



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parafia Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa

IN POLONIA

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PARISH CLERGY

DUCHOWIEŃSTWO PARAFIALNE

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 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

Administrative Assistant.....Susanna Lepak ext. 100
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 Basement Kitchen.....Barb Lepak (715-600-0396)
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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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MSZE ŚWIĘTE

Monday, November 17 – *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

Tuesday, November 18 – *Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Shannon Blanchard

Wednesday, November 19 – *Feria*

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Michael Wierzbza & Felix Zwicky by Larry & Eunice Zwicky

Thursday, November 20 – *Feria*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Beverly Stanczyk by Nancy Dulak

Friday, November 21 – *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Ray & Richard Schulist, Irene Richter by Bernard & Marlene

Saturday, November 22 – *St. Cecilia*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †Pat Kluck by PCCW
 †Katie Wanserski by Tom & Julie Wanserski
 †John & Gladys Yenter by Mike & Judy Yenter
 †Paul Drefcinski by Jerry Lepak
 †Gerard Gorell by Lori Shroda

2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart

4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Aggie Peplinski

Sunday, November 23 – *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Raymond Gagas by Family
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 St. Mary's & Sacred Heart Parish Families

A WORD FROM FATHER

SŁOWO OD PASTORA



"Prayer is union with God and colloquy with him. Prayer maintains the equilibrium of the world, reconciles people to God, produces holy tears, forms a bridge over temptations, and acts as a buttress between us and affliction. Prayer drives away the struggles of the spirit. It is the blessedness to come. It is an action that never will come to an end. Prayer is a mirror in which we see our steps forward, it is a signpost of the route to follow, it is an unveiling of good things to come, it is a pledge of glory."
 —St. Ioannes Climacus

LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$6,004
 Youth: \$4
 All Souls: \$77
 All Saints: \$25
 Loose: \$393
 Total: \$6,503
 School Donation: \$250
 Vigil Lights: \$118
 Sanctuary Lamp: \$100
 World Mission Sunday: \$220
 Christmas Flowers: \$60
 Boiler Fund: \$110

 Scrip: \$3,260 | \$119

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



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

Altar Server

November 22: 4:00 pm Volunteers
 November 23: 8:00 am Gavin, Luke & Christopher

Hospitality

November 22: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers
 November 23: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

Readers

November 22: 4:00 pm Patt Roberts
 November 23: 8:00 am Connie Lepak

Wellington

November 20: Deacon Jim

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, Ernie Kurszewski, Jerry Lepak, Theresa Pliska, Vanessa Lawson, Randy Schulist, Dorothy Gagas, Newton Family, Gail Tepp, Rhody Bushman, Leonard Schulist, Bruce & Patt Roberts, Taylor Groshek, Betty Kowalski, Karen Liebe, Kenny Rozek, Debbie Repinski, Patsy Filtz, Marilyn Sobish, Connie Lepak, Judy Zdroik, Todd Borski

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.

SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE



MAGNIFICAT Subscriptions: The parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Immaculate Conception are again extending an offer to parishioners to sign up for, or renew, an annual subscription to receive a monthly copy of the MAGNIFICAT for a reduced price. The renewal period will be after the January 2026 issue.

The standard price for an annual subscription is \$49.00; however, your price will be \$39.00. Each month your copy will be available for pickup at the parish. If you would like to reserve or renew your subscription, please complete the order form located below and return it to your parish office with your \$39 payment made payable to Sacred Heart Parish by December 3rd. St. Mary's parishioners should submit their payments to St. Mary's and make their checks payable to St. Mary's by December 3rd.

MAGNIFICAT ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Qty: _____

Enclosed: \$ _____
 (Please return this form to your parish office by December 3rd)

Flame of Love Holy Hour. We meet to pray a special Rosary and prayers **every** Monday at 6:30 pm, in the church at Sacred Heart. **We are pleased to announce that we will also have Eucharistic adoration during our Holy Hour every first Monday of the Month, starting November 3rd!** The **Flame of Love** is a powerful Movement of Grace that Our Lord requested to be spread throughout the world. Please join us and discover the powerful promises of the **Flame of Love!** Everyone is welcome. Please use the handicap entrance.



*The Virgin Mary said: During the month of November, at the recitation of each Hail Mary, **ten** souls will be freed from purgatory. Suffering souls must also feel the effect of grace of the Flame of Love of my Mother's heart.*

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



Home and School. Thursday, November 20th @ 6:00pm— Sacred Heart School.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

Wednesday, November 19th

Classes begin with prayer in the church at 6:15pm. Parents—please stay and join us in prayer!

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.



We offer Jeanette Kaminski's entire family and friends our sincere condolences and prayers. On Monday, November 10th, Jeanette passed away, and on Friday, November 14th, she was laid to rest. May we keep praying for her family's comfort during the difficult time and for the happy repose of her soul.

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



The Women's Book Club of Sacred Heart.

We will meet in the church basement from 7:15-9:00pm. Call or text Theresa Glavin with any questions 715-321-4464. The next meeting is Monday, November 17th. Come check us out!



BINGO Senior Bingo. It will take place after the morning Mass on Thursday, November 20th. If you would like to stay for lunch, please call 715-600-0396 to get in touch with Barb Lepak.

Please note. The Parish office will be closed on Friday, November 21st.

Please note. Thanksgiving is quickly approaching Thursday, November 27th. Because we alternate locations, this year Mass on Thanksgiving morning will be held at 9:00am at St. Mary's-Custer. Please also note that the parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after; therefore if you have any submissions for the November 23rd bulletin please submit them to the parish office by noon Friday, November 21st.

~ Thank you

- **Please Note:** There will not be confessions or Exposition on November 27th. Also, on November 28th there will not be confessions, Exposition or Mass at Sacred Heart or St. Mary's.

Mass location change. The Mass for Saturday, December 6th at 4:00pm will be held at St. Mary's due to their annual potluck dinner. Confessions will be from 2:45pm-3:45pm at St. Mary's that day.

 **SCRIP NEWS.** Plan ahead with your shopping for Thanksgiving and Christmas by using Scrip! You can always buy Scrip throughout the week through the parish office, but it will be available for purchase after some weekend Masses by the front entrance of the church. We appreciate your support of our Scrip program.

Let us remember in a very special way our family and friends who have passed away this past year (Nov. 2024-Nov. 2025)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

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| Beverly Stanczyk (12-1-24) | Theresa Prondzinski (5-3-25) |
| Clarence Gibbs (12-10-24) | Patricia Kluck (6-5-25) |
| Dale Wierzba (12-20-24) | Caroline Kizewski (6-18-25) |
| Alice Wierzba (3-21-25) | Germaine Bigus (6-21-25) |
| John H. Eisner (3-24-25) | Dale Shulfer (7-7-25) |
| Ronald Trzebiatowski (4-25-25) | Paula Shulfer (7-7-25) |



Masses for Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

December 8th—8:15am at Sacred Heart
December 8th—6:00pm at St. Mary's

A Holy Day of Obligation is observed on this Patronal Feast Day. On that day, please be sure to attend Mass at Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, or any nearby church.

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:

Leonard T. Shulfer

SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE



What is going on at Sacred Heart School?

This week our students learned about veterans and why Veterans Day is so important. Our 5th & 6th grade safety cadets also took their Cadet Pledge with Deputy Johnson.



Vande Walle Candy Bars. Most Sundays following Mass, the candy bars will be sold at the church's front entrance. The candy bars cost \$2 each. Also, candy bars can be delivered in the Polonia area by Becky, please contact her at 715-340-5361.



SACRED HEART CHURCH
CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

13 cookies for \$13

12/13/25- 2:30 - 5:30 pm | 12/14/25 7-9:30 am

7379 Church St. Custer, WI 54423
715-572-7247



"That Man Is You" men's group is every Tuesday. Starting with breakfast at 6:00am, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion, ending at 7:30am. The meetings will be held at the usual location, Sacred Heart Church in Polonia, just east of Stevens Point.



Knights of Columbus will be having their next meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd @ 6:30 pm - Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



Gazebo/Convent Gift Shop. Convent GIFT SHOP HOLIDAY SEASON HOURS:

The INSIDE Convent Gift Shop will be open 1-3 pm for your shopping the 4 Saturdays before Christmas -- 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20. Take advantage of this opportunity by entering the front Convent entrance where a volunteer will assist you from 1-3 pm these Saturdays. Check out locally hand-made items plus many unique gifts. NOTE: The GAZEBO Gift Shop remains open daily dawn to dusk.

- **Convent Chapel.** The MSDI invites you to participate in Vespers Service (evening prayers beginning with rosary) every Sunday at 5:00pm. **The inside Convent Gift Shop can be accessed immediately before or after the Sunday Vespers Service as well as before or after First Saturday morning Mass.**
- **Carpenter and Painter Needed.** Two areas in our convent are leaking water, and we need a carpenter to fix them. We're also looking for a painter. In exchange for your service, we will compensate you.

AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE

St. Casimir Parish—Stevens Point Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 16th. Serving from 8:30am to 12:00pm. All-U-Can-Eat Homemade Potato & Buttermilk Pancakes, Sausage, Applesauce, Juice, Homemade nut breads & bars. Adults—\$12.00, Ages 6-12—\$6.00, Preschool Free.

St Adalbert Harvest Dinner, Saturday November 22nd Serving 4:00pm to 7:30pm Menu: Homemade Chicken Soup, Baked Chicken, Ham, Kielbasa & Sauerkraut, Rolls, Glazed Carrots, Dressing, Potatoes, Gizzards and Gravy, Dessert, Coffee, and Milk. Cost is \$18. Additional Activities: Bar, Harvest Raffle, Pull Tabs, Bake Sale, 50/50 Raffle, Candy Bars, and December Calendar Raffle.

Breakfast at the Knights of Columbus: Sunday, November 23rd, serving from 8:15am to 11 am. Scrambled eggs, fried red potatoes, ham, sausage, dessert, and all-you-can-eat pancakes for only \$10 for adults, \$6 for ages 6-12, and \$4 for under 6. The price includes coffee and sales tax. Our popular bake & craft sale (Barbie/American clothes) will be held at the breakfast. For those that have issues with stairs, we have a chairlift at the West entrance. Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 401 W Clark St, just across the Clark St Bridge in Stevens Point. Open to the public.



Special Invitation

The congregation of
THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE DIVINE IMAGE (MSDI)
Catholic Diocese of Bomadi

Cordially invites you

To the

FINAL RELIGIOUS PROFESSION OF VOWS
of her beloved sister

Sr Mary Justina Ifeyinwa
OSUMUNE

By His Excellency
MOST REV. GERARD W. BATTERSBY, D.D.
Bishop Of The Catholic Diocese Of La Crosse

DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2025

VENUE:
SACRED HEART PARISH POLONIA, USA.

MASS: 10:00AM

R.S.V.P

Sr Rosemary Essien
Med. Dr. Louise Smyth
Tel: 7153402006 (Call or text)

Mother Ugochi Vivian Ozurumba
Foundress (MSDI)

St. Peter Parish Family Life presents their 22nd Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 13th from 7:30am - 10:30am at Kolbe Hall - located in the lower level of St. Peter Church, 800 Fourth Avenue, Stevens Point. Cookies and Candy, \$10 per pound. (Gloves and Containers Provided.) Fourteen holiday themed silent auction items available for bidding from 7:30 am - 10 am.



Prayer Requests for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

"We must empty Purgatory with our prayers." ~ St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Joseph Flees	O'Connell Grandparents	Gagas Family Members	John Studinski	Frank Marchel	Ray Groshek
Esther Flees	Patty Jo Konz	Dennis Groshek	James Ginther	Chester Sobish	Regina Groshek
Edwin Biadasz	Fran Zaborowski	Leo Kurszewski	Joseph Ginther	Emil Wojtalewicz	Leo Kurszewski
Florence Biadasz	Zaborowski Grandparents	Delores Kurszewski	Stanley Wroblewski	Angie Wojtalewicz	Delores Kurszewski
Jay Magnuson	Hess Grandparents	Ray Groshek	Bernice Wroblewski	Gerard Gorell	Oliver Groshek
Tom Zietlow	Margie Stone	Regina Groshek	Bruce Adamski	Leonard T Shulfer	Dennis Groshek
Stanley Klesmit	Leon Stone	Stanley Richter	Edmund Bruske	Leonard J Shulfer	Clarence Ostrowski
Della Klesmit	Pete Morrison	Oliver Groshek	Ann Bruske	Delphine Shulfer	
Leo Kaminski	Helga Morrison	Ben Richter	Val Adamski	Barney Lepak	
Alice Rekowski	Ester Hintz	Jacob Zick	Nancy Adamski	Virginia Lepak	
Dale Shulfer	Stanley Hintz	Lisa Wierzba	James Adamski	Art Lepak	
Paula Shulfer	James Hess	Ben Wiza	Chris Adamski	Joanne Breuje	
Robert Kluck	John Hess	Connie Wiza	Fran Zaborowski	Heln Stajduhar	
Henry Koziczkowski	Deborah Zaborowski	John Yenter	Debbie Zaborowski	Victor Stajduhar	
Sophie Koziczkowski	Alina Rybnokova	Gladys Yenter	Frank Hess	Andrew Fosz	
Andrew Kluck	Martha Joy	Gladys Wiza	Alice Hess	Chster Podosek	
Stacia Kluck	Jim Tesky	Bob Wiza	Leo Zaborowski	Frank Ross	
All Souls in Purgatory	Hank Karch	Ernest Ostrowski	Mattie Zaborowski	Loretta Klesmit	
Patricia Kluck	Millie Karch	Dolores Ostrowski	Esther Hintz	Nick Kurszewski	
Allen Kluck	Herman Laskowski	John Soik	Stanley Hintz	Alvina Kurszewski	
Larry Kluck	Emily Laskowski	Anna Soik	Barbara A Gavin	Stanely Klesmit	
Ernest Kezeske	Robert Demski	Dorothy Ganske	Paula Shulfer	Jerry Rozek	
Irene Kezeske	Anthont Demski	Margie Christenson	Dale Shulfer	Marcie Rozek	
Adam Jurgella	Therese Demski	Wally Shibili	Jim Borski	Dennis Raflik	
Evelyn Jurgella	Peter Wrycza	Conrad Feltz	Rich Brzowski	Mary Raflik	
Ronald Karch	Kozelek Families	Susan Domaszek	Gary Nelson	Andrew Kaminski	
Margaret Beauchaine	Omernik Families	Eugene Domaszek	Bob Chojinacki	Katie Wanserski	
Karch Family	Tom Wanta	Wanda Domaszek	Carol Kizewski	Catherine Mager	
Kizewski Family	Walter Kozak	Raymond Domaszek	Darlene Adamski	Sylvester Mager	
Joann Lorbiecki	Rita Kozak	Martha Domaszek	Carl Adamski	Carol Kizewski	
Bill Lorbiecki	James Kozak	Michael Karch	Barb Adamski	Firkus Families	
Joan Olson	Elsie Kotolski-Knight	Frances Karch	Mark Adamski	Mager Families	
Rosie Myska	Delores Gollonik	Ben Kedrowski	Gail Yauck Firkus	Wanserski Families	
Tony Myska	Wanta Family	Laura Kedrowski	Greg Somers	Wierzba Families	
Tecla Wroblewski	Davis Family	Damask Siblings	Grace Somers	All Souls in Purgatory	
Gertrude Lorbiecki	Chet Stanczyk	Kedrowski Siblings	John (Chipper) Kowalski	Dennis Groshek	
Gary Omernik	Bev Stanczyk	Damask Grandparents	Ray O'Keefe	Leo Kurszewski	
Kurt Omernik	William Printz	Kedrowski Grandparents	Donald Stieve Jr.	Ray Groshek	
All Souls in Purgatory	Isabelle Printz	Pop Francis	Carol Stieve	Regina Groshek	
Ronald Repinski	Edwin Gagas	All Souls in Purgatory	Kathy Stieve	Mary Ellen Lyons	
Virginia Repinski	Regina Gagas	Ronnie Gagas	Elsie Fliss	Michael Kurszewski	
Kenth Konz	Marvin Zivney	Stanley Richter	Willaim Filtz Sr.	Norbert Groshek	
Dona Mae Konz	Rosemary Gagas	Oliver Groshek	John Brzezinski Jr.	Mark Groshek	
Repinski Grandparents	Fr. Herb Zorowski	Dennis Groshek	Andy Stashek	Dennis Groshek	
Witkowski Grandparents	Sr. Patrice Schulist	Eugene Rombalski	Jerry Shroda	Eugene Zdroik	
Konz Grandparents	Kuffel Family Members	Bonnie Rombalski	Alvina Marchel	Jane Zdroik	



December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of Mary

On December 8, the Church celebrates one of the most beautiful truths of our faith: the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This solemnity honors the moment when Mary, from the first instant of her existence, was preserved free from all stain of original sin. Many people mistakenly think this feast refers to Jesus' conception in Mary's womb; it does not. Rather, it celebrates Mary's own conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX defined this teaching: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, **by a singular grace and privilege** granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

This proclamation confirmed a truth long held in the faith of the Church, celebrated in liturgy, and reflected upon by saints throughout the centuries. The Pope's definition made clear what the faithful had already intuited: that God prepared Mary in a unique way to be the Mother of His Son.

Mary's Immaculate Conception was not something she earned, but a pure gift of God. As Pope Pius IX explained, this grace was given *"in view of the merits of Jesus Christ."* In other words, the redemption won by Christ on the

Cross was applied to Mary in a special, anticipatory way. She was saved by Christ, just more perfectly and more completely than any other human being, because she was chosen to bear Him who is the Savior. God made her a fitting dwelling place for His Son.

Two passages help us understand Scripture's evidence regarding the Immaculate Conception. In Genesis 3:15, God is speaking to Satan following the sin of Adam and Eve. It contains the "Good News" of God's mercy by **promising to deliver** us from the enemy.

Genesis 3:15 reads: "**I will put enmity between you and the woman**, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel". The seed or "offspring" of the woman is Jesus Christ. Through His passion, death and resurrection, Jesus will strike at the head of the serpent (Satan) and ultimately defeat him. The words to Satan, "you shall bruise His heel," refers to Jesus' death, but the Lord rose from the dead, winning the victory over Satan, sin and death. The word "enmity" means total opposition that exists between the "woman" (Mary) and Satan, which foreshadows the gift of Mary's Immaculate Conception.

The second Scriptural reference is revealed in the words of the Angel Gabriel to Mary: "He came to her and said, Hail, **full of grace**, the Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:28). The title 'full

of grace' is used as a substitute for Mary's name by the angelic messenger of God because this *fullness* of grace is part of Mary's very nature. God chose to apply a "fullness of grace" to Mary so that Mary might give to Jesus a human nature free from the effect of sin.

What This Solemnity Teaches Us
The Immaculate Conception is not just about Mary; it is also about what God desires for all of us. In Mary, we see the fullness of what grace can do. She is the image of the Church in her perfection, the promise of what we hope to become through Christ. As the Pope wrote, Mary is "our most loving Mother, ever spotless and most fair, who shows forth the beauty of holiness."

This solemnity invites us to trust in God's plan for our lives, to open ourselves to His grace, and believe that holiness is possible for us, too. Mary's sinlessness reminds us that God's grace is stronger than sin, and that He is able to make us new.

You are invited to pray this prayer:
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Loving Mother, you were prepared from the first moment of your existence to be the dwelling place of God's Son. Help us to say "yes" to God as you did, that His grace may transform our hearts and lead us closer to your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

By Ann Lankford, Catechesis & Evangel.