



# 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

Administrative Assistant.....Susanna Lepak ext. 100  
 Business Administrator.....Dianne Smith ext. 130  
 School Principal .....Dawn Cisewski ext. 160  
 Basement Kitchen.....Barb Lepak (715-600-0396)  
 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 19 – *Feria*

#### Tuesday, January 20 – *St. Fabian & St. Sebastian*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Stanley & Della Klesmit by Roger Klesmit

#### Wednesday, January 21 – *St. Agnes*

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's  
 †Leon & Martha Peplinski by Russell & Diane

#### Thursday, January 22 – *Prayer for the Unborn Children*

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

#### Friday, January 23 – *St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope*

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 Family

#### Saturday, January 24 – *St. Francis de Sales*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)  
 †Sylvester & Catherine Mager by Tom & Julie Wanserski  
 †Clarence Ostrowski by Holy Name & St. Isidore Societies  
 †Larry Kluck by Gladys Kluck  
 Special Intentions for Fr. Mark Miller

2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart

4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Emily Ramczyk by Randy Ramczyk

#### Sunday, January 25 – *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Emerick, 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**



*"In all his dealings with us, the Lord teaches us how to live on this earth. There is not a person in this world who is not a voyager, even if not all are anxious to return to the homeland. In the course of this voyage the waves and the storms make us seasick. But at least we are in the ship. Outside the ship, death would be inevitable. When one is swimming among the breakers, however energetic one's arms are, sooner or later one is defeated by the size of the ocean and allows oneself to drown. To complete the crossing, therefore, it is essential to remain in the ship." —St. Augustine*

**Dear Parishioners:**

With the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrated on January 11, the Season of Christmastide came to an end. I hope all of you were able to rest in the joy of the Savior's birth. Perhaps take some time and think about what this last Christmastide was like - what were the joys, what were the sorrows? What were the blessings, and what were some of the challenges?

The week of January 25th we celebrate "Catholic Schools Week." The Church has been instrumental in its history of providing education, not only to Catholics, but non-Catholics as well. We have a fine school at Sacred Heart, and I'm proud of the staff and students. They are happy and are learning many things! We also provide religious instruction on Wednesday nights as well. Please keep all of our teachers, staff, and students whether they are at Sacred Heart school, or the Wednesday night program in your prayers. Keep up the good work!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE**

**Altar Server**

January 24: 4:00 pm Gavin M. & Grant  
 January 25: 8:00 am Luke, Tim & Christopher

**Hospitality**

January 24: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers  
 January 25: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

**Readers**

January 24: 4:00 pm Patt Roberts  
 January 25: 8:00 am Gary Ross

**Wellington:**

January 22: Arleen Gross

**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, Karen Liebe, Kenny Rozek, Debbie Repinski, Patsy Filtz, Marilyn Sobish, Todd Borski, Cheryl Dodde, Helen Gollon

*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.*

**LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT**

**DAROWIZNY**

Adults: \$4,398  
 Solemnity of Mary: \$55  
 First Offering: \$111  
 Youth: \$35  
 Loose: \$259  
 Total: \$4,858  
 Vigil Lights: \$113  
 Renovation Fund: \$100  
 Boiler Fund: \$10,120  
 School Donation: \$350

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



Scrip: \$2,350 | \$72

**SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE**

**Thank you** to Gene's Land LLC for his generous donation of \$10,000 to Sacred Heart Boiler Fund.

**Please note.** There will be no Mass at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, February 3rd at 8:15am. Additionally, because of St. Mary's Annual Spaghetti Dinner, the location of the Mass and confession will be changed for Saturday, February 21st, at St. Mary's—Custer; confessions will take place at 2:45pm, and Mass will be held at 4:00pm.

**Youth Envelopes.** Tithing envelopes for youth (up to age 18) are now available by the front entrance of the church. 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!*

**Just as a reminder** to any parish organizations that may be using the kitchen for events, to please remember to throw away all trash. If you have items that are recyclable, please place those in the recycling dumpster. **However, plastic bags are NOT recyclable.** The parish gets charged a hefty fee (the last one was \$60 for a single plastic bag that was found in the recycling container). Any plastic bags should be thrown away with the garbage. Thank you so much for your help!

**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.



*Committing to a weekly cenacle of prayer and reparation is an act of love and mercy which will help to spread the Flame and save souls. Joining your prayers with others increases the power of prayers.*

**Religious Ed Coordinator.** Deb Riske, who is our current Coordinator of Religious Education for our Wednesday night catechism program will be stepping down from that position at the end of this year. Thank you, Deb, for your good work and efforts with this endeavor. With that, the parish is in need of a Coordinator of Religious Education for the 2026-2027 year (approximately September - April). Potential candidates should be fully initiated into the Catholic Church (must have received Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist), must be living a sacramental life and ideally should have received instruction through one of the Diocesan Lay Formation programs.

Deb indicated she is willing to provide help to whomever is interested. Please contact the parish office if this is something you would be willing to do.

**The Women's Book Club of Sacred Heart.**

We will meet in the church basement from 7:15-9:15pm on Monday, January 19th. Anyone interested in attending should pick up their own copy of *Theology For Beginners* by Frank Sheed. Please note that we meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Call or text Theresa Glavin with any questions at 715-321-4464.



**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of January 31st-February 1st. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joyful 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.



**Sacred Heart Parish—PCCW** will be having a bingo on Sunday, February 8th in the church basement. Doors open at 11:00am and bingo will start at 1:00pm. The bingo will offer over \$600 in cash prizes. Also, there will be a 50/50 Raffle and Gift Card Raffle. Concessions will be available. Everyone is welcome!

**Sacred Heart PCCW** is having a thin crust "Barb's" Pizza Take and Bake sale on February 21st. Order forms are available at the entrances. Pizzas will be made on Friday, February 20th and can be picked up between 10:00am and 4:00pm on Saturday, February 21st. The cost is \$12, and orders must be in by February 9th. More information is included on the order forms. Also, for more information call Arleen Gross at 715-341-3645.



**PCCW News.** Please consider donating to PCCW in the pink envelope provided in your parish envelope box. In addition to maintaining the church kitchen and non-structural requirements for the rectory and church hall, PCCW assists with the purchasing of hosts and altar supplies. In 2025, funds raised by PCCW paid over \$7,000 for new lighting in the kitchen. In 2026, PCCW is working and saving by holding fundraisers to have a new floor put in the kitchen. Thank you for your support.

**PCCW February 8 and March 8 Bingos:**

- For the February Bingo we would like to do a Gift Card Raffle. If you would like to donate any amount of Scrip for the raffle, that would be very much appreciated. Contact Arleen Gross at 715-341-3645 for questions.
- Shoppers, at the March Bingo, PCCW is hosting a Cherry Tree. We are searching for new prizes. While you are shopping, kindly think about making a donation. Contact Audrey Gagas at 715-592-4302 for questions.

**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:

**Myron Omernik Jr.**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE**



**What's Happening at Sacred Heart School?** Catholic Schools Week will be held January 25th-January 31st. 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 24th and 25th. This is to thank the parishioners for their continued support of our school. ~ God Bless!



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

**RELIGIOUS ED NEWS**

**AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU**

**Wednesday, January 21st**

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

**PARISH MEETINGS**

**SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE**

**Finance Council.** Thursday, January 22nd @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Rectory.

**Picnic Committee.** Tuesday, January 27th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

**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.



**Blessed Brother James Miller Day hosted at Sacred Heart Parish!** Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate Mass on Friday, February 13th, at 11:00am, with a luncheon to follow. A panel of experts will then discuss "Remembering Blessed Br. James, Model of Missionary Love" at 1:30pm. Louise Shafranski, Brother Larry Schatz, Fr. Tom

Lindner, and Fr. Alan Guanella are among the panelists. If the weather permits, there will be a visit to the grave of Blessed Brother James Miller. *This event is being sponsored and organized by the Diocese of La Crosse.*



**SCRIP NEWS. Fundraising while you shop is an easy way to support Sacred Heart School and Parish!** Scrip will be sold

by the front entrance after some weekend Masses. Also, the parish office sells scrip during the week. We appreciate your support of our Scrip program!

**Prayer for the Unborn**

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.



Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life. Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

**PICNIC NEWS • WIADOMOŚCI PIKNIK**

**CHURCH PICNIC HELP REQUEST**

Our biggest annual fundraiser is our church picnic. It is an essential source of funding. It is required to assist with parish expenditures. The picnic committee puts a lot of effort into making the event a success. Every event needs leadership to be planned in order to be successful.

Unfortunately, this past year led to the loss of leaders of the cherry tree, children's games, and the country store.

Therefore, we are in need of filling these positions in order for the picnic to be successful. These events are so important because they are for families. These events do not need to be led by one person. There could be two or three willing to do the job. Not having these events, will question whether to have the picnic or not. Our parish has set an example of collaboration and success in our community. Would you please think about helping out at one of these events? You will feel a sense of success by contributing to the financial stability of our parish, but the labor is undeniable. Call me, Arleen Gross, at 715-341-3645 if you have any questions or are interested.



**"That Man Is You"** men's group will be meeting on Tuesday, January 20th. 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.



**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.**

**St. Peter Parish Family Life** Soup and Pie Sale event will be held on Saturday, January 24th from 2:00-5:30pm and on Sunday, January 25th from 7:30 am until Noon or until items are sold out. This event will be held in the Faustina Room located at St. Peter Church, 800 Fourth Avenue in Stevens Point.

**St. Mary-Torun, Ponczka Sale.** Pre-order now for pickup on Saturday, January 24th. Cost is \$14 per dozen for unfilled, Raspberry Jelly or Prune filled Ponczka! To order call 715-344-9665 or visit [www.TorunCatholic.org](http://www.TorunCatholic.org).

**Breakfast at the Knights of Columbus** on Sunday, January 25th, serving from 8:15 am to 11:00am. Scrambled eggs, fried red potatoes, ham, sausage, dessert, and all you care to eat pancakes for only \$10 adult, \$6 for ages 6-12 and \$4 for under 6 price includes coffee and sales tax. Our popular bake & craft sale (Barbie /American clothes) will be held at the breakfast. If anyone needs it, 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.

**St. Adalbert's Breakfast Event.** Sunday, January 25th from 8:30am—11:30am. Adults \$12, children 6-12 \$6, and 5 and under free.

**Glow Bingo at St. Adalbert's School** on Friday, January 30th. Doors will open at 5:00pm and Bingo starts at 6:00pm. Over \$1,000 in cash prizes. Concession and bar available.



**Knights of Columbus Polonia** is sponsoring a Prime Rib or Gulf Shrimp Dinner. **Saturday, February 7th** at Sacred Heart Church. Dinner will start at 5:00pm. Your choice of Slow Roasted Prime Rib or Jumbo Deep Fried Gulf Shrimp. Plus homemade chicken dumpling soup, 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 \$25 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!