to buy Christmas presents or to be given as stocking stuffers, and gift cards for care packages or to be used as teacher gift ideas! Purchase scrip after the weekend Masses or please stop by the parish office during the week. Scrip forms are available by the entrances of the church. These forms will show what we carry on hand from Kwik Trip, Wal-Mart, Metro Market, Festival Foods, Kohl's etc... Also, remember we can always do a special order on cards that we do not carry on hand as well. Thank you for supporting the scrip program!

**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, December 24th:

Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm—St. Mary's

Sunday, December 25th:

Midnight Mass: 12:00 am—Sacred Heart

Morning Mass: 9:00 am—Sacred Heart

The choir will be singing Christmas preludes

before the midnight Mass at 11:30pm and at 8:40am Christmas morning.

Inclement Weather Policy. If either the Stevens Point or Rosholt School Districts cancel school due to weather, the daily Mass that day, whether it be at Sacred Heart or St. Mary's, will also be cancelled. If Mass is cancelled, Fr. Miller will celebrate Mass privately for the intention. Any scheduled evening events in the parish will also be cancelled.



Oplatki. The parish will have available traditional Polish Christmas Wafers, oplatki. There is no need to search out your own supply as we have both white and pink versions.

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.

AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE

Help Catholic Charities love our Neighbors in Need Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst, to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth, to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Find out more, and how you can help, at www.cclse.org.

**Missionary Sisters of Divine Image
Polonia CONVENT GIFT SHOP.**

Accessible during Wednesday night CCD time or call Sister Hyacintha at 715-592-4213 to visit at other times. Wisconsin made fall hats, scarves, mittens and leg warmers plus Wisconsin maple syrup and many gift items. **While they last, for a limited time: Local grape jelly & special fall G/F cookies!** Your continued support of this endeavor is so very much appreciated!



"That Man Is You" The meetings will be held 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!

St. Peter Parish Family Life Presents their Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 10th from 8:30 am - Noon at Kolbe Hall - located in the lower level of St. Peter Church. Cookies and Candy, \$9 per pound. (Gloves and Containers Provided.) 800 Fourth Avenue, Stevens Point. Five silent auction items also available for bidding.

St. Adalbert School announces its Second Annual Advent Workshop. Children (K through 6th grade!), join us for a morning of gift making! Parents, drop off your children and head out to do some shopping, baking or just enjoy some time to breathe before Christmas. Date: Saturday, December 10th from 9 am - 12:30pm. Location: St. Adalbert School (3314 St. Adalbert Road, Rosholt, WI) Cost: \$8 each for first two children; \$3 for each additional child (Cousins please sign up separately!) All children are asked to arrive with a shoebox (or that size of a cardboard box) for easy gift transporting. Mid-morning snacks will be provided. We ask that children stay for the entire length of the workshop! Register by one of three ways: 1. emailing the name of your family and number of children to principal@rosholtcatholic.org In the Subject put: Advent Workshop 2. calling the office at St. Adalbert School 715-677-4517 3. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C48AAAE22A20-advent> **Pre-registration is needed to ensure enough supplies for participants!!!**

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society's "All You Can Eat Breakfast" will be held Sunday, December 11th from 8:30am to Noon at St. Bronislava in Plover. Cost is \$9.00 for ages 13-adult, \$4 for ages 5-12 & Free for ages 4 & under.

St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point. Our next monthly Meal of Hope will be held Monday December 19th from 5-6 p.m. Meals are held the 3rd Monday of each month from 5-6 p.m. More information is available at www.PointCatholicFaith.org/mealofhope

Calling all Crafters! You are invited to join us for a day of crafting. Saturday, January 7th from 8:00am to 9:00pm at St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point. Cost is \$40 per person. Price includes lunch, dinner, snacks, and beverages. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Registration information available at www.pointcatholicfaith.org/sj-craft or call 715-341-1617. Deadline to register is December 23rd. Sign up soon as space is limited.