



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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IN POLONIA

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PARISH OFFICE

BIURO PARAFIALNA

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00am–3:00pm
Friday: 9:00am–1:00pm • Closed on Wednesdays
► If you need anything, please feel free stop by during our office hours.

PARISH STAFF

PRACOWNICY PARAFII

Business Administrator..... Veronica Bruske
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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.

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MSZE ŚWIĘTE

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

Tuesday, September 21 – St. Matthew

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
†Fr. Marcin Mankowski by Hilgers Family

Wednesday, September 22 – Feria

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
†Jeremy Firkus by Al & Deb Kozelek

Thursday, September 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart
7:30–8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart
8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
†Robert Kluck by Marie Kluck & Family

Friday, September 24 – Feria

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
†Eileen Bronk by Bernard & Marlene Schulist

Saturday, September 25 – Feria

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
†Clarence Ostrowski by Ted & Pat Cychosz
†Mark Prondzinski by Julie Feltz
†Lorraine Pionkowski by Pat Domaszek
†Claude & Bernice Skibba by Dave & Barb Kurszewski
Special Blessings for Jason & Anna Kozikowski Family
by Sr. Hyacintha Ahamuefula
2:45–3:45pm Confessions—Sacred Heart
4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
†Avis Wysocki by Louis

Sunday, September 26 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
†Robert Barwick by Pete & Becky Skibba
10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
St. Mary's & Sacred Heart Parish Families

A WORD FROM FATHER

SŁOWO OD PASTORA

"The Prophet Isaiah tells us that under the Gospel covenant God's servants will have the privilege of seeing those heavenly lights which were but shadowed out in the Law. Before Christ came was the time of shadows. When He came, He brought truth as well as grace. As He who is the truth has come to us, so does he in return require that we should be true to our dealings with Him."

— St. John Newman



I would like to thank all who planned the Potluck lunch, those who helped serve food, those who made food and all who attended. It was enjoyable, and I think everyone had an excellent time, and ate well. It was nice to visit with all of you. I would like to thank you also for the various spiritual bouquets and cards. God bless you, and take courage! —Fr. Miller

SUNDAY BY SUNDAY

NIEDZIELA DO NIEDZIELI

FIRST IS BEST?

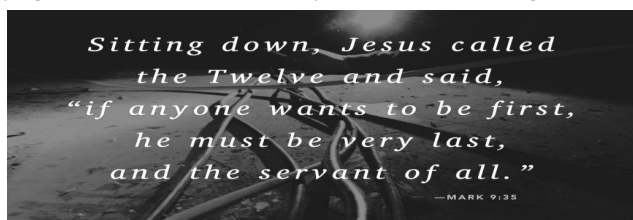
"I'm first!" "No, I'm first!" "Mom, tell Ronnie that I get to be first this time!" From the earliest moments of our lives, there is something ingrained in us that is convinced that first is best. If not chosen first for the sports team, we are immediately deflated. We are coached to be "in first." We spend hours of waiting time in order to be first in line. We are caught in a culture that makes being first the highest priority. Against this backdrop, we come to church and hear a Gospel such as the one proclaimed today from Mark: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35). This is a passage all about power.

BEING POWERFUL

Putting others first is one of the greatest challenges in a world that places so much emphasis on being powerful. Americans, for the most part, pride themselves on being a "super-power." Power, in and of itself, is not the problem. What can become problematic is the way that power is used. Our example of the perfect use of power, of course, is the Lord Jesus himself. Fully human and fully divine, the Lord put all the power that had been given to him at the service of others. Unfortunately, when one hears comments such as "he is a very powerful man" or "it is a very powerful country," one usually thinks of people or countries that use power to place themselves above apparently weaker people or places. The Gospel is a challenge to turn this notion on its head. We have each been given much power—the power flowing from Christ—in our baptism. Today we are called to use this power to place the needs of others before our own.

Today's Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54:3-8; James 3:16 - 4:3; Mark 9:30-37

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Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "if anyone wants to be first, he must be very last, and the servant of all."

—MARK 9:35

LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Adult Envelopes: \$6,049
Youth Envelopes: \$3
Offertory: \$176
Total: \$6,228
Vigil Lights: \$46
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

Sept. Budget: \$25,310
Sept. to Date: \$11,427

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 25:	4:00 pm	Ryan Blaskey & Evan Hintz
September 26:	8:00 am	Jonah & Quinn Glavin
		Dominic Giese

Hospitality:

September 25:	4:00 pm	Volunteer Ushers
September 26:	8:00 am	Volunteer Ushers

Readers:

September 25:	4:00 pm	Donna Zaborowski
September 26:	8:00 am	Gary Ross

PRAYER REQUESTS

PROŚBY MODLITEWNE

Let us remember the following in our daily prayers:

Robert Rozek, Colleen Kluck, Cristy Wiza, Theresa Prondzinski, Cecilia Rozek, Austin James, Jerry Kontney, 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, Roger Wrycz, Elsie Fliss, Devon Kowalski, Bacon Family, Elaine Dombrowski, Peter Hagen, Loyce Kluck, David K. Trzebiatowski, Newton Family, Carol Weinfurtnr, Vanessa Lawson, Bob Zorowski, Dan Sekerka, Ray Sommers, Megan Rose, Theresa Glavin, Chester Eron, Gary Haessly, Lewis Zinda, Karen Liebe, Beverly Stanczyk, Loretta Klesmit, Christopher Kurszewski, Greg Laska, Trent Gibson, Chad Wiza, Roger & Janice Firkus

Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen



Boiler Fund. Just a reminder that our end of month Special Needs collection for September will be deposited into our Boiler Fund. This fund will be used to pay for the eventual repair or replacement of our existing church boiler. The collection will be taken next weekend, September 25th and 26th. Please use your yellow Special Needs envelope if you would like to make a donation. ~Thank you.

Please Note. As the convent has the Blessed Sacrament reserved there, Mass needs to be said at least monthly. So, beginning October 2nd the 8:15am Mass will be said in the convent chapel. The Mass at the convent will be on the first Saturday of the month. The remaining Saturdays will be held at Sacred Heart.

Novena For Our Nation. A Battle for the Soul of Our Nation & the Catholic Church. Join in the 54 day Rosary Novena for our nation from August 15—Oct. 7, 2021. For more information, please visit the US Grace Force website.



ATTENTION. Altar server training and cookout will take place on Saturday, October 2nd, following the 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass. It would be helpful for all the current altar servers to attend this training.

► We are in need of more altar servers. So any male (adult or child) who has received his First Holy Communion, and has a strong desire to serve the Altar of our Lord and Savior is welcome to attend this training. Please contact the parish office to let us know that you are planning to attend. ~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.

CCD NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

A sincere THANK YOU to John Kurszewski for stepping forward to teach our 8th Grade CCD class this year! We have one more teaching position to fill for the 7th grade class. Please prayerfully consider helping out. What is stopping you? Contact Deb Riske or Fr. Miller with any questions and they will be glad to speak with you about any concerns you may have.

► **Our CCD program will begin this week!** Opening Mass will be held this Wednesday, September 22nd beginning at 6:15pm for all students and at least one parent. The pews will be labeled with grade levels, and students should sit with their class. Father Miller will hold a brief meeting with students and parents afterwards in the church prior to dismissal for the evening.

Holy Name Steak Night Raffle. Raffle tickets are now available at the entrances of our church. ~Thank you.

► **Save the date! Sacred Heart Steak Night Dinner** will be held on Saturday, November 6th, following the 4:00pm Mass.



Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Tuesday, September 28th. If any member of the parish has an item that they would like discussed or added to the agenda, please contact any of the following members:

Fr. Mark Miller, *Pastor*
Dennis McNamara, *Chair*
Judy Wroblewski, *Secretary*
Todd Kramer

James Dombrowski
Michelle Mlodik
Luke Hilgers

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:

Bushman Family

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE

Finance Council. Tuesday, September 21st @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Office.

Pastoral Council. Tuesday, September 28th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Altar Serving Training. Saturday, October 2nd 5:00pm—Sacred Heart Church. *Cookout held after the training.*



Knights of Columbus. Tuesday, October 5th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.



Holy Name Society. Sunday, October 10th @ 11:00am—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

KORESPONDENCIA

Have you asked someone recently? Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. *God bless you!*



That Man is You. Tuesday, September 21st. 6:15am-7:30am Sacred Heart Church basement. For more information please contact Tom Glavin or check out their website paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/



Missionary Sisters of the Divine Image GIFT SHOP is a self-serve gift shop with many gift items including Wisconsin maple syrup and we have a selection of books as well. Please ring the doorbell at the FRONT entrance of the convent and Sister will be happy to direct you to the gift shop. Or, call Sister at 715-592-4213 to set up a time to visit. Thank you for your support of this on-going fundraiser for the MSDI Polonia Convent.

St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point. Monthly Meal of Hope. Held the 3rd Monday of each month from 5-6 p.m. More information is available at www.PointCatholicFaith.org/mealofhope

St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent, 2nd Annual On-line Auction: Starting 5:00pm Monday, September 13th thru 7:00pm Monday, September 20th. **Huge assortment of items, raffle baskets, and gift certificates.** Please go to happytrailsauctions.com to place bids. 100% of the Hammer Price will go to St. Ladislaus Parish and 100% of the Buyer's Premium will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

St. Peter Parish celebrates OKTOBERFEST at District 1 Brewing Co, 200 Division Street North On Sunday September 26th from 11:00am-4:00pm. German/Polish buffet until 3:00pm. Polka Music: Noon until 4:00pm. A robust, beautiful Basket Raffle and plenty of fun!

Fall Bazaar. Holy Family-St. William Catholic Church 202 N. Ellms St., Wittenberg. Saturday, September 25th from 9:00am-2:00pm. On-site eats, holiday crafts and gifts, baked goods, This 'N That thrift & Man things, produce, fall plantings, and so much more! Alpha House and St. Paul Lutheran Church will also have their sales that day!

St. Bronislava Fall Fest, Plover, Oct 2nd & 3rd, for more info go to www.stbrons.com.

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Annual Fall Harvest Dinner. Sunday, October 3rd, serving 10:00am-1:00pm. Carryout or Curbside Service Only. Adults \$12, Children (6-12) \$5.

Youth Rally: Wednesday, October 13th from 6:30pm-8:00pm at St. Ladislaus Parish. Steve Angrisano will be the presenter. Steve Angrisano is undoubtedly one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today. Young and old alike embrace the passionate message of faith, hope and love woven throughout his music and storytelling. Always rooted in a spirit of humility and faithfulness, Steve's easy, honest style of ministry is born from who he is: a committed witness to the life and love of Jesus Christ.

Oct. 18 Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan. Join us Monday evening, October 18th, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, John Travaline, MD, an expert in Catholic medical ethics, will speak on: **"Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body."** Schedule: 6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7:00pm – Banquet; 7:45pm – Presentation; Cost: \$20/person \$10/students. All are welcome! To learn more and to register, visit diolc.org/gospeloflife.

DEANERY CONVOCATION – PAINTING A PICTURE OF THE CHURCH GOD CALLS US TO BE. On Saturday, October 30th Catholics from around Portage County will gather at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point to dream. Presenters from the mid-west and Canada will help paint a picture of the Church alive in Christ and animated by the Holy Spirit. Our hope is that this gathering will serve as a spark to help us renew and reinvigorate our parishes, especially in a post-pandemic world. The day will be filled with inspiration and many practical ideas in terms of parish ministries and outreach.

► In conjunction with the Convocation, there will be a special **Praise and Worship Event** at St. Bronislava Parish, Plover on October 30th at 7:00pm. The event will be facilitated by Ron Huntley and will be an opportunity for us to ask the Holy Spirit to revive and renew our parish communities. All are invited to join us for the Praise and Worship event – *you do NOT need to attend the Convocation to join us for praise and worship Saturday night.*

CALLING ALL PORTAGE COUNTY AREA CATHOLICS

REVIVE!

Painting a picture of the Church
God calls us to become.

2021 Fall Deanery Convocation

SAT., OCTOBER 30
8:00 AM-3:30 PM
Stevens Point Holiday Inn

Revive your faith, your creative energy, and your holy imagination!

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
From Babel to Pentecost
How the Holy Spirit creates harmony out of our diverse gifts.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Ron Huntley

- Co-founder of the **Divine Renovation** model of parish renewal
- Director of Coaching, Senior Leadership Team, St. Benedict Parish, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Author, *Unlocking Your Parish: Making Disciples, Raising Up Leaders with Alpha*

Kindly visit www.pointdeanery.org/revive or call 715-303-7780 for program details & registration information.

REGISTRATION CLOSING OCTOBER 20.