



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Parafia Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa*

### IN POLONIA

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#### PARISH CLERGY

#### DUCHOWIEŃSTWO PARAFIALNE

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 Deacon Jim Sniadajewski.....[dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com)  
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#### 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  
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#### 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, May 20** – *Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church*

**Tuesday, May 21** – *St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions*

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

**Wednesday, May 22** – *St. Rita Cascia*

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's  
 †Judi Johnson by Elsie Mansavage & Family

**Thursday, May 23** – *Feria*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—Sacred Heart  
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—Sacred Heart  
 8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Joan Jankowski by Jerry & Veronica Bruske

**Friday, May 24** – *Feria*

7:00–8:00am Adoration—St. Mary's  
 7:30–8:00am Confessions—St. Mary's  
 8:15am Mass—St. Mary's  
 For the Living & Deceased Members of the Woyak & Mansavage Families by Elsie & Family

**Saturday, May 25** – *St. Bede; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi*

8:15am Mass—Sacred Heart (Collective Intention)  
 †Grace Domaszek by Jim & Colleen Ziehr  
 †Norman Platta by Cliff & Deb Yenter  
 †Henry Wierzba by Duane & Dee Wanta  
 †Elsie Fliss by Kent & Lisa Worzalla  
 †Paulette Blaskey by Norbert & Yvonne Stroik  
 †Terry Hoeft by Bill & Linda Konkol  
 †Ronald Karch by Edwin & Betty Damask  
 For the Diamond Jubilee of Sr. Barbara by Glodowski Family  
 2:45–3:45pm Confession—Sacred Heart  
 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Germaine M. by Family

**Sunday, May 26** – *The Most Holy Trinity*

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



*"Christians were accustomed from the first to call the Blessed Virgin 'The Mother of God', because it was impossible to deny her that title without denying St. John's words, 'The Word was made flesh.' And wonderful promises follow from this truth. If we live well, we shall be taken up by our incarnate God to that place where Angels dwell." —St. John Newman*

Dear Parishioners:

I hope that you are doing well and that this past Easter Season was one of great graces. I'd just like to communicate to you a few items.

Please remember that the Sign of Peace should be brief, quiet, respectful, and it should be given only to those close to you. When the Lamb of God is being recited or sung, the Sign of Peace should end at that time.

A few people were asking about the candles around the altar. The liturgical norms of the Church state that two, four, or six candles are to be placed on or around the altar, but nothing beyond that as far as how the number is to be determined for Mass. I am using what is called "progressive solemnity". Depending upon the rank of the particular day that Mass is being celebrated, the number of candles will vary. There are two for ferial days, optional memorials or obligatory memorials, four for feasts and Sundays, and six if it is a solemnity.

Finally, I would like to ask the parents of small children to accompany your child if he or she needs to use the restroom.

Keep persevering.

**SPIRITUAL RESOURCE • ZASOBY DUCHOWE**

**A Minute with Jesus. The Holy Spirit and the Eucharist.** Even after the Apostles had experienced the Risen Christ, they were afraid. They gathered with Mary on the day of Pentecost and prayed behind locked doors, waiting as instructed for the Gift of the Holy Spirit. After the Holy Spirit descended upon them on Pentecost, the Apostles were no longer afraid and were equipped to fulfill their mission. It is the same for us today. When we receive the Eucharist, we also receive God the Holy Spirit, to abide in the depths of our hearts. If we allow Him, the Spirit of Truth will transform us and we will no longer be afraid, but be equipped with peace and strength for our mission. Let us then prepare for each Eucharistic encounter in the same way the Apostles prepared for Pentecost, "in prayer ... with Mary ..." (Acts 1:14).

—Let's pray this right now and every day this week: the Sequence for Pentecost:

*Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home Shed a ray of light divine! Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine. You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. O most blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts of yours, And our inmost being fill! Where you are not, we have naught, Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray. On the faithful, who adore And confess you, evermore In your sevenfold gift descend; Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.*

Adults: \$ 5,391  
 1st Offering: \$20  
 Ascension: \$253  
 Youth: \$19  
 Loose: \$ 395  
 Total: \$ 6,078  
 Vigil Lights: \$72  
 Non Parishioners: \$100  
 School Donations: \$100  
 Special Needs: \$30  
 Renovation: \$100

May Budget: \$22,100  
 May to Date: \$11,988

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

Scrip: \$8,095 | \$ 315

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.



**2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Sacred Heart's Goal: \$48,950  
 Contributions to Date: \$30,202 (61.7%)  
 # of Donors: 111

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE**

**Altar Servers**

May 25: 4:00 pm Magnus & Dmitri  
 May 26: 8:00 am Jonah, Quinn & Drew

**Hospitality**

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

**Readers**

May 25: 4:00 pm Patt Roberts  
 May 26: 8:00 am Tom Glavin

**Wellington**

May 23: Arleen Gross

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PROŚBY MODLITEWNE**

Let us remember the following in our daily prayers:

Austin James, Brittany Olivia, JD Wsocki, Dave Grawey, Megan Rose, Jennifer Lepak, Agnes Milanowski, Ernie Kurszewski, Beverly Stanczyk, Jerry Lepak, Theresa Pliska, Vanessa Lawson, Randy Schulist, Dorothy and Raymond Gagas, Frank Kurszewski, Ronald Trzebiatowski, Alice Wierzba, Newton Family, Gail Tepp, Elaine Gagas, Dennis Raflik

*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.*

**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.



**Congratulations** to the 6 children who received their First Holy Communion last weekend at Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey.

Julia Andrlich  
Dennis Groshek  
Joseph Kinsella

Elise Kunst  
Grant Mlodik  
Molly Prideaux

May God bless you!

*“Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst”*  
- John 6-35.

**The Diocesan Annual Appeal.** Many of you have already generously made a contribution to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and your contributions are greatly appreciated. A gentle reminder that the June 30th deadline is coming up quickly. If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider a contribution. Every contribution, any amount helps. Keep in mind, any shortfall to our parish target must still be paid to the Diocese. Any shortfall gets paid using our general funds, which we need to support our day-to-day operations.

**Please note.** The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

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

**A Reminder from the Picnic Committee.** Any donations for Basket Raffle, Kid's Games, Cherry Tree, and The Country Store can be dropped off in the church basement **after June 10th**. Please keep in mind that school is still in session and that the church basement is being used for various events such as the Spring Concert which is scheduled for May 23rd. Once school is done for the summer the plan is to designate certain areas in the basement for picnic donations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**The Women's Book Club of Sacred Heart** meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month in the church basement from 7:15-9:00pm. If you are looking to connect with other women and grow in your faith life, we invite you to join us at any time! Call or text Theresa Glavin with any questions 715-321-4464.



**SCRIP NEWS.** Keep scrip in mind for any of your spring/summer projects! We carry Fleet Farm, Menards, and Lowes. Plus, we

can always special order scrip cards for you. Remember scrip will be sold by the front entrance after the Sunday Mass. Also, during the week you can purchase scrip through the parish office. Thank you for supporting our scrip program and helping our parish and school!



**Mary in the Month of May.** May is a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Our heart rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which will soon be paid to the Queen of Heaven in every corner of the earth. For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne (Mense Maio, 1).

—*St. Pope Paul VI expresses this beautifully in his 1965 Encyclical [Mense Maio](#) (The Month of May)*

One way to honor Mary is to deepen your relationship with Mary by studying her presence in the Bible. She is not a woman of many words, but what she does speak is powerful. Read these verses to understand their deeper meaning. What can you learn from Mary and how can you make it applicable in your own life?

Luke 1:38- Faith of Mary

Luke 1:29- 2:19, 2:5- Strengths of Mary

John 2:5 and Matthew 1:24, 2:14- Humility of Mary

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#### SANCTUARY LAMP

#### WIECZNA LAMPKA

There are many openings for \$100 donations to have the sanctuary lamp burn for a week in memory of a departed family member or members. Please call the parish office to select a date and make a donation.

#### SCHOOL NEWS

#### WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE

**Leave taking Mass** will be Thursday, May 23rd. Congratulations to the following 6th graders who will be moving on to middle school next school year: Michael Bunn, Isaac Check, Gloria Gebeau, Thomas Hagen, Ramona Halderman, Lucas McIntyre, Emmy Ostrowski, and Gabriella Richter.

**Silly Songs with Sacred Heart Spring Concert** will be held in the church basement on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00pm.

**The last day of school** will Friday, May 24th. Please pray that the children and the teachers will be blessed with a wonderful and relaxing Summer vacation.

#### PARISH MEETINGS

#### SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE

**Finance Council.** Tuesday, May 21st @ 6:00pm — Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

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

**Important information regarding the Sacred Heart and St. Martin Cemeteries.** In order to secure the safety of visitors and staff, to prevent interference with the routine maintenance operations, and to 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, 2024. Complete cemetery regulations are available at the parish office or online at [sacredheartpolonia.com](https://sacredheartpolonia.com). The Cemetery Committee expresses their appreciation for helping to maintain a final resting place for your loved ones.

## AREA EVENTS • WYDARZENIA LOKALNE



**Polonia MSDI Gazebo Self-Serve Gift Shop.** Weather permitting, feel free to browse the Gazebo Gift Shop located in the middle of the convent grounds behind the Polonia Convent. Please use the SOUTH door of the gazebo. Self-serve instructions are in the gazebo. Happy browsing!

- **Needed:** Extra towels and bedding. The Polonia Convent could use more bath/hand towels (any size) and twin bedding. Used is fine. If you have extra you'd like to get rid of, please leave it in the gazebo building behind the Convent. Questions? Leave a message at 715-592-4213.

**FREE Blessed Votive Candle** for home use. Made by Sacred Heart parishioner from melted down and reformed candle stubs from our church. To obtain one, please use sign up sheet at the elevator entrance area.



**Knights of Columbus** will be having a meeting on Tuesday, May 29th at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Parish hall. There will be a benefit presentation at 7:00pm from the Knight of Columbus insurance. All are welcome.

**St. Joseph Annual Picnic.** Under One Roof June 1st and 2nd. June 1st Mass at 4:00 pm and all events will be open starting at 5:00pm. June 2nd Mass at 10:30am and all events open at 11:30am. Music from 11:30am—4:00pm by The Old Time Brass. Basket Raffle & Sweepstakes drawing at 4:00pm.

**St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parish** will hold their annual Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 2nd.

**Join us for the 5th Annual MOTORCYCLE BLESSING AND SOCIAL** June 2nd at Noon in the St. Bronislava Church Parking lot at 3200 Plover Rd in Plover, WI. The event begins at Noon with a meal served by the Knights of Columbus Council 13880. This will be followed at 1pm by a blessing of all the motorcycles present. Get all the information at [stbrons.com](https://stbrons.com) or call the parish at 715-344-4326 x4200 or email [parishoffice@stbrons.com](mailto:parishoffice@stbrons.com).



**EUCCHARISTIC RALLY.** June 7th, 2024, La Crosse Center. The Answer is the Eucharist. The Eucharist is Jesus. Register at <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>

**St. Peter's Annual Picnic June 8th and 9th.**

Saturday, June 8th there will be a Bean Bag Tournament, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Monte Carlo & Raffle, Music by "Vertigo", and concessions. Sunday, June 9th the bake sale will open at 8:30am and Mass will be at 10:30am. The Chicken Dinner will be from 11-1 and seating will be available. There will be Games, Cherry Tree, Silent Auction, Basket & Cake Raffle, Music by Happy Notes & Old Tyme Brass, and Concessions. The Major Raffle drawing will be at 5:00pm.

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** - On Monday, June 10, 2024, the Marian Route of the Pilgrimage will travel through our area with a stop at the grave of Blessed Brother James Miller in Ellis. A prayer service will begin at 9:30 a.m., and all are welcome to attend. We invite you to ask for a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Brother James Miller. You can submit your intention at [www.diolc.org/pilgrimage](http://www.diolc.org/pilgrimage)

- **Join in the National Eucharistic Procession (Marshfield)** beginning at 2:00pm at the Park 'n Ride (South of Kwik Trip/Draxler's Transport), processing on the Veteran's Pkwy Bike/Walking Trail, concluding at St. John Paul II Adoration Chapel located in the lower level of St. John the Baptist Church.
- **Join us at St. John the Baptist Church, Marshfield,** on Monday, June 10, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm for a presentation on Blessed Brother James (Santiago) Miller by Fr. Alan Guanella and on Servant of God Fr. Joseph Walijewski, by Fr. Sebastian Kolodziejczyk. The evening also includes Diocese of La Crosse Mission exhibits from 4:30-6:00pm and 8:00-9:00pm; in the Columbia Room/St. John the Baptist School, Marshfield, and Adoration from 8:00pm (June 10) through 7:00am (June 11) in St. John the Baptist Church; Matins, including prayer intentions for miracle healings through the intercession of Fr. Walijewski, led by Fr. Robert Thorn from 3:00am-4:00am.
- **Visit The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit at St. John the Baptist School, Marshfield,** from Saturday, June 1 through Tuesday, June 11. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit was created and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis known for his deep devotion to the Eucharist. Each miracle provides evidence that Jesus is truly and fully present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - in the consecrated host.

**Family Camp at Crosswoods Camp:**

Crosswoods Camp will host a Family Camp on August 2nd-4th, 2024, and September 20th-22nd, 2024. For families wanting to deepen their faith in the great outdoors, together! Family in Faith Speakers, Adventures, Bonfires, Crafts, Praise & Worship. Cost is \$350/family of 4 + \$30 per additional family member. Visit [crosswoods.camp](https://crosswoods.camp) or call Cheryl Kaufer at 651-308-8576.

# Congratulations 2024 Graduates!



Hunter Biadasz, son of Rod & Teri, is graduating from Amherst High School. Plans to go to Oshkosh for Physical Therapy.



Olivia Lepak, daughter of Kent and Susanna, is graduating from Pacelli High School with honors and is a member of the National Honor Society. She will be attending Midstate Technical College in the Fall.



Aubrey Garski, daughter of Russ and Anita, graduated Summa Cum Laude from UWSP with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and Sociology, with minors in Professional Communication and Criminal Justice. She has started her career in Protective Services.



My name is Mitchell Jensen, I grew up in Stevens Point and attended Pacelli Catholic Schools. I majored in math education at UWSP and graduated on May 18, 2024. I have accepted the position of campus minister and math teacher at Pacelli High School.



Maria Mlodik, daughter of Nick and Michelle, is graduating from Rosholt High School with honors and accommodations. Maria is a certified nursing assistant and plans to further her education as an obstetrics surgical technologist.



My name is Jesse Lewis and I am currently a senior at SPASH. After graduation this year, I will be going to North Central Technical College for the Gas Utility Maintenance and Construction program.

Melinda Rozek, daughter of Aimee, is graduating from Pacelli Catholic High School with honors and is a member of the National Honors Society, Melinda is currently enrolled at Midstate Technical College in the nursing program then after her two years are complete will be attending UWSP for a bachelor's degree in nursing.



## **Additional Graduates Not Pictured:**

*Jennifer Omernik  
Daughter of Ken & Judy*

*Abby Sekerka  
Daughter of Chris & Beth*

*Luke Sekerka  
Son of Chris & Beth*

*Jasmine Woyak  
daughter of John & Amy*



## Walking with Jesus in the Corpus Christi Procession

The annual Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (also called *Corpus Christi*, “Body of Christ”) finds many parishes around the world celebrating a procession in which a host consecrated at Mass is then carried in a monstrance in a solemn way through a city’s streets—June 2 in 2024. Like the Blessed Sacrament itself, there is more to the Corpus Christi procession than meets the eye. It is an occasion to *profess* our faith in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, to *thank* Jesus for the gift of His cross and presence in this Sacrament—and to *walk with Him* toward the Promised Land of Heaven.

But Catholics today are not the first to find themselves on a journey to new life while being nourished and led along the way with supernatural sustenance.

For example, the Old Testament’s recently liberated Israelites foreshadowed this same procession as they journeyed from Egypt to the Promised Land. Shortly after crossing the Red Sea, the Lord gave these weary travelers meat (quail) in the evening and manna in the morning (see Exodus 16:4-15; also Psalm 78:24-27), food that would accompany them until they would pass through the waters of the Jordan into that land flowing with milk and honey—when the meat and manna stopped (see Joshua 5:15).

Later, the holy Moabite woman Ruth would be fed by Boaz, a landowner and farmer from Bethlehem—a town that means “house of meat” in Arabic, and “house of bread” in Hebrew. In his generosity, Boaz instructs his harvesters to leave grain for Ruth to collect as she gleanes in his fields, and he even invites her to eat and drink with him and his working crew (the food was so numerous, in fact, that she gathered the leftovers to take home). “Why,” she asks, “should I, a foreigner, be favored with your attention?” (Ruth 2:10).

These Old Testament stories are fulfilled in today’s Corpus Christi processions. For, in truth, we are also pilgrims on an exodus to a promised land, currently foreigners in a strange county. Yet we have a Savior born in Bethlehem, ready and willing to give us meat and bread—that is, His flesh under the appearance of bread—in such abundance that we will never hunger again. It’s a journey we shouldn’t miss!

### **Questions for reflection:**

1. Do I see the Eucharist as the essential food for my journey to Heaven?
2. How might my participation in a Corpus Christi procession extend and complement my prayer at Mass?
3. How would I explain the meaning of a Corpus Christi procession to another (e.g., child, friend)?

### **Ideas:**

1. Encourage your parish to celebrate Corpus Christi with a procession, even a short one.
2. Participate in a Corpus Christi procession, seeing yourself as on a journey with the Lord.
3. Read Chapter 16 of the Book of Exodus or the Book of Ruth (it’s only four chapters long) to nourish and enlighten your own participation in a Corpus Christi Procession.

Christopher Carstens, Director of the Office for Sacred Worship