



# 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

Business Administrator.....Veronica Bruske ext. 130  
 Administrative Assistant.....Susanna Lepak ext. 100  
 School Principal .....Thomas McCann ext. 120  
 Director of Sacred Music .....Anna Kozikowski ext. 180  
 Maintenance & Grounds .....Rick Clark ext. 220  
 Custodian .....Cerise Pezewski ext. 210  
 Basement Kitchen.....Barb Lepak (715-600-0396)  
 Sacristan .....Sr. Hyacintha Ahamuefula, MSDI  
 CCD Coordinator .....Debbie Riske (715-340-4626)  
 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

While Father Miller is on retreat the following intentions will be offered during Father Miller's private Masses

#### Monday, May 8 – Feria

#### Tuesday, May 9 – Feria

No Mass—Sacred Heart

†Jerry & Marcie Rozek by Roger Klesmit

#### Wednesday, May 10 – St. John Avila & St. Damien de Vesuster

No Mass—St. Mary's

†Butch Gagas by Judy Moyer

#### Thursday, May 11 – Feria

No Adoration—Sacred Heart

No Confessions—Sacred Heart

No Mass—Sacred Heart

†Stanley L. Hintz by Family

#### Friday, May 12 – Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras

No Adoration—St. Mary's

No Confessions—St. Mary's

No Mass—St. Mary's

†George Betro by Bernard & Marlene Schulist

#### Saturday, May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)

†Jerome Smith by Barbara Wiza & Dennis Gagas

†Richie Orlikowski by Family

†Lillian Kaminski by Jerry & Veronica

†Loretta Klesmit by Norman Lewandowski

†Dcn. Jim Maciejewski by Bernie & Louise Smyth

Special Blessings to all the mothers of Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parishes by Sr. Hyacintha (MSDI)

2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart

4:00pm Mass—Sacred Heart

†Bob Zorowski by Larry & Bernadine Strong

#### Sunday, May 14 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families

10:00am Mass—St. Mary's

†Phyllis Klesmith by Chet Bembenek

†Verona & Edwin Herek by Maynard & Bonnie

†Janet & Gusti Peplinski by Russell, Diane & Family

†Marilyn Vaughn by Chuck & Mary

Living & Deceased Members of the

Woyak/Mansavage by Elsie

## A WORD FROM FATHER

## SŁOWO OD PASTORA



*"Our human body has acquired something great through its communication with the Word. From being mortal it has been made immortal; though it was a living body, it has become a spiritual one." - St. Athanasius*

## LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

## DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$5,716  
Easter: \$25  
Youth: \$23  
Offertory: \$270  
Total: \$6,034  
School Donation: \$100  
Vigil Lights: \$460  
Lenten Mite Boxes: \$103  
Boiler Fund: \$113  
Special Needs: \$852

Apr. Budget: \$23,165  
Apr. Actual: \$32,704

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

Scrip Sales: \$2,850 | Profit: \$99

**Automated Giving Program:** Parishioners have the option to enroll in Direct Payments (ACH debits) as a means of sharing your financial gifts. Additional details are on the Authorization Agreement form available on our website: [www.sacredheartpolonia.com](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com).

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

## POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

### Altar Servers

May 13:	4:00 pm	Gavin E., William & Luke
May 14:	8:00 am	Ben, Joseph, Christopher, Isaac

### Hospitality

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

### Readers

May 13:	4:00 pm	Deb Riske
May 14:	8:00 am	LouAnn Schulfer

### Wellington

May 11:	Deacon Jim
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## 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.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

## PROŚBY MODLITEWNE

Let us remember the following in our daily prayers:

Austin James, Brittany Olivia, JD Wysocki, Dave Grawey, Elsie Fliss, Megan Rose, Agnes Peplinski, Jennifer Lepak, Agnes Milanowski, Lorraine Wroblewski, Patsy Goretski, Michael Trzebiatowski, Ernie Kurszewski, Beverly Stanczyk, Jerry Lepak, Theresa Pliska, Anthony Myska Sr., Vanessa Lawson, Randy Schulist

*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

**Thank you.** Another Religious Education school year has drawn to an end. I want to thank Debbie Riske, our CCD Coordinator, for all her hard work in steering the program through the year. I also am grateful for our volunteers who generously gave of their time to share the Faith with our young people. It is not an easy task, but it is rewarding and very important. Thank You! ~Fr. Miller

**Thank you** to Sr. Hyacintha and MSDI for the use of the convent rooms.

Chad & Kendra Gagas  
Katrina Omernik  
Jessica Dombrowski  
Tanya Mlodik  
Dawn Cisewski  
Rachel Sankey  
Sarah Zaborowski

Aimee Rozek  
Michelle Printz  
Kent Lepak  
John Kurszewski  
Wesley Flees  
James Dombrowski  
Floating Aide Dan Konz



**First Holy Communion Retreat** for children and parents will be on Saturday, May 13th, beginning at 8:00am. This is for all Sacred Heart School and CCD students and one parent must be in attendance also. Rehearsal will be on this day. **First Holy Communion Mass** will be on Saturday, May 20th at 4:00pm Mass. Please arrive between 3:15pm and 3:30pm in the church basement and bring any items you would like blessed. Please contact Debbie Riske for details at [ccd@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:ccd@sacredheartpolonia.com) or 715-340-4626.



**PCCW** will be selling roses Mother's Day weekend (May 13th & 14th) before and after the 4:00pm Saturday Mass and 8:00am Sunday Mass. The cost is \$2 per rose, and all proceeds are for Portage County Right to Life.



**St. Isidore Blessings:** The feast day of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers is on Monday, May 15th. Due to Father Miller's Sunday Mass schedule, he plans to do the blessings of seeds, plants, machinery, etc. outside the front entrance of the church after the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 13th. If you have farm machinery, please drive up to the front. Holy cards of St. Isidore will be available at the entrances of the church.

**Youth Choir.** All youth ages 7 and up are welcome to join Mrs. Eron on Saturday, May 13th 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!

**Friendly Reminder.** Please remember to turn the lights off once you are done using a room in the church. Bathroom lights are on a timer so those lights do not need to be turned off. ~Thank you

**Blessed Candles.** A reminder that blessed candles for home use can be found at the front and elevator entrances of the church this weekend. A suggested \$3.00 donation is appreciated to help cover the cost. Father is always able to bless personal candles for devotional use at home as well. ~ Thank you



**Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers** are extended to the entire family and friends of James Kezeske. James passed away on Thursday, April 20th and will be laid to rest on Friday, May 12th. May we continue to pray for the happy repose of his soul and for the comfort of his extended 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.*



**Adult Faith Formation Opportunity!** Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your understanding of the Catholic Faith? Perhaps a fuller understanding of the Liturgy? Deacon Jim Sniadajewski will be presenting an overview of the Roman Missal. There will also be time for open questions during the sessions. You do not have to attend all sessions, come when you can. The sessions will be held on Sunday evenings at Immaculate Conception beginning at 6:00 p.m. and will be formally an hour long. The dates are May 14th, and May 21st. All are welcome! if you have any questions please contact Deacon Jim. by email [dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com) or phone (715-824-6747).



**Last Senior Bingo until September.**

Senior Bingo will be Thursday, May 18th, following the morning Mass. If you plan on staying for lunch, please contact Barb at 715-600-0396.



**Attention Graduating Class of 2023.**

Sacred Heart Parish is proud to recognize those registered members of our parish community who are graduating from high school, college, or other professional programs. In addition to celebrating the 8:00am Mass together, the graduates, guests, and parishioners are invited to a donut social at the front entrance of the church after Mass on Sunday, June 4th. Graduates are asked to wear their graduation gowns to the 8:00am liturgy. Please contact the parish office by Friday, May 26th to let us know if you are planning to attend this Mass. Also, we would like to do a bulletin insert of our graduates. Please send us your picture and a short bio about yourself by Sunday, May 28th. It can be emailed to [bulletin@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:bulletin@sacredheartpolonia.com) or dropped off at the parish office drop-box.

**PARISH MEETINGS**

**SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE**



**PCCW.** Monday, May 8th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Rosary will be prayed at 6:00pm at the Memorial for the Unborn (weather permitting, otherwise, in church). Rose groups do not need to bring snacks or desserts for the meeting; pizza will be provided.



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



**RaiseRight**  
by ShopWithScrip

**SCRIP NEWS.** When you purchase a scrip gift card you will receive the full value. The brand gives back to the parish in rebates so there is no extra money coming from your pocket. There is endless potential to help earn for the school and parish. Please consider purchasing scrip. Scrip will be sold at the weekend Masses! Also, during the week you can purchase scrip through the parish office. Thank you for supporting our scrip program!

**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:

**Dennis Groshek**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE**



**Our school principal, Mr. McCann,** will be retiring at the end of this current school year. I personally want to thank Tom for all of his efforts at the school, especially this past year with all of the work that had to be done for the upcoming accreditation. Also, I want to thank him for his service in general in the field of education. I sincerely wish him well.

This of course puts us into a transition time. The parish is now accepting applications for a part-time Principal. Position details and how to apply can be found on our parish website: [www.sacredheartpolonia.com/employment](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com/employment)

If you see Mr. McCann, please take a moment to thank him and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement. ~Fr. Miller

**Job Posting.** Full-Time Teacher. Sacred Heart Catholic School in Polonia is now accepting applications for a full-time classroom teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Sacred Heart hires highly qualified individuals who are faithful Catholics, who love children and are committed to serving their educational needs. If you are a Catholic who loves learning as much as you love children, this position may be perfect for you. A qualified applicant will be a practicing Catholic who holds at least a bachelor's degree and a valid Wisconsin teaching license or a willingness to obtain a license. You would be teaching in a combined 3rd & 4th grade classroom. Sacred Heart School's student-to-teacher ratio is currently 13 to 1. A teacher application may be found on our website at [www.sacredheartpolonia.com/employment](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com/employment). Application deadline: May 19th, 2023.

**School Survey.** As part of Sacred Heart School's reaccreditation, various groups are asked to complete an online survey. Please type the following URL into any web browser and complete the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/Parishioner-Survey>. If you do not have a computer, you are welcome to stop by the office during regular hours and use one of ours. Susanna will assist you if needed. Thank you for your support of Sacred Heart School. —Principal McCann

**Important information regarding the Sacred Heart and St. Martin Cemeteries.** In order to secure the safety of visitors and staff, prevent interference with the routine maintenance operations and prevent equipment damage, the Cemetery Committee will again be removing items from grave sites which are not in compliance with our cemetery guidelines. Please remove any items you wish to retain prior to June 1, 2023. Complete cemetery regulations are available at the parish office or online at [sacredheartpolonia.com](http://sacredheartpolonia.com). The Cemetery Committee expresses their appreciation for helping to maintain a final resting place for your loved ones.



**Our church is open daily**, Monday through Sunday, from 7:00am-5:00pm for private prayer. Please use either the handicap or the front east side door entry.

### PICNIC NEWS • WIADOMOŚCI PIKNIK

**Picnic Mini Raffle Chairperson.** The picnic committee needs a chairperson or a chair team (for example: it could be a husband and wife) to run the Mini Raffle for the picnic. If you are a person who likes the idea of working and sitting outside at the picnic under a tent and like to meet and greet our picnic guests from all over, this job is for you. For job duties and a job description call Arleen at 715-341-3645 or 715-340-7812.



### Garden planting is coming up soon!

Please remember when planting your wonderful gardens this spring to include a few extra plants and donate the produce for the church picnic **Country Store**. Any extra fruits, veggies, canned jams, jellies, pickles and so much more are all hot sellers and very much appreciated.

~ Thank you Julie Wanserski and Ramona Bidasz

### CORRESPONDENCE • KORESPONDENCJA

**Stewardship Reflections.** The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we know that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven. Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here — whether in a household of one or bursting at the seams — a true "domestic church." In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families — our domestic churches. The domestic church plays a crucial role in our sanctification because it is where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons. In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. "In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and our Lord's love for us in preparing the perfect "spot" for each who remains faithful to Him. Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true "domestic churches" where we honor God with our prayer, thoughtfulness to each other, and generous hospitality to all. Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!



### POLONIA CONVENT MSDI

**Giftshop:** Spring is here and so are First Communion dresses at the Polonia

Convent gift shop. This self-serve gift shop features many unique gifts, locally made items along with Wisconsin maple syrup. The MSDI Convent front door has the gift shop availability information. Your support of this project is much needed and greatly appreciated!

**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).

**Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse.** Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email [projectrachel@diolc.org](mailto:projectrachel@diolc.org).

### CALIX – For Help with Addiction from a Catholic

**Perspective.** Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? Or, do you just need someone to talk with? You can reach out to a member of CALIX. CALIX ([calixsociety.org](http://calixsociety.org)) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. You can make a confidential call to 612.383.8232 (Jim R.) or 651.587.4668 (Jim B.), for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.

### Join us for the 13th Annual Pacelli Catholic Schools

**SHREDDING PARTY.** The community service & fundraising event is hosted by Schulfer & Associates, LLC Wealth Management. Please bring your secure documents to shred on Thursday, May 11th from 3-6pm at 1417 Main Street, Stevens Point. Donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated for secure, confidential shredding services provided by Express Recycling Solutions, Inc. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 towards a larger campaign to replace aging playground equipment at our elementary schools and early childhood center.

### Be Part of an Amazing Adventure in Faith – Join the

**Lay Formation Institute!** Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2023. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information and application form at [diolc.org/lay-formation](http://diolc.org/lay-formation). Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org) or call 608.791.0161.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter.** Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities? A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you? If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The upcoming dates are April 22nd-23rd in Epworth, Iowa and September 22nd-24th in Dubuque, Iowa. For more information, call 563-920-9419.