



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

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 29 – St. Thomas Becket

Tuesday, December 30 – Feria

No Mass—Sacred Heart ← Please note

Wednesday, December 31 – St. Sylvester I

No Mass—St. Mary's ← Please note

Thursday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families

6:00pm Mass—St. Mary's
 †Wayne Raschka by Chet

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, January 2 – St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

No Adoration—St. Mary's
 No Confessions—St. Mary's

No Mass—St. Mary's ← Please note

Saturday, January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:15am Mass—MSDI Convent (Collective Intention)
 †Delphine Shulfer by Jerry Lepak
 †Jeanette Kaminski by Bernadine & Mary

2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart

4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Harleigh Firkus by Roger & Janice Firkus Family

Sunday, January 4 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families

10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Richie Zblewski by Sharon, Barb, Lori, Rich Jr., Amanda & Suzie

A WORD FROM FATHER

SŁOWO OD PASTORA



"Christmas is a time in which the whole Church seems decked in white, in her baptismal robe. Christ comes at other times with garments dyed in blood. But now he comes to us in all serenity and peace, and he bids us to rejoice in him and to love one another. May each Christmas find us more and more like him, who at this time became a little child for our sake, more humble, more holy, more happy, more full of God." - St. John Newman

LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$9,228
 Immaculate Conception: \$85
 Youth: \$21
 Loose: \$533
 Total: \$9,927
 Vigil Lights: \$85
 Sanctuary Lamp: \$200
 Remembrance Tree: \$312
 Renovation Fund: \$100
 Boiler Fund: \$40
 Religious Retirement: \$295
 School Donation: \$250
 School Donation: \$9,345

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



*†In Loving Memory of Gladys Lepak
 May She Rest in Peace*

Scrip: \$6,160 | \$223

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

Altar Server

January 1: 8:15 am Ben, T.J. & Christopher
 January 3: 4:00 pm Gavin E. & Luke
 January 4: 8:00 am Jonah, Quinn & Drew

Hospitality

January 1: 8:15 am Volunteer Ushers
 January 3: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers
 January 4: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

Readers

January 1: 8:15 am Donna Zaborowski
 January 3: 4:00 pm TBD
 January 4: 8:00 am TBD

Wellington:

Jan 1: 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, Todd Borski, Cheryl Dodde, Melanie Liebe, 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.

SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE

Sacred Heart School would like to send out a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus Council #12467 for their donation to the school. May God bless you all!

Thank you for your continued financial support of your parish. As a quick reminder, for tax purposes, all 2025 envelopes postmarked after December 31st or received in the collection basket after December 31st, will be recorded as a 2026 contribution. Thank you again for your generosity this past year.

Please note. The parish office will be closed on January 1st and January 2nd. *Have a safe and Happy New Year!*

Please note. Sacred Heart and St. Mary's will not have Masses on December 30th and 31st. Additionally, St. Mary's will not have morning Mass on January 2nd.

• **January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Father Miller will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart at 8:15am and St. Mary's at 6:00pm.**

January Copies of Magnificat. The January subscription copies can be picked up at the front and elevator entrances of the church. ~ *Thank you*

▶ New subscriptions for 2026 will be available at the end of January. New subscription copies start in February and run to January.



Retirement Fund for Religious. A lifetime of service deserves care in return. There are retirement fund envelopes on the tables by the church's entrances. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish and return them to the parish office by December 29th. Kindly give generously.

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.



The Flame of Love is the greatest gift which God has given to the world since He sent His only Son.

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.



Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to entire family and friends of David Trzebiatowski. David passed away on Friday, December 19th and will be laid to rest on Tuesday, December 30th. May we continue to pray for the happy repose of his soul and for the comfort of Janice and his family during 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.*



2026 Envelopes. Your 2026 box of giving envelopes can be found alphabetically at the front entrance of the church.
~Thank you

2026 Calendars are available by the entrances of the church, please note there are English and Polish versions.

Reminder. Holy Name and PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) invite all parishioners to the Christmas Party/Partly Catered Potluck Dinner being held at 11:00 a.m. on January 4th, with a meal being served at noon. The cost is \$5.00 per person to attend. Reservations are needed to attend.

BINGO **Next Senior Bingo.** Senior bingo will be on Thursday, January 15th following the morning Mass. If you plan on staying for lunch, please contact Barb Lepak at 715-600-0396.

Soup Sale. There is nothing better than a bowl of hot homemade soup on a chilly January day! On January 17th & 18th, Sacred Heart Parish will host a soup sale, sponsored by PCCW of Sacred Heart. Soups include Vegetable Beef Barley Soup, and Chicken Noodle Soup, which uses handmade noodles. The cost is \$9 per quart. Please place a pre-order by giving Betty Ostrowski a call at 715-592-4003. Orders must be placed by Saturday, January 12th. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish and memo PCCW Soup Sale. Sacred Heart Parish, 7379 Church St., Custer, WI 54423, is the mailing address for payments. Pick-up will begin on Saturday, January 17th, between 10:00am and 3:45pm, and on Sunday, January 18th, prior to and following the Mass. We would appreciate donations of celery, carrots, onions, and quart jars.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

There will be no Religious Ed classes December 31st. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 7th. Happy New Year to all our students and families!



PCCW March Bingo. Shoppers PCCW is having a Cherry Tree at the March Bingo. Please consider donating while shopping during the holiday season of bargains.

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:

Mary Ann Platta

SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE



What Is Going On At Sacred Heart School? Sacred Heart School students officially completed their Advent Project.

Through the incredible generosity of our families and parishioners, we gathered a wonderful collection of gifts for the residents of Wellington Place Assisted Living.



Thank you to everyone who took an ornament and purchased a gift. Students spent time on Monday morning, December 22nd carefully packing Christmas bags and loading them for delivery. Mrs. Cisewski delivered the gifts to Wellington Place after school.

The staff and residents at Wellington Place were overjoyed. Thank you for helping our students live out the true meaning of the season!



PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



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



PCCW. Monday, January 12th @ 1:00pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

The Women's Book Club of Sacred Heart.

Please join us as we begin reading our new book, *Theology For Beginners* by Frank Sheed on January 12th. We meet from 7:15-9:15pm on the first and third Mondays of the month in the basement of the church. Clear, precise, and inspiring, *Theology for Beginners* has been acclaimed as an outstanding introduction to theology. This book will equip you with the information you need to understand key doctrines of Catholicism and explain them to others. Along the way, you will find yourself falling more deeply in love with your faith and more confident of your ability to bring healing and hope to what Frank Sheed called "a society that is losing contact with God."



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.

 **SCRIP NEWS.** 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!

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.

AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE



Knights of Columbus will be having their next meeting on Tuesday, January 6th @ 5:00 pm - Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

St. Wenceslaus PCCW Drive Thru Soup Sale serving from 2 to 4pm on January 10th. \$8 per quart with dinner rolls. Soup options include: Chicken with Homemade Noodles, Potato and Sausage, Italian Meat Ball, and Beef Barley Soup.

11th Annual
TANNER SIMONIS MEMORIAL
3D ARCHERY SHOOT

Join us ...
 Friday - January 2, 2026
 5:00 to 9:00 pm
 Saturday - January 3, 2026
 8:00 am to 4:00 pm


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FUN
 for
 All Ages &
 Abilities!!

Food & Beverages
 will be available
 at an additional cost

28 - 30 Targets, • 40 Yard Indoor Range
 2 Divisions ... Adults - \$20.00 ... Juniors 15 and under - \$5.00
Payout 60% 1st=30%, 2nd=25%, 3rd=20%, 20th=15%, 3rd from last=10%

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 Cindy Kosmalski Dustin & Beth Irwin
 JR's Saloon Jeremy Simonis

Raffle Tickets for sale - 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00
 Basket Raffles on Saturday
 All proceeds from the BIG TICKET RAFFLE go to Sacred Heart School
 For Information Call Jeremy (715) 630-2286

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 Saturday, December 20th for your shopping before Christmas. 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.**

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

Beautification Committee Update

December, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

Each of us on the Beautification Committee hope that you are pleased and excited with results from the first two phases of the renovation project. While most of the work has been completed, it is important that all parishioners continue to follow through with their committed pledges, so we can complete the final phase of this project in the near future.

Work completed in Phase II

Completion of painting of Nave ceiling and walls

Repair of damaged plaster in Nave

Repair and painting of Stations of the Cross, bases and Baptismal font

Sound System speakers (includes wireless headsets and blue tooth capability for the hearing impaired).

Ceiling fans

Phase III

There are still several areas that need attention. If we meet or exceed the fund-raising goal, it is our hope that we can address these areas of concern, namely falling plaster in the Narthex, radiator insets, repairs to the NW, NE and SE entrances. We also hope to address the sound reverberation, which has been an issue in the past and continues to be a concern today. This issue is due to the design of the church building. If future funding is secured, there are acoustical solutions which will minimize this issue. None of this will be completed until we secure the remaining campaign pledges.

Thank you for your support of this parish project!

Thank you. Beautification Committee

JANUARY 2026

Please pray some kind of prayer for the priest listed
each day. ~ *Thank you so much!*

CALENDAR MONTH JANUARY
CALENDAR YEAR 2026
1ST DAY OF WEEK SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				Pope Leo XIV	Bp. Battersby	Fr. Augustine Bentil
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fr. Eric Berns	Fr. Gregory Bohren	Fr. Matthew Bowe	Fr. Steven Brice	Fr. David Bruener	Fr. Jesse Burish	Fr. Alan Burkhardt
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Msgr. Jeffrey Burrill	Fr. Jared Clements	Fr. William Dhein	Fr. Francis Dias	Msgr. Joseph Diemeier	Fr. Billy Dodge	Fr. Clayton Elmhorst
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh	Fr. William Felix	Fr. Victor Feltes	Fr. James Genovesi	Fr. John Gilbert	Msgr. Richard Gilles	Fr. Joseph Glatczak
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Fr. George Graham	Fr. Alan Guanella	Fr. Brandon Guenther	Fr. Jeffrey Hennes	Fr. Fernando Hernandez	Msgr. Joseph Hirsch	Fr. Jerome Hooser
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