



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 PrincipalThomas McCann ext. 120
 Director of Sacred MusicAnna Kozikowski ext. 180
 Maintenance & GroundsRick Clark (715-592-6103)
 Custodian.....Cerise Pezewski (715-592-6103)
 SacristanSr. 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

Monday, September 19 – St. Januarius

Tuesday, September 20 – Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Shannon Blanchard by LeRoy & Pat Wierzba

Wednesday, September 21 – St. Matthew

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Eileen Bronk by Robert & Barb Groholski

Thursday, September 22 – Feria

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart
 7:30–8:00am Confession—Sacred Heart
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 In Thanksgiving to all the teachers, staff & volunteers for Sacred Heart School & CCD Program by Pete & Becky Skibba

Friday, September 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Gladys Lepak by Roger & Debbie Yenter

Saturday, September 24 – Feria

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †Norman & Emily Zinda by Family
 †Gladys Lepak by Family
 †Claude & Bernice Skibba by Dave & Barb Kurszewski
 †Leroy Milanowski by Gary & Sue Wiza
 †Stanley L. Hintz by Ann Trzebiatowski
 †Jerry Kontney by Daniel Platta
 2:45–3:45pm Confessions—Sacred Heart
 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Mark Prondzinski by David Woyak

Sunday, September 25 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Casey Yenter by Bob & Pat Gagas
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 St. Mary's & Sacred Heart Parish Families



"Never separate yourself from the Church. No institution has the power of the Church. The Church is your hope. The Church is your salvation. The Church is your refuge." — St. John Chrysostom

Dear Parishioners:

As you can see we are making progress with our drainage project! As things progress further, there will be limited access to some of the doors for a while. Please keep that in mind.

SUNDAY BY SUNDAY

NIEDZIELA DO NIEDZIELI

SERVING GOD

The parable of the master and the steward is a troublesome one with many interpretations, some of which can be found in today's Gospel (prudence, making friends, trustworthiness, serving one master). It bothers us that the steward is praised for cheating. But perhaps it is "dishonest wealth" that the steward has been managing for the master all along. In that case we might not be so uncomfortable with the steward's dishonest dealings. We would feel that the steward made things right for the debtors in the parable. Whatever the situation, the steward certainly did not serve the interests of the master in the parable. Instead, by easing the burden of the poor debtors, the steward served his own self-interest, the interests of the debtors, and the interest of God "who lifts up the poor" (Psalm 113:7).

LIFTING UP THE POOR

Today's scriptures leave no doubt that lifting up the lowliest in society is essential to serving God, our one and only master. In St. Paul's words, God "wills everyone to be saved"--both spiritually and physically (1 Timothy 2:4). But how are we to assist God in lifting up the poor? Are we to make more time to hold our children in our arms, or to move closer to our aging parents? Should we contribute more money or goods to those less fortunate than we are? Should we defend a co-worker who is being ridiculed, invest in socially responsible stocks, or actively seek legislation to protect the vulnerable in our society?

Each of us must daily discover how to serve God--or risk dire consequences. Today's reading from Amos clearly describes God's disgust with those who "trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!" (Amos 8:4) It is in our own true self-interest to lift up the poor in this life, for when we die it is the lowly ones who will be waiting in paradise to lift us up and welcome us into our "eternal dwellings."

Today's Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]

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Adults: \$4,508
 Youth: \$11
 Offertory: \$418
 Total: \$4,937
 Vigil: \$25
 Non-Parishioner: \$10

Sept. Budget: \$27,850
 Sept. to Date: \$15,314

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

Hebrews 13:16

Last Week's Scrip Sales: \$4,865; Profit: \$197

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.

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 Servers

September 24:	4:00 pm	Ryan Blaskey
September 25:	8:00 am	Dominic, Caleb, Gavin, Jackson

Hospitality

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

Readers

September 24:	4:00 pm	Michelle Lewis
September 25:	8:00 am	Gary Ross

Wellington Place September 22 Arleen Gross

PRAYER REQUESTS

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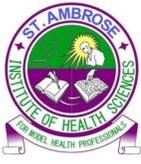
Let us remember the following in our daily prayers:

Robert Rozek, Colleen Kluck, Cristy Wiza, Theresa Prondzinski, Cecilia Rozek, Austin James, Anthony Brzezinski, Dominic Kaminski, Brittany Olivia, Ernie Kurszewski, Michael J. Woyak, Theresa Arnsdorff, Vince Herek, Drew Glavin, Theresa Pliska, Leonard Schulist, JD Wysocki, Sr. Barbara, Dave Grawey, Elsie Fliss, Devon Kowalski, Bacon Family, Elaine Dombrowski, Peter Hagen, David K. Trzebiatowski, Newton Family, Carol Weinfurtner, Vanessa Lawson, Dan Sekerka, Megan Rose, Theresa Glavin, Chester Eron, Gary Haessly, Lewis Zinda, Karen Liebe, Beverly Stanczyk, Greg Laska, Chad Wiza, David G. Woyak, Michael L. Trzebiatowski, Lee Falkavage, Peter Wrycza, Larry F. Gagag, James Kezeske, Ashley Simonis

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.



Greetings to my dear friends and Sacred Heart family. Thank you for your continued and generous support of our nursing school in Uganda. Your kindness will always be remembered in my prayers. I hope to see you again some day, perhaps next summer?

Thank you again for your recent generosity to our mission and may God bless you!. ~Fr. Joseph

- The total amount contributed for Fr. Joseph from Sacred Heart was \$6,970.



It's that time of the year again! Sacred Heart Parish is now accepting snow removal (plowing) bids for the 2022/2023 winter season. If you have any questions or would like further details, please contact the parish office by phone or email

(parishoffice@sacredheartpolonia.com). We will be accepting bids until Friday, October 7th. ~Thank you!

Youth Choir. All youth ages 7 and up are welcome to join Mrs. Eron on October 1st 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!



Punt, Pass, & Kick. The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Punt, Pass, and Kick competition on Sunday, September 25th starting at noon in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot. All children are welcome and registration will take place the morning of the event. Just show up before noon.

SACRED HEART PARISH SOUP SALE sponsored by the Parish Council of Catholic Women on October 22nd and October 23rd. Beef or Chicken soup will be sold at \$7.00/qt. Pre-orders by calling Betty Ostrowski at 715-824-6096. Also, donations of quart jars, onions, carrots and celery are appreciated.

Mass Time Change. Due to St. Mary's—Custer Pancake Breakfast, Mass for Sunday, October 2nd at Sacred Heart will be at 10:00am, instead of 8:00am. St. Mary's—Custer will be having Mass at 8:00am.



Novena For Our Nation. For the protection and provision of the USA and the world. Join thousands from coast to coast unified in prayer for our nation in the 54 day Rosary Novena from August 15–October 7th. For more information, please visit <https://usgraceforce.com/>

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

Routine Reminder. Deadline for announcements or notices for our church bulletin need to be submitted by noon on Tuesdays to the parish office. It is preferable that the notices be submitted by email, but handwritten notices or announcement are acceptable as well. ~ Thank you

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process that is used to assist people on their journey into full communion with the Catholic Church. Who is RCIA for? RCIA is for those who have never been baptized, those who have been baptized in a faith other than Catholic, and those adult Catholics who desire to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and/or Eucharist). Perhaps you have received all of the sacraments but just want to learn more about the Catholic faith. You are most welcome to attend as well! RCIA classes will begin this fall. Further details regarding the meeting dates, time and location will be available in forthcoming bulletins. Registration will be necessary. Please contact the parish office to register.

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. Additional resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources.

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:

**Ervin & Romona Lilla
Peter Sr. & Stella Wrycza**

CCD NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

Our CCD program began this past Wednesday with an opening Mass. Our first class will be this upcoming Wednesday, September 21st. Thank you to Deb Riske and the following volunteers who are making a generous commitment of their time in helping parents teach the faith to our parish youth.

- Grade 1 Chad and Kendra Gagas
- Grade 2 Katrina Omernik
- Grade 3 Jessica Dombrowski
- Grade 4 Tanya Mlodik
- Grade 5 Dawn Cisewski and Rachel Sankey
- Grade 6 Sarah Zaborowski
- Grade 7 Aimee Rozek and Michelle Printz
- Grade 8 Kent Lepak
- Grade 9 John Kurszewski
- Grade 10 Westley Flees
- Grade 11 James Dombrowski

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE

Parish Council. Tuesday, September 20th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Rectory.

Picnic Committee Wrap-up Meeting. Thursday, September 22nd @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



Knights of Columbus. Tuesday, October 4th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



"That Man Is You" men's group is starting on **Tuesday, September 20th**. The meetings will be held every Tuesday, starting with breakfast at 6:00am, followed by a video presentation and small group

discussion, ending at 7:30am. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th and will be held at the usual location, Sacred Heart Church in Polonia, just east of Stevens Point.

St. Bartholomew Homemade Kluski Noodle. Must pre-order by September 18th. To order: Call Elaine Przybelski @ 715-457-2782. Leave your name and the amount you would like. 1 and 2 lb. bags / \$5.00 per lb. Pick up is on September 24th and 25th after Mass. Proceeds to Benefit the Lift Fund.

Get your Pumpkins at St. Bartholomew's Pumpkin Sale! Beginning September 24th and 25th. Pumpkins will be for sale after Mass for one hour. You may also purchase Pumpkins at the home of Kyle and Valerie Kubisiak 1017 Deer Ln. N. Stevens Point, WI. All proceeds will benefit the Lift Fund.

Secular Carmelite Discernment: Are you attracted to Carmelite spirituality or the writings of Saints Teresa of Jesus, John of the Cross, or Therese, the Little Flower? Do you desire to deepen your prayer life, to seek the face of God? Do you desire the support of a community? The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites in the Diocese of La Crosse meets once a month in Marshfield and will begin a new formation cycle in October. Please call Lori Slattery at 715.213.2732 for more information.

Young Adult Tuesday Gatherings. Anyone at least 18 years old through mid-thirties can join a night of socializing and developing Catholic friendships. The gathering will be held every Tuesday at 6:00 pm at The Saint Joseph's Rectory (1709 Wyatt Ave). Contact: Conner Franz, DRE@Pointcatholicfaith.org (715) 341-1617 Ext 104

Join us for Rural Life Day. The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 41st annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 21st, hosted by Jack and Pat Herricks at 12130 Hwy. 33, Cashton, WI. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with Mass at 10:00am celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a catered lunch. For a flyer or brochure, visit diolc.org/rural-life. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzielow@diolc.org.

March for Life Wisconsin - September 24th - Buses from Wausau and La Crosse Commemorate this historic year with thousands from around the Midwest. Saturday, September 24th from 1:30pm-3:30pm - Wisconsin State Capitol (2 E Main St, Madison, WI 53703). Hear from inspirational pro-life speakers, march at the capitol, and pray together for an end to abortion. Pro-Life Wisconsin signs will be available, but bring your own, too! Bus tickets from Wausau or La Crosse: \$30 + \$3.46 Fee (\$10 discount if you bring a pack of diapers). Depart at 10:15am, arrive back at 6:00pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. See details and purchase tickets at ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife.



**Missionary Sisters of Divine Image
Polonia CONVENT GIFT SHOP.**

Accessible during Wednesday night CCD time or call Sister Hyacintha at 715-592-4213 to visit at other times. Wisconsin made fall hats, scarves, mittens and leg warmers plus Wisconsin maple syrup and many gift items. Your continued support of this endeavor is so very much appreciated!

Liturgy of the Hours. Chris Carsten Director of the Office of Sacred Worship of the Diocese of La Crosse will be at St. Peter Parish on Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend and learn how the Liturgy of the Hours can enhance your life, as he leads listeners step-by-step through this Sacred Liturgy.

Liturgy of the Hours. St. Peter Parish will begin to offer communal Vespers on Sunday nights at 7:00pm starting September 25th. Materials will be provided. You're invited to participate as we're led in Gregorian chant, or just sit back and listen. Park in the rear parking lot of St. Peter Parish and enter through the SW doors of the Faustina Room. Come join is for the age-old liturgy.

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Annual Fall Harvest Dinner is being held on Sunday, October 2nd from 10am to 1pm. Dining will be in our new social hall space, with carry-out also available. The menu will consist of Chicken (from Ambrosia's), mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, squash, roll & butter, cranberry sauce, coffee, milk and choice of a slice of delicious pie. Adults \$12.00; children 6-12 \$5.00; Kids 5 and under are free. We will have a basket raffle, and a 50/50 raffle, along with our Country Store which contains all sorts of canned goods, baked goods and fresh produce. All proceeds will go to help complete our new Social Hall and CCD classrooms.

Youth Rally. St. Ladislaus Church on Wednesday, October 12th. Noelle Garcia is a nationally known Catholic recording artist who has been a keynote at the National Catholic Youth Conference, Steubenville Youth Conferences, and hundreds of diocesan and parish events around the country. **Advance registration required, limited space.** 6:30pm-8:00pm doors open at 6:00pm. Grades 7-12. Grade 6 and under accompanied by a parent. Register by contacting Sr. Mary Ellen 715.446.3060 or sisterme@stladislaus.org

Travel with Fr. Joseph to Greece! March 8th-18th, 2023. Detailed itinerary, travel fees, and destination highlights are found at: stpeter.us Scroll to "Announcements & Upcoming Events." Click "Places of St. Paul Cruise Fr. Joseph" to access an informational brochure and registration form. Bus transportation from Stevens Point to Chicago O'Hare. An abundance of memories to be made! Contact Fr. Joseph with any questions: 715-344-6115

SAVE THE DATE! Men of the Cross Conference This conference will be held on Saturday, November 12th, 2022 at the La Crosse Center. More information is coming soon.

Heart Speaks



TO HEART CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

\$337,000 pledged by 26 families!

Thank you to all of our early supporters whose generous pledges have given us this outstanding start!

This listing was updated on Friday, September 16th at 10am. If you have already made a pledge but your listing does not appear (or does not appear as you would like it to), please contact our Campaign Director, Kate Gapp, at (651) 497-7986. We will update it for next week's bulletin.

Anonymous (5)
Jane Blanchard
Jerome and Veronica Bruske
Joseph and Linda Burant
James and Kelly Dombrowski
Thomas and Theresa Glavin
Kenneth and Carol Gliszinski
Thomas and Kim Glodowski
(In loving memory of) Stephen
and Lillian Kaminski
Archie and Patricia Kluck
Jason and Anna Kozikowski

Conrad and Delores Lepak
Fred and Barbara Lepak
Kent and Susanna Lepak
Fr. Mark Miller
Christopher and Alison Mlodik
Mark and Kathleen Peskie
Daniel and Carol Sekerka
David and Debra Spang
Mark and Cindy Strojny
Danielle Wrycza
Jeanine Wrycza
Germaine Zorowski

MAKING YOUR PLEDGE: To reach our **campaign goal of \$1.1 million** for our parish's most urgent needs, we come together with our individual pledges of sacrifice. We are asking every household to make a planned pledge commitment over the next 5 years. Please prayerfully consider a **pledge of \$5,000 over 5 years**. After a 10% down payment, that equates to \$75 per month for 60 months.

"How do I make my pledge?" Over the next several weeks, volunteers will be contacting parishioners to discuss the campaign and the various opportunities available for making sacrificial pledges. Please speak with the campaign volunteers to make your pledge. Remember, volunteers are your fellow parishioners! They worship side-by-side with you every weekend at Mass.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: Our volunteer orientation for the campaign will take place this **Monday, September 19th at 7:00pm in the church basement**. All are invited to attend and learn about the many ways to get involved in the campaign! There is a role for everybody, big or small.