



# 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, March 23** – *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*

**Tuesday, March 24** – *St. Oscar Romero*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 Dan Zaborowski Family by Family

**Wednesday, March 25** – *The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's  
 †Louise Betro by Elsie Mansavage  
 6:15pm Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart

**Thursday, March 26** – *Feria*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart  
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart  
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Regina Gagas by Family

**Friday, March 27** – *Feria*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's  
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's  
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's  
 †Conroy Soik by The Soik Family  
 2:00pm Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart Children

**Saturday, March 28** – *Feria*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)  
 †Edward Drefcinski by Conrad & Delores Lepak  
 †Ray Groshek by Virginia Groshek  
 †Joseph & Johanna Firkus by Tom & Julie Wanserski  
 †Dorothy Gagas by PCCW  
 †Leroy Milanowski by Agnes Milanowski  
 †Leo & Elizabeth Gagas by Family  
 2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart  
 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart  
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families

**Sunday, March 29** – *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Sophie Koziczowski by Marie & Family  
 9:25am Stations of the Cross—St. Mary's  
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's  
 †Bette Maslowski by Pat & Family

**A WORD FROM FATHER**

SŁOWO OD PASTORA



*Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures – I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. Amen. (Prayer of abandonment - Bl. Charles de Foucauld)*

**LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT**

DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$5,454  
 Youth: \$22  
 Loose: \$371  
 Total: \$5,847  
 Vigil Lights: \$131  
 Easter Flowers: \$365  
 Renovation Fund: \$100  
 Non-Parishioner: \$25

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



Scrip: \$4,090 | \$125

**Planned Giving.** Your support makes a difference in the life of our parish. Planned Giving is a wonderful way to remember Sacred Heart Parish as we prepare for the day we will depart this life and enter into the blessedness of God's eternal kingdom. Prayerfully consider a gift of stock, insurance, real estate, retirement plan or cash to ensure the continued future for our parish ministries.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

**Altar Server**

March 28: 4:00 pm Gavin M. & Grant  
 March 29: 8:00 am Jonah, Quinn & Drew

**Hospitality**

March 28: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers  
 March 29: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

**Readers**

March 28: 4:00 pm Deb Riske  
 March 29: 8:00 am Kent Lepak

**Wellington:**

March 26: Deacon Jim

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

NAMASZCZENIE CHRZYCH

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.

**SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE**



**Congratulations** to Sadie Harriet Wysocki, daughter of Zachary and Katelyn who was baptized last weekend into God's family. May God grant Sadie all the blessings of His gentle love and may she enjoy a lifetime of health and happiness.

**Lost and Found.** If you are missing any items, please check the lost and found bin, which is located on the pew at the church's front entrance.

- A small finger rosary was found in the church recently. Additionally, a portion of a key fob blade was found near the eastside door. If any of these items belong to you, please contact the parish office. ~ *Thank you*

**Baby Bottle Campaign** for First Choice Pregnancy Center, please return the bottles filled with cash, checks, and coins to the church by **March 21st**. You can give the baby bottles to an usher or place them in their room before or after Mass.



**Stations of the Cross** will be on Wednesday, March 25th at 6:15pm at Sacred Heart, and on Sunday, March 29th at 9:25am at St. Mary's. Sacred Heart School children will be having Stations at 2:00pm on Friday, March 27th.

Anyone is welcome to attend.

**The Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 31st at 10:30am, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending! **Please note there will be no morning Mass here at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, March 31st. Father Miller will be in La Crosse.**

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**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:

**Patricia Kluck**

**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, 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, Ken Oksuita

*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.*



**We extend our sympathies and prayers** to Tom Printz's family and friends. He passed away on Thursday, March 12th, and was laid to rest on Thursday, March 19th. Let's continue to pray for his family and friends 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.*



**Women's Book Club** will now meet in the church basement from 7:15 to 9:00pm on March 23rd instead of March 16th due to spring break and on March 30th instead of April 6th due to Easter Monday. They will return to their usual schedule on April 20th.




**Please note.** The parish office will be closed Good Friday, April 3rd, and Easter Monday, April 6th. Also, Father Miller will not be here on Tuesday, April 7th so there will be no daily Mass at Sacred Heart.

**Blessed Palms from last year.** Please consider disposing of your blessed palms properly. There are baskets at the entrances of the church to collect your old blessed palms to use for next year's Ash Wednesday. ~ *Thank you.*



**Magnificats.** If you ordered a Magnificat for the month of April they are available to be picked up at the entrances of the church. ~ *Thank you*

**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!

**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. **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.



**SCHOOL NEWS**

**WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE**



**Sacred Heart School** is accepting new registrations for grades 4K through Grade 6 for the 2026-2027 school year. Please call the school office at (715) 600-6942 for more information or to schedule a visit. You may also visit our website at [www.sacredheartpolonia.com](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com).



**What's Happening at Sacred Heart School?** While our halls were quiet for Spring Break, our community's heart is still wide at work. As part of our Lenten journey, we are so proud of the progress we've made for Operation Bootstrap. Take a look at the mountain of donations we've gathered so far! (See photo ) We aren't done yet! We are collecting for 2 more weeks! We hope to double this pile. If you would like to help our students in their Almsgiving journey, non-perishable items can be dropped off at Sacred Heart School. Way to go, one and all! Your generosity is turning "Almsgiving" into action.



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

TEACHING GRADES  
4K THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**ACADEMICS**



**FAITH**



**TRADITIONAL VALUES**



- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet teachers
- ✓ Review curriculum
- ✓ Ask questions

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

7379 Church St., Custer WI 54423

5 day ALL DAY 4K Program

Tuition Assistance Available Through the Tanner Simonis Memorial

for more info 715-600-6942 visit us [www.sacredheartpolonia.com/school](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com/school) follow us on Facebook Sacred Heart School - Polonia, WI

**RELIGIOUS ED NEWS**      **AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU**

**Wednesday, March 25th**  
Classes begin with Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:15pm. Parents—please stay and join us!



**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS  
SACRED HEART PARISH,  
POLONIA**

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Friday, April 3 - Saturday, April 11, 2026

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

April 12, 2026

8:00am: Holy Sacrifice of Mass

9:00am – 3:30pm: Adoration with Holy Hours

**2:00pm: Presentation by the Very Reverend Samuel A. Martin,  
Diocesan Vicar for Clergy**

12:00pm – 3:00pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00pm: Divine Mercy hour/chaplet, procession of the  
Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.

4:00pm: **HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

THE HOLY MASS WILL BE OFFERED AT 4:00PM AFTER CONFESSION  
SO THAT "THE SOUL THAT WILL GO TO CONFESSION AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN A STATE  
OF GRACE ON THIS DAY SHALL  
OBTAIN COMPLETE FORGIVENESS OF ALL SINS AND PUNISHMENT"



**2026.2027 Religious Education Registration Packets.**

Registration forms for new families can be found on the parish website or at the church's front entrance. The registration forms for current families were handed out two weeks ago. Please submit your completed forms to the Religious Ed teacher or the parish office by Wednesday, April 8th. This will help the office and the new coordinator plan for the upcoming year.

*~Thank you*

**PICNIC NEWS**

**WIADOMOŚCI PIKNIK**

**Picnic News.** It is time again to plan for the 2026 picnic cash raffle. Thank you all for the wonderful support for this event. Last year we had \$11,000 in prize money. The raffle is a good way to promote your business, honor a loved one or be recognized for your individual raffle support. Please consider sponsoring or co-sponsoring our Cash Raffle Prizes. All contributor names will be listed and printed on the back of the raffle tickets. Each donation is a separate prize. **If you are interested, you may drop your donations in the collection basket or drop/mail it to the parish office by March 23rd.** For more information, call Donna Zaborowski at 715 677-3878 or Arleen Gross at 715 341-3645.



"That Man Is You" men's group will meet 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.



**Convent Chapel.** The MSDI invites you to participate in Vespers Service (evening prayers beginning with rosary) every Sunday at 5:00pm.

**Saturday mornings are a good time to visit the inside Convent Gift Shop. Ring Convent front doorbell and Sister will greet you.**

- Throughout the summer, MSDI will be having Saturday rummage sales. If you would like to donate any items to our rummage sale, please contact the convent at 715-592-4213.

*~Thank you*

**Final Breakfast of the season at the Knights of Columbus:** Sunday, March 22nd, serving from 8:15am to 11am. \$10 for adults, \$6 for ages 6-12, and \$4 for those under 6. The price includes coffee and sales tax. The Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 401 W. Clark St., just across the Clark St. Bridge in Stevens Point, is open to the public. Next Breakfast: Sept. 27th, 2026.

**St. Peter's—Stevens Point Annual Pancake Breakfast and Basket Raffle.** Sunday, March 29th from 8am-Noon. Cost \$10 for ages 10-up and free for ages 9 and under.

**March 29 – Grilled Pork Chop Dinner, St.**

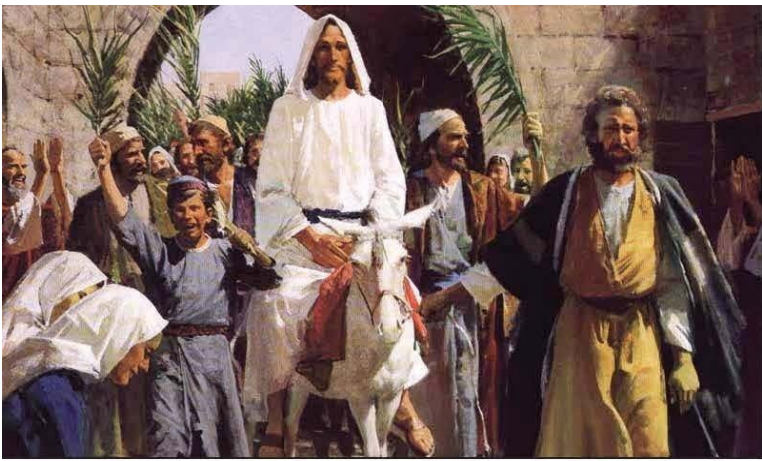
**Michael (Junction City) Drive Thru Only.** Serving from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Double Chop Meal \$14 includes 2 Grilled & Seasoned Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Salad, Bread, and dessert.

**POLONIA PARK EASTER EGG HUNT** - All welcome on Saturday, April 4th. Registration will begin at 11:30am with Egg Hunt at 1pm for kids 10 and under. Food and beverages available for purchase, Easter Bunny will attend, basket raffles, 50/50 raffle, face painting & collecting unperishable items for local pantries. Come join us for an afternoon of fun.



**Knights of Columbus** will be having their next meeting on Tuesday, April 7th @ 6:00pm— St. Mary's Torun. Meeting will be after the Novena.

**Saint Ladislaus** invites you to A Spaghetti Night on Saturday, April 11th from 4:45-6:30pm. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$7 for children 5-12 years, and free for 4 and under. All are welcome to join us for a fantastic dinner made by the youth group and parents.



# Entering into the Holiest Week of the Year

## Holy Week Schedule

**T**he events of Holy Week changed the world and are, therefore, the holiest days of the year. The sacred liturgies observed during this week remember and make present again the passing of Jesus from death to new life—what is called the Paschal Mystery. You will want to go through the entire week with Christ, dying to selfishness and sin in order to rise to new life along with Him.

**Palm Sunday** Time: 8 am at SH, 10 am at SMIC

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week, which commences with the blessing of palms and the reading of the Gospel somewhere outside the nave. A procession into church, with people holding blessed palm branches and singing festive songs follows, in imitation of the triumphant entrance of Jesus from Bethany to Jerusalem. Immediately afterwards, the theme of triumph changes radically with the reading of the Passion narrative, devoted to the suffering of Christ, which He endured for love of you.

**Preparation Days** Time: No Masses on

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week are preparation days, both spiritually and physically, for the holiest days to come later in the week. It is a most appropriate time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesday of Holy Week is known as Spy Wednesday. This gets its name because this is the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin. Because Judas is thought to be sneaky, his actions conjured up the image of a spy.

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. All are welcome to attend.

**Holy Thursday** Time: 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart

Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum - which means three days. On this first day the Church commemorates the events surrounding the Last Supper and the institution by Christ of the Holy Eucharist. At the Last Supper Jesus was with His Apostles celebrating the Passover, the annual memorial of the mystery of the Jews' escape from Egypt, and the "passing over" of the angel of death. The Passover was an exodus, or passage, from the oppression of slavery to spiritual freedom. On this night before His crucifixion, Jesus commanded that this Passover be celebrated in a new way as an unbloody anticipation of His sacrificial and saving death that would take place the next day on the cross. This was (is) the new Passover of the Lord in which we are freed from slavery to sin and death through our cooperation with His divine life of grace received in Holy Communion.

A solemn ritual of washing of feet takes place in imitation of Jesus who humbly served His Apostles by washing their feet. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.... By this, all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34, 35)

At the end of Mass, consecrated Hosts—the true presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist—are carried in procession to the side chapel of adoration. These Hosts will be received the next day in Holy Communion. After placing the Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle, an atmosphere of quiet watching with the Lord begins. This commemorates how Jesus went with His Apostles to the Garden of Gethsemane, and asking them (and you) to watch and pray with Him. Jesus prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup [of suffering] pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will it." (Matthew 26:39) "And being in agony He

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DIocese of LA CROSSE, WI

# Holy Week Schedule



prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.” (Luke 22:44) Remain with Jesus in His agony over what He knew He would endure for the sins of the world.

## **Good Friday** Time: 1 pm at Sacred Heart

The second day of the Sacred Triduum is the Passion of the Lord, known as Good Friday, the commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross outside the walls of Jerusalem. The theme of this day throughout history has been one of quiet sorrow and mourning for the crucified and dead Jesus. Consider spending the hours of 12- 3 p.m. in quiet prayer, giving up even a drink of water, as this was the time that Jesus hung on the cross and died at 3 p.m.

The emphasis of the liturgy on this solemn day is on Scripture readings and prayers, the veneration of the cross, and the reception of the Eucharist consecrated on Holy Thursday.

## **Holy Saturday** Time: 9pm at Sacred Heart

The daytime hours of Holy Saturday continue the atmosphere of Good Friday, and have been observed as a time of quiet and fasting. The Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday is the night of all nights and the primary celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. The elaborate and beautiful ritual of the Easter Vigil has four clearly-defined parts: the service of light, the Liturgy of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and the reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion.

The service of light begins with a darkened church. The priest lights the Paschal candle, the symbol of Christ's Resurrection. The Paschal candle is used to light small candles held by those in the congregation as all process into the church to the chant of "light of Christ."

The Exsultet is sung which recounts the saving action of Christ, and it is followed by the readings of the Mass, several from the Old Testament, interspersed with responsorial Psalms and prayers. The Liturgy of the Word consists of as many as seven Old Testament readings that recapitulate God's saving action throughout history. The Gloria is then sung with the maximum amount of musical instruments, bells, and choir available to the parish. The Gospel is proclaimed that narrates eye witness accounts of those who encountered the risen Christ, stirring you to a deeper realization that He is alive! There are baptisms, bringing people to new life in Christ followed by confirmation, strengthening them to be bold witnesses for their faith in God. You will renew your own baptismal promises to live more fully as a committed disciple of Christ. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated with the greatest of joy, leading to our reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion. This is a day to rejoice that the establishment of the Church and the celebration of the Sacraments are all made possible through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## **Easter Sunday** Time: 8 am at SH, 10 am at SMIC

The theme of Easter morning continues the triumphant joy of the Easter Vigil. It remembers and celebrates the very foundation of Christianity: Jesus who is Lord is raised from the dead. You will want to share in this incredible joy by participating, as much as possible, in the holiest Week of the year.

