



# 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](mailto:fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com)  
 Deacon Jim Sniadajewski.....[dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto: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 .....Dawn Cisewski ext. 160  
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 Coordinator of Religious Ed.....Debbie Riske (715-340-4626)  
[CCD@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto: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, January 22** – Prayer for the Unborn Children

**Tuesday, January 23** – St. Vincent & St. Marianne Cope

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Tom Stepaniak by Family

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

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's  
 †Ann & Amy Britz by Kenny & Julie Wierzba & Family

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

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart  
 7:30–8:00am Confession—Sacred Heart  
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Alvina Marchel by Lori Shroda

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

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's  
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's  
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's  
 † Myron Soik by Scott & Lori Kluck

**Saturday, January 27** – St. Angela Merici

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)  
 †Arnold Schroeder by Bernie & Louise Smyth  
 †Sr. Patrice Schulist by Audrey & Rose Ann Gagas  
 †Dave W. Cassle by Kent & Susanna Lepak  
 †Norman Platta by Daniel Platta  
 †Jeanette & Dennis Wiza by Family  
 †Henry Wierzba by Gary & Sue Wiza  
 †Delores Matke by Tom & Ruth Printz  
 Special Intentions for Tom Glodowski by Connie & Delores Lepak

2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart

4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Stanley & Della Klesmit by Roger Klesmit

**Sunday, January 28** – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Emmerick, Emil & Angie Wojtalewicz by Lori Shroda  
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's  
 St. Mary's & Sacred Heart Parish Families

**A WORD FROM FATHER****SŁOWO OD PASTORA**

*"Prayer is the first expression of our inner truth, the first condition of authentic spiritual truth. Prayer gives meaning to the whole of life, at every moment, and in every circumstance." —St. John Paul II*

"The Answer" Eucharistic Rally will take place on June 7, 2024, at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse. This event kicks off the six days that the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. The Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse and will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost is \$15 per person. This rally is for youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. You can find more information about the event and the other days the Marian Route will be in our diocese by visiting: <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>

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

January 27: 4:00 pm Wyatt & Gavin M.  
January 28: 8:00 am Jonah, Quinn & Drew

**Hospitality**

January 27: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers  
January 28: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

**Readers**

January 27: 4:00 pm Deb Riske  
January 28: 8:00 am Gary Ross

**Wellington**

January 25: Fr. Miller

**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

*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.*

**ANOIDING 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.

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

Adults: \$4,664  
Solemnity of Mary: \$5  
First Offering: \$125  
Youth: \$15  
Offertory: \$218  
Total: \$5,207  
Vigil Lights: \$76  
Sanctuary Lamp: \$200  
Crib Offering: \$5  
Renovation: \$2,100

Jan Budget: \$28,650  
Jan to Date: \$13,594

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

Scrip Sales: \$5,720 | Profit: \$191

**2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Sacred Heart's Goal: \$48,950  
Contributions to Date: \$23,2278 (47%)  
# of Donors: 79

**2023 Giving Statements** will be mailed out this week. If you do not receive a statement by January 31st, please let the parish office know. If you made a contribution to the Diocesan Annual Appeal or to the parish Heart Speaks to Heart capital campaign, those contribution statements will be coming from the Diocese, not Sacred Heart.

**SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE**

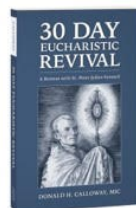
**Thank you.** The family of Ronald Karch would like to thank Father Mark and Deacon Jim for the beautiful Mass and the musicians who provided the music for his funeral. Also, Thank You to Betty and all the cooks for the wonderful meal, the waitresses, and all who brought desserts and other food or who helped in any other way. *God Bless You!*

**Sacred Heart School** would like to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 12467 for their donation to our school. It will be put to good use for our students. May God bless you and your generosity.

**Youth Choir.** All youth ages 7 and up are welcome to join Mrs. Eron on Saturday, February 3rd 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!

**Looking Ahead.** There will be a Mass and confession location change for Saturday, February 10th due to St. Mary's—Custer Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Mass will be held there at 4:00pm and confessions at 2:45pm.

**2024 Envelopes.** Your 2024 box of giving envelopes can be found alphabetically at the church entrance. *~Thank you*



**"30 Eucharistic Revival: A Retreat with St. Peter Julian Eymard"** by Donald H. Calloway, MIC was mentioned by Father Miller in the December 17th bulletin. A bulk order was placed for this book bringing the cost down to \$12 from \$15.99. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a copy of the book for \$12, contact Debbie Adamski at 715-345-1257.



**Our sympathy and prayers** are extended to the entire family and friends of Collen Kluck and Frank Iwanski. Colleen passed away on Thursday, January 11th and was laid to rest on Friday, January 19th. Frank passed away on Friday, January 12th and was laid to rest on Thursday, January 18th. May we continue

to pray for the happy repose of their souls and for the comfort of their families during this difficult time.



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



**Friendly Reminder.** The bulletin is a good resource for our parishioners to be provided with information, events, or activities that are happening within our parish or area parishes. It takes great communication and cooperation to help fill the bulletin with information every week so please submit your announcements by noon on Tuesdays to the parish office. The notices should be submitted by email, but handwritten notices or announcements are acceptable as well. Also, please continue to read the bulletin for any latest information. ~ *Thank you*

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

**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of Feb. 3-4. 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. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved.



**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**



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

**Catholic Schools Week** will be held January 28th-February 3rd. To start the celebration of Catholic Schools Week the children and parents of Sacred Heart School will be handing out cookies after the Masses on January 27th and 28th. This is to thank the parishioners for their continued support of our school. ~ *God Bless!*



**PCCW News.** The PCCW at Sacred Heart will be selling “made from scratch” ponczkas from 2:00-6:00pm on Saturday, February 10th, and from 7:30-9:30am on Sunday, February 11th. (We will not be taking pre-orders.) The cost is \$13.00 per dozen for filled (prune or jelly) and \$12.00 per dozen for plain. Peanut squares will also be sold. If you have any questions, please call Debbie at 715-345-1257.

**HELPERS NEEDED!** Ponczka making will take place on Saturday, February 10th at 8:00am. We can always use extra help with making, frying, counting, and sorting. Please join us if you are available to help that day.

**PAPER BAGS ARE NEEDED!** Please bring any extra paper bags that you have from home to the church basement. We will need them for our Ponczka Sale.

**Thank you!**

**BINGO.** PCCW is having a Cherry Tree at the Bingo on Sunday, March 3rd. We are looking for prizes please consider donating. The prizes can be dropped off in the designated area in the church basement. ~ *Thank you*



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**WIECZNA LAMPKA**

There are many openings for donations to have the sanctuary lamp burn in memory of a departed family member or members. By offering a \$100 donation to have the lamp burn each week, the presence of Christ in the tabernacle will be indicated, the love and affection of the faithful for Christ will be professed, and the offering and prayers of the donor will be kept in mind. The name(s) of the deceased will be printed in the bulletin. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

**RELIGIOUS ED NEWS**

**AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU**

**Wednesday, January 24th**

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

**PARISH MEETINGS**

**SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE**

**Picnic Committee.** Thursday, January 25th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



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



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



**PCCW.** Monday, February 12th @ 1:00pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Roses 13 & 14 bring desserts.

## SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE

**Date Change!** Iverson Park is now reserved for Thursday, February 8th from 6:00-9:00pm. Bring your whole family – kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews! We have reserved Iverson Park for exclusive use by Sacred Heart (not open to the public).



This includes 2 toboggan runs, an ice skating rink, snowboard hills, and sledding with a special sledding hill just for children 6 years and under. **WHAT TO BRING:** Your sleds, snowboards, and ice skates. Toboggans are provided for the toboggan run. Please bring a crock pot of chili or another dish, snack, or dessert to pass. Bring your own beverages (alcohol is permitted at the park. No underage consumption allowed.) Sacred Heart Home & School will provide plates/bowls, utensils, chili toppings (shredded cheese, sour cream, onions, crackers), hot chocolate, and lemonade. RSVP is not required but appreciated as it helps us plan for food and set up. RSVP by email: [dcisewski@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:dcisewski@sacredheartpolonia.com) or [hs@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:hs@sacredheartpolonia.com), or call the parish office. Volunteers will be appreciated for setting and cleaning up. Please contact Dawn Cisewski at [dcisewski@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:dcisewski@sacredheartpolonia.com) or 715-600-6942 ext. 160 or Natasha Knecht at [hs@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:hs@sacredheartpolonia.com) with any questions.



**50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee.** Are you celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2024? If yes, please contact the parish office with your names, address, phone number, and anniversary date so that we can share your joyous celebration with the Diocese so that you can be invited to the 2024 celebrations! **Information needs to be submitted by January 22nd.**

## AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE

**VOTIVE CANDLE** made by Sacred Heart parishioner available (free) by signing up on the sheet located in the Sacred Heart Parish elevator entrance. Very limited number available so one per person. Candles are made from parish candle stubs, melted down into a small votive for home use, and blessed. If interested, please see the sign-up sheet for more details.

**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](http://www.firstchoiceprc.org). Additional resources and locations, visit [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).

**St. Joseph Crafting Day.** Join us on Saturday, January 27th, for our 10th Annual Crafting Day at St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point. For more information or to download the registration form, visit [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/sj-craft](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/sj-craft).

**St. Mary-Torun, Ponczka Sale.** Pre-order now for pickup on Saturday, January 27th. Cost is \$13 per dozen for unfilled, Raspberry Jelly or Prune filled Ponczka! To order call 715-344-9665 or visit [www.TorunCatholilc.org](http://www.TorunCatholilc.org).

## AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE



"That Man Is You" is starting the spring session and returning to Tuesday mornings! Sessions begin Tuesday, January 16th, at Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia, with breakfast served at 6 a.m., followed by a presentation and small group discussion. For more information, call Tom Glavin at 715-321-4349.

**St. Adalbert Catholic School.** Breakfast Event on Sunday, January 28th from 8:30am to 11:30am. Cost is adults \$12, children ages 6-12 \$5, children 5 and under free. Selling ponczkas... sorry, no early sales. All proceeds benefit St. Adalbert Catholic School.



**Knights of Columbus Polonia** is sponsoring a Prime Rib or Gulf Shrimp Dinner. **Saturday, February 3rd** 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 \$22 per person. Children 10 and under eat free (Hot dogs with French fries). There will be in house raffles, Knights of Columbus Gun Raffle, 50/50, and much more!

**Mark your calendars: the 11th Annual Cardinal Crusade Live Auction & Dinner** is scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd at the SentryWorld Fieldhouse. Doors will open at 4:30PM with big early bird drawings at 5pm and 6PM. The fun will continue with hors d'oeuvres, games, prizes, and a basket raffle, with dinner at 6:30pm followed by even more exciting games and the main event, our live auction.

**St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent,** invites everyone to our Green & Gold Evening of Fun Saturday, February 10th at 5 pm in the lower level of church. Mass at 4 pm. Enjoy free drinks, snacks and dessert bars. We will have our Green & Gold Raffle Drawing at 5:30 pm. Raffle includes \$3,250 in Cash Prizes plus 5 other great prizes including 2023 Green Bay Packers Collector Series Football, and a 55" TV. We have many Basket Raffles with our feature a Superbowl Wheelbarrow of Drinks. We will also have a 50/25/25 Raffle, plus door prizes.

### Retrouvaille

Is your marriage in Distress? No matter how hopeless it seems, forgiveness and trust are possible. Retrouvaille is a Catholic-based program that helps couples through difficult times in their marriages, some even after separation or divorce. It is not counseling or group therapy. The next program begins with a weekend on February 16th-18th, 2024, in the Wausau area. Call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673). Fully Confidential. More at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) No couple is turned away for lack of finances.

**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.