



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
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 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
 Business Administrator.....Dianne Smith ext. 130
 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, December 8 – *The Immaculate Conception of the*

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families
 6:00pm Mass—St. Mary's
 †Antoinette Roach & Ruth Stansky by Nora

Holy Day of
 Obligation

Tuesday, December 9 – *St. Juan Diego Cuahlatotzin*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Richard Konkol

Wednesday, December 10 – *Our Lady of Loreto*

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 Special Intentions

Thursday, December 11 – *St. Damasus I*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Aggie Peplinski

Friday, December 12 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Chuck Egle by Mary & Family

Saturday, December 13 – *St. Lucy*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †Jeanette Kaminski by Bernadetta Karch
 For the Health of Leonard Schulist by Randy Schulist
 For All Souls in Purgatory by Deb Adamski
 2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart
 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Raymond Gagas by Family

Sunday, December 14 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Myron & Frances Soik by Soik Family
 †Chuck Egle by Dave & Rosemary Cieslewicz
 †Pat Somers by Elsie Mansavage

A WORD FROM FATHER

SŁOWO OD PASTORA



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.

—Advent Prayer of St. Ambrose of Milan

Dear Parishioners:

I hope all of you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday, whether you went somewhere, or stayed at home.

As the Church continues in this Advent Season, I encourage all of us to use this time well. The Lord IS speaking to us during this time (as he always does of course), we just have to hear. A good way is to intentionally place ourselves in the quiet. A good way is when you're out driving to have the radio off, and just be in the stillness.

Finally, I want to again mention the excellent job our students are doing at the parish school. The students are learning and growing in their faith and academics. I see this in my visits to their classrooms once a week! Thank you to our teachers for their efforts! I want everyone to know that our school is wonderful.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

Altar Server

December 8:	8:15 am	Sacred Heart Students
December 13:	4:00 pm	Gavin M. & Grant
December 14:	8:00 am	Jonah, Quinn & Drew

Hospitality

December 13:	4:00 pm	Volunteer Ushers
December 14:	8:00 am	Volunteer Ushers

Readers

December 8:	8:15 am	Dawn Cisewski
December 13:	4:00 pm	Jerry Twit
December 14:	8:00 am	Kent Lepak

Wellington:

December 11:	Deb Riske
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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, Cheryl Dodde, Melanie Liebe

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.

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.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$5,620
 Youth: \$20
 Loose: \$297
 Total: \$5,937
 Vigil Lights: \$106
 Sanctuary Lamp: \$200
 Flowers: \$291
 Renovation Fund: \$100
 Boiler Fund: \$1,180

Nov Budget: \$28,830
 Nov Actual: \$31,393

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



Scrip: \$2,175 | \$65

SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE



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 Wednesday, December 17th.** The ornaments will be labeled with your loved ones name. The ornaments will be left next to the Remembrance Tree the weekend of December 20th/21st for you to hang your own special ornaments on the tree.



The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) will be having a Christmas Cookie Bake Sale on December 13th from 2:30 - 5:30pm and on December 14th from 7:00 - 9:30am. Get your favorite variety of cookies for \$13.

3rd Sunday of Advent. Next weekend at the 8:00am Mass you are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figurine from your home nativity to be blessed.

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, 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.



Jesus says of the Unity Prayer: "This prayer is an instrument in your hands. By collaborating with Me, Satan will be blinded by it; and because of his blindness, souls will not be led into sin"





We extend to Mark Peskie's family and friends our deepest sympathies and prayers. Mark was buried on Wednesday, December 3rd, after passing away on Thursday, November 27th. Let's continue to pray for his soul to rest in peace and for Kathy and his family to be comforted at 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.*



Magnificat Advent Companions. There are still complimentary copies of the Magnificat Advent Companion available at the church's entrances if you missed your chance to receive one.



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.

BINGO Senior Bingo. It will take place after the morning Mass on Thursday, December 18th. If you would like to stay for lunch, please call 715-600-0396 to get in touch with Barb Lepak.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

Wednesday, December 10th

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

The Religious Education class for the 4th & 5th grades is placing two boxes in the back of the church, hoping that everyone will assist them in filling them. One is for nonperishable food, and the other is for warm clothing. Just before Christmas, donated items will be delivered to Operation Bootstrap.



Holy Name and PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women Christmas Annual Christmas Party—January 4th, 2026. We invite all parishioners to this Christmas Party. Social starts at 11:00am with the meal being served at noon. The meal will be partly catered, and the other main items will be made in the kitchen. We are asking that salads and desserts be potluck by anyone interested. The cost is \$5.00 per person to attend. Please contact Arleen Gross at 715-341-3645 or Judy Wroblewski at 715-592-4864 by December 22nd to make your reservation. A raffle will be held. Any donations would be appreciated.

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:

Gregory Zabrowski

SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE



Sacred Heart School is asking all parishioners to complete a short, anonymous survey regarding your experiences and perceptions of the school. Your honest feedback is important as we work to enhance our school, services, and community.

Please complete the survey found at the church entrances. Completed surveys can be returned to the parish office or placed in the collection baskets. **We ask that surveys be completed and returned no later than December 19th.** Thank you for helping us shape the future of our school community!

What Is Going On At Sacred Heart School? This week our 5th and 6th graders are learning how to use Google Slides by creating a slide presentation about one of the biomes in the world.



PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



Holy Name Society. Sunday, December 14th @ 9:00am—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



Wellington Place at Whiting Advent Giving Tree Sponsored by Sacred Heart School and St. Mary Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Churches

During the Advent season, as we prepare to receive the coming of our Lord at Christmas, we have the opportunity to show God's love in giving to others who are in need. This year's Advent Giving Tree will be for the residents and facility of Wellington Place at Whiting. In March 2019, Sacred Heart along with St. Mary's was assigned to sponsor the spiritual care for this facility. Wellington Place is a 501(c) 3 non-profit community whose main goal is service, not making a profit. All donations are fully tax-deductible and used exclusively for the benefit of their residents. In the church's gathering area, there is an Advent Giving Tree on which tags are hung with specific gift requests for the residents of Wellington Place and the facility itself. We ask that you please remove a tag, purchase the item listed, and deliver the gift either under the Advent Tree or to the Parish Office by **Friday, December 19th**. Monetary gifts can be given to the Parish Office or placed in the church drop box located at the front of Sacred Heart School. Wellington Place greatly appreciates all contributions given to them, and we thank you for your generosity and kindness.



Retirement Fund for Religious. A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois.

Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Next weekend we will have envelopes at the entrances of the church. Please give generously.

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.

Area Advent Sacrament of Confession Schedules:

St. Brons (Plover)—Monday, December 15th at 6:30pm
St. Peter (Stevens Point)—Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30pm
St. Adalbert (Rosholt)—Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00pm
St. Stephen (Stevens Point) —Thursday, December 18th at 6:30pm

Franciscans Downtown Stevens Point from 2:00-3:00pm on December 9th & 16th

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



Christmas Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, December 24th:

Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm—St. Mary's

Thursday, December 25th:

Midnight Mass: 12:00 am—Sacred Heart

Morning Mass: 9:00 am—Sacred Heart

Inclement Weather Policy:

- **Parish Office and Scheduled Activities.** Sacred Heart Parish follows Stevens Point & Rosholt Public Schools for delays, closures, and cancellations. When Stevens Point & Rosholt Public Schools close and/or cancel evening activities, the Parish Office and Sacred Heart School will close and all activities at the parish are cancelled. Cancellations and closures will also be posted on the website.
- **Mass and Liturgical Events.** If the school and parish office close due to inclement weather, Father will still celebrate daily Mass at the scheduled time at Sacred Heart. Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not be held. Please note, that if the Mass is scheduled to be held at St. Mary Immaculate Conception in Custer, the Mass will still be celebrated, but at Sacred Heart. If you are ever unable to drive safely, please do not risk coming to Mass.

AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE



"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.



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 - 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.**

Loss of a Spouse. Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar on Sunday, December 14th at St. Francis Xavier Church—Mosinee. To register call the parish at 715-693-3120 or scan the QR code.



St. Peter Parish Family Life presents their 22nd Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 13th from 7:30am - 10:30am at Kolbe Hall - Stevens Point.

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society's "All You Can Eat Breakfast" will be held Sunday, December 14th, from 8:30am to Noon at St. Bronislava Catholic Church.



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



Use Scrip to plan your Christmas shopping in advance! You may always buy Scrip throughout the week through the parish office, but it will be available for purchase after some weekend Masses near the front entrance of the church. Below is an order form with all the Scrip cards that we presently have in our Scrip box.

Scheduled order forms are also available at the Scrip table near the front entrance of the church. The scheduled order forms has a list of various cards that we do not carry, but we can always order them for you. **On Monday, December 15th, at noon, all scheduled orders must be submitted.** Your support of our Scrip program is greatly appreciated.

Sacred Heart Parish Box Sales Box

Product	Qty	Total
Amazon.com \$25		
Amazon.com \$100		
Arby's \$10		
BP Gas Stations \$50		
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10		
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25		
Cousins Subs \$10		
Culver's-Local-\$10		
Darden - \$25		
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$100		
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25		
Fleet Farm \$100		
Fleet Farm \$25		
Hardee's/Carl's Jr - \$10		
Kwik Trip \$25		
Kwik Trip \$100		
Lowe's \$100		
Lowe's \$25		
Menards \$25		
Menards \$100		
Metro Market \$25		
Metro Market \$100		
Noodles & Company \$10		
Panera Bread \$10		
Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10		
Peoples Meat Market - Local \$10		
Pizza Hut \$10		
Pizza Ranch - \$25		
Shell \$50		
Starbucks \$10		
SUBWAY Gift Card \$10		
Target GiftCard \$25		
Target GiftCard \$50		
Walgreens \$100		
Walgreens \$25		
Walmart/Sam's Club \$100		
Walmart/Sam's Club \$25		

Check Amount: \$ _____

Cash Amount: \$ _____

Seller: _____

Date of Sale: _____

Office Use Only:
 Check Request Date: _____