



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parafia Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa

IN POLONIA

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Please submit bulletin notices to bulletin@sacredheartpolonia.com by noon on Tuesday.

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

Office Hours: 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
 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

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, February 10 – *St. Scholastica*

Tuesday, February 11 – *Our Lady of Lourdes*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Norman Eiden by Family

Wednesday, February 12 – *Feria*

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †George Betro by Louise, Pam & Mark

Thursday, February 13 – *Feria*

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

Friday, February 14 – *St. Cyril*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's
 †Michael V. Kosobucki

Saturday, February 15 – *Feria*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)
 †Clarence Ramczyk by Don & Adeline Mrozek
 †Larry Strong by Jeanette Kaminski
 †Myron Orlikowski by Orlikowski Family
 †Raymond Gagas by Sekerka Family
 †Norman Platta by Raymond Richter Jr.
 †Anne Bembenek by Danel Bembenek & Falkavage Family
 †Jerome Smith by Barb Wiza & Dennis Gagas
 †Sylvester & Catherine Mager by Tom & Julie Wanserski
 Marion Kurszewski & Family by Krista Glodowski
 2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart
 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart
 †Loretta Klesmit by Roger Klesmit

Sunday, February 16 – *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's
 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's Altar Society

A WORD FROM FATHER

SŁOWO OD PASTORA



"Those who trust in Jesus are as simple as children. They cling to his garments and in every difficulty have recourse to him. Filled with trust they exclaim: 'Help me, Lord Jesus, to overcome this enemy and this obstacle. You alone can help me and I am sure that you want to do so.'"

— St. Frances de Sales

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE

Altar Server

February 15: 4:00 pm Wyatt, Gavin M. & Grant
 February 16: 8:00 am Lucas, Jackson & Christopher

Hospitality

February 15: 4:00 pm Volunteer Ushers
 February 16: 8:00 am Volunteer Ushers

Readers

February 15: 4:00 pm Michelle Lewis
 February 16: 8:00 am Chris Parker

Wellington

February 13: 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, Frank Kurszewski, Ronald Trzebiatowski, Alice Wierzba, Newton Family, Gail Tepp, Elaine Gagas, Dennis Raflik, Rhody Bushman, Leonard Schulist, Bruce & Patt Roberts, Taylor Groshek, Betty Kowalski, Karen Liebe, Kenny Rozek

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.

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

NAMASZCZENIE CHRYCH

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.

LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

DAROWIZNY

Adults: \$4,248
 1st Offering: \$30
 Youth: \$6
 Loose: \$384
 Total: \$4,668
 Vigil Lights: \$85
 Sanctuary Lamp: \$100
 School Donations: \$1,420
 Non Parishioners: \$10
 Special Needs: \$210
 Boiler Fund: \$100
 Renovation Fund: \$2,100
 Stations of the Cross Fund: \$9,000

Feb Budget: \$23,835
 Feb to Date: \$ 4,668


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



Scrip: \$4,300 | \$235

Did you know? You have the option to enroll in direct debit (ACH) as a means of sharing your financial gifts to the parish. You can set up your automated giving to occur weekly or monthly. Many families find this to be much simpler as it eliminates the need to prepare and bring your giving envelope each week. For more information please see our website: www.sacredheartpolonia.com/forms or call the parish office.

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.



"For we are co-workers; you are God's field, God's building."
 1 Corinthians 3:9
 DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER

GOAL	\$52,150
PLEGGED AND RECEIVED	\$37,251 (71%)
# OF DONORS	114

PARISH MEETINGS

SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE



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



PCCW. Monday, February 10th @ 1:00pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Picnic Committee Meeting. Tuesday, February 11th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.




Home and School. Thursday, February 20th @ 6:00pm—Sacred Heart School.

Thank you to the Richard and Linda Konkol family for fulfilling their parents' wish to make a donation to Sacred Heart Parish on their behalf after their passing. Both Richard and Linda truly loved being part of this parish family. A \$9,000 memorial donation has been made to be used toward the repainting of the Stations of the Cross per the family's wishes.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in Peace.

Thank you, Joshua Kurszewski, Hailey & Maycie Ostrowski for your wonderful singing talents and accompanying Mrs. Eron during last week's 4:00pm anticipatory Mass. All youth aged 7 and up are invited to the next youth choir opportunity, which will take place on March 1st at the 4:00pm anticipatory Mass. If you are interested, please come up to the choir loft by 3:45 p.m. Every voice is welcome!



Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller – Feb. 13th. A native of Stevens Point and a De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary, Brother James Miller was gunned down while repairing a wall at the school where he worked in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on Feb. 13, 1982. He was declared a martyr and beatified by Pope Francis on Dec. 7, 2019. He stands as an example of fidelity to the Gospel and humble and fearless service on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable. To learn more, visit diolc.org/blessed-brother-james-miller. Also, you can find prayer cards of Blessed Brother James Miller at the entrances of the church.

* See bulletin insert for more information on the prayer service and reception.

Please note. Father Miller will be out of the office on Wednesday, February 19th. There will be no 8:15am Mass at St. Mary's that day.

 **PCCW meeting minutes** from January are available at the entrances of the church.

 **Senior Bingo** will be on Thursday, February 20th following the morning Mass. If you plan on staying for lunch, please contact Barb Lepak at 715-600-0396.

Youth Envelopes. Tithing envelopes for youth (up to age 18) are available at the church entrance. Please take any box, but be sure to write your name on the first envelope that is turned in so that the parish database can be updated. We encourage all youth to learn the importance of sacrifice and financial support, however, if you do not plan on using the envelopes please do not take a box. *~Thank you!*



Sacred Heart Parish—PCCW will be having a bingo on Sunday, March 2nd in the church basement. Doors open at 11:00am and bingo will start at 1:00pm. The bingo will offer over \$600 in cash prizes. Also, there will be a 50/50 Raffle and Cherry Tree. Concessions will be available. Everyone is welcome!



BINGO. PCCW is having a Cherry Tree at the Bingo on Sunday, March 2nd. We are looking for NEW prizes please consider donating. The prizes can be dropped off in the designated area in the church basement. *~ Thank you*

Blessed Candles. A reminder that blessed candles for home use can be found at the elevator entrance of the church. 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*



RaiseRight
by ShopWithScrip

SCRIP NEWS. Scrip is another way for you to earn money for your parish and school. Please consider purchasing scrip.

Scrip will be sold after some of the weekend Masses, but you can always purchase Scrip during the week 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:

Susan Domaszek

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

AKTUALNOŚCI KATECHIZMU

Wednesday, February 12th

Classes begin with prayer in the church at 6:15pm. Parents—please stay and join us in prayer!

SCHOOL NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE

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. These are the flavors that are available to purchase: Caramel Nut, Caramel, Chocolate Truffle, Mint Truffle, Peanut Butter Meltaway, English Toffee, Milk Chocolate, and Dark Chocolate. Thank you for your support!



"That Man Is You" is every Tuesday starting with breakfast at 6:00am, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion, ending at 7:30am. Come to one meeting....or several. It's never too late!

"Down by the River" podcast with Father Kuhn and Andrew. This is a new podcast hosted by our vocation team—Father Nate Kuhn and Andrew Brueggen. The discussions are lively and the topics holy. This is a perfect thing to share in your parish bulletin, via flocknote, or on a bulletin board because it provides your parishioners with another way to connect with the Faith and each other. The most recent video/podcast explores Catholic Schools. Check it out! The link below and the QR code to the right can be pasted in any document or email so parishioners need only scan the code with their smartphone.



youtu.be/LLIaTOORXXg?si=cyJBbshwYNNM9TMS

Father Justin Kizewski and "Priesthood Fits Me Like a Glove". The most recent "Connecting the Diocese" podcast features Father Kizewski and explores everything from St. Thomas Aquinas to Cheerios floating in a bowl of milk. This is fantastic content to share with your parish and help diversify how you evangelize. The link below and the QR code to the right can be pasted in any document or email so parishioners need only scan the code with their smartphone.



podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/priesthood-fits-me-like-a-glove/id1438165046?i=1000687836495

Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for marriages for over 45 years. Whether a couple has drifted apart, separated, or even divorced, this 3-phase program offers hope for all who want to restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Affordable, Catholic in origin and open to couples of all faiths, the next program begins with a weekend stay in Wausau area February 14-16, 2025. For local info and fully confidential registration call: 877-922-HOPE (4673). More at HelpOurMarriage.org.

St. Adalbert Catholic School is having a bingo on Sunday, February 16th. Doors open at 11:30am and bingo starts at 1:00pm. Over \$600 in cash prizes. Concession available including: Homemade chicken soup and Kluski Noodles, Fresh Pies and much more! All are welcome!

St. Joseph Parish Winterfest will be held on Friday, February 28th from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Fish Fry & Raffle either dine-in or carryout. Menu options: \$13 for 2 piece fried or baked fish, \$15 for 8 piece fried shrimp, or \$14 combo 1 piece fish and 4 piece shrimp. Meal includes coleslaw, choice of potato, and dessert. Children's meal available upon request. Dine-in will be first come first served. Please call to pre-order To-Go at 715-341-1617 or go to PointCatholicFaith.org/fishfry

St. Adalbert Parish

3305 St. Adalbert Road, Rosholt, WI

FISH FRY



Every Friday

February 28 through April 11, 2025

4:00 to 7:30 P.M.

Dinner options include 3 fish or 6 shrimp, or a combo of 2 fish and 4 shrimp for \$15

2 Fish or 3 Shrimp - \$12

Includes choice of potato, coleslaw, bread and dessert. Coffee & milk in the dining room.

Take-out orders: 715-677- 4518

Domestic & Craft Beers and Flavored Malt Beverages Available.

Large & Weekly Raffle!

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 the fall of 2025. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See the complete information and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.



St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent—Lenten Soup Suppers. Gather and enjoy a delicious meal of soup, sandwiches, salads, and desserts every Wednesday starting March 12th—April 9th. Serving from 5:30--6:30pm in the church basement. Open to the public there will be a weekly prize drawing. Free will donation.



DIOCESE *of* LACROSSE

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

A devout Catholic...

Recently, the Vice-President offered what seems to be a repeated trope these days, viz., the Catholic Church is increasing her financial health by accepting grants from the federal government. Our government asks to use our on the ground expertise to assist migrants. Not only do we not get rich from this association but we actually spend more than any of the government grants contribute. We do what the government won't or can't. We don't ask about a migrant's status when someone approaches us who is hungry, thirsty or in need of shelter. We serve Christ, following the biblical imperative: *whatsoever you do to the least of my people...* cf. Matthew 25:40-45). Perhaps you don't know this, but the Catholic Church is the largest provider of social services in the world, and only second in the United States, behind the federal government. You should be proud of the fact that together by God's grace we accomplish much in answering the scriptural mandate to love. Cardinal Dolan replied to the Vice-President perfectly, he called Vance's assertion, a scurrilous lie. As I told Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene who made a similar accusation, the Church is not in charge of the border, the federal government is, time to quit the sleight of hand Congress and do your job.

What intrigued me was not the accusation from the Vice-President but the assertion that, and this somehow justified their positions, they were devout Catholics. President Biden repeatedly asserted this about himself. It seems to me to be a rather unusual thing to say about oneself, kind of like asserting that you're extraordinarily handsome. The appellation so it would seem come from others who viewed repeatedly one's integrity as a Catholic man or woman. Being a devout Catholic would seem to be a good thing to aim for in the life of discipleship, but is it? The only degree in the life of a Catholic is sanctity. There are saints, that is, those set apart for Christ and on the path of sanctity and those who by their own choices are not. Being a devout Catholic is simply being Catholic, only heroism whose ardor is given by God, sets one apart as an exemplar of discipleship, that's what we call a saint. Each of us are called to be saints, it is said, it is the only real tragedy in life if we do not become so.

The people in my life who taught me the most about the journey of faith, taught me that it was not about them, not about me, it was about Jesus. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches, without him we can do nothing (cf. John 15:5). Let Jesus make you a saint. Your job and mine is to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, to surrender to him that his plan may be accomplished in us, to say in wonder and with some trepidation with St. Peter: to whom shall we go Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (cf. John 6:68). To be a Catholic is a great gift from God. It is given to us so that you and I might be witnesses for others sake. Jesus gives a rather powerful commandment to those who profess their love for him: *if you love me, keep my commandments*. (John 14:15). Let's keep his commandments for love of him, let's forsake all other paths as good as they might seem, let's become the saints we're called to be, let's be Catholic.

Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby
Bishop of La Crosse



**Thursday
Feb. 13**

Celebrate the Feast of Blessed James Miller

Prayer Service and Reception

Gather in-person to celebrate the feast of Blessed James Miller, FSC, the first religious Brother from the United States to be beatified. Born in Stevens Point, WI, De La Salle Christian Brother James Miller was martyred in Guatemala in 1982. He was beatified in 2019 by Pope Francis.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, join others interested in supporting his cause for canonization and remember this hero of faith from the local community. We will invoke his intercession at his gravesite at St. Martin's Church Cemetery, where Brother James' family farm is within view. Following the prayer service, we will meet at Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Hall for a reception and display of photos showing images of Blessed James life and cause.

5:30 p.m.

Gravesite Prayer Service*

St. Martin Church Cemetery
6692 Highway 66
Custer, Wisconsin 54423

**In the event of inclement weather, the prayer service will be held at Sacred Heart Church.*

6:00 p.m.

Reception

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
7377 Church St.
Custer, Wisconsin 54423



Scan to register or visit

www.brotherjamesmiller.org