



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

JANUARY 26, 2020
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Mission Statement

St Mary's Parish is a practicing Catholic Community providing spiritual, social and educational opportunities for all God's people that we may deepen our love of God and one another through prayer and deed.

CLERGY

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*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*

"St. Mary's I.C. Salvation Army Servers"

We will prepare and server dinner for people in need at The Salvation Army on the **First Monday** of every month. We need groups of 3-4 people to volunteer. Please consider donating your time for this wonderful cause. **NEED SERVERS**

FOR FEBRUARY Information please
contact Gina Kempf at 920-540-7804

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 26,
10:00 a.m. +For the Living & Deceased members
of the Pliska & Zblewski families
by Family

Tuesday, January 28, @ SH St. Thomas Aquinas,
8:15 am +Francis Eiden
by Dorothy Danczyk

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, @ SMIC
8:15 am +Denny Stransky by Olson Family

Thursday, January 30, @ SH
7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions
8:15 am +Fran Zaborowski
by Knights of Columbus #11-70

Friday, January 31, @ SMIC St. John Bosco
7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions
8:15 am +Richard Schulist
by Bernard & Marlene Schulist

Saturday, February 1, @ SH
8:15 am +William Wanta Sr.
by Dave & Barb Kurszewski
3:15 pm Confession
4:00 p.m. Parishioner of
Sacred Heart & St. Mary's I.C.

Sunday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord
8:00 a.m. @ SH +Larry & Allen Kluck
by Gladys Kluck
10:00 a.m. +Michael V. Kosobucki &
Carl & Zita Beigel

Dear Friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! I was sent these “six little stories with a lot of meaning.” I wanted to share them with you:

(1) Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith. (2) When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust. (3) Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope. (4) We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence. (5) We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love. (6) On an old man's shirt was written a sentence ‘I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.’ That is attitude.

On a different topic, in today's readings for Mass, the prophet Isaiah exclaims: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.* This passage was also used at the Christmas Midnight Mass, and there is a connection between then and now. In our Gospel, we hear the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. He sets the theme for his preaching: *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* On Christmas night, the passage from Isaiah related to the nativity of Christ; it was then that light dawned in the darkness. Read now, it refers to the beginning of Jesus' ministry. You see, the light dawning in the darkness is not only Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, it's also his preaching and ministry. The light coming into the darkness of the world *is* Jesus: both in his birth and in his ministry.

When I lived in Washington, DC, I would often say Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For some reason, the opening hymn of my Masses was quite often “Christ Is the World's Light” written by the British hymn writer Fred Pratt Green. Whenever I read about light and darkness in scripture, I cannot help but think of this hymn: “Christ is the world's light, he and none other: born in our darkness, he became our brother; if we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high. / Christ is the world's peace, he and none other: no one can serve him and despise a brother; who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high. / Christ is the world's life, he and none other; sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother. He who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high.” May we allow Christ and his light to be our peace so that we may see the Father and one day see Him in Heaven!

In Christ,
Father Guanella

**St. Mary's I. C. Parish
2019-20 DIOCESAN
ANNUAL APPEAL**

PARISH GOAL: \$ 18,785.00
PLEDGES RECEIVED:
\$ 19,345.00
Over our Goal: \$ 560.00

We have exceeded our goal. Our

“THANKS” to those who have contributed Any additional contributions to this years appeal will be refunded back to St. Mary's. This money will be used to repair/repaint frame/trim on the windows in the entrance of the Church. We are at 49% pledge cards returned. Please turn in your pledge today-Extra cards in the entrance of Church.

**Weekly Financial Support
January 19, 2020**

Total:	\$ 1429.15
Envelopes	\$ 1231.00
Offertory	\$ 173.15
Building Fund	\$ 25.00


JUST ARRIVED

**Please pick up your
CHURCH SUPPORT
ENVELOPES
FOR 2020
this week, located
on the table in
the entrance.**

**END OF YEAR
STATEMENTS** are
available on the table in
the entrance of the Church.
If you have any questions
please contact Diane
715-592-4330 or
stmaryicfinance@gmail.com

Today, in honor of
The Day of Prayer
for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children,
the Knights of Columbus
are sponsoring a
Pro-Life Mass.
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament with Benediction
before Mass. After Mass,
the Chaplet of Divine
Mercy will be prayed.

WORKING TOGETHER
JOY
SHARING
STANDING FIRM IN THE FAITH



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES 8:30-10 am**


Coordinator of Religious Education
Jessica Bielen jwier319@gmail.com

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S
Wishing you Birthday Blessings!
 28th LeRoy Feltz & Trevor Kluck
 30th Tom Fields 31st Julia Chodzinski

Please remember in your prayers:

*John Bronk, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Eileen Bronk,
 Mike Mrozek, Bette Maslowski, Bev Krusick, Myron Soik,
 Clarence & Gladys Pampuch, Tom Schmenk,
 Gladys Lepak, Ken Wierzba, Doris Wierzba,
 Nora Miller, Brigid & Al Pellatt, Julia Chodzinski*

Please contact Father Guanella as soon as possible should a loved one become ill and need anointing. Otherwise, contact the parish office to schedule a visit for a non-emergency situation.





**Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!**

St. Mary's I.C. CARD PARTIES

This year we will be hosting 8 Card Parties. PLEASE ask "HOW CAN I HELP?" when your Group Leader calls. All parishioners are also asked to donate towards the Youth & Altar Society Card Parties. Thank you in advance for HELPING!!

	<u>Group leaders</u>	
February 2	Group 2	Brenda Retzlaff
February 9	Group 5	Kenny & Betty Rozek
February 16	Group 8	Ron & Donna Wierzba
February 23	Group 4	Cheryl Gagas & Mary Egle
March 1	Group 7	LeRoy & Pat Wierzba
March 8	Youth	Jessica Bielen & Teachers
March 15	Altar Society	Eunice Zwicky & Marie Helminiak
March 22	Group 3	Kate Peterson

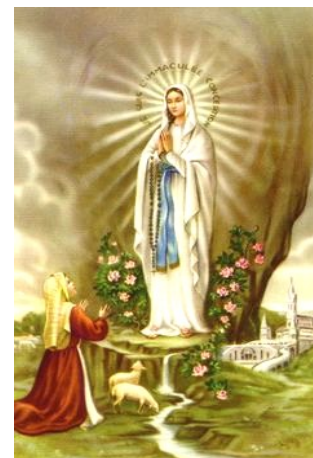



What is a Novena?

A Novena is made up of nine days of prayer and meditation to ask God for special prayer requests or petitions. All you need to do is say the daily prayer with a sincere heart. It is not necessary to pray at the same time everyday; and if you miss a day; you can either: skip the day you missed altogether, or say the prayer twice in one day. There are no "Rules" and there are no "consequences" God is forgiving and merciful!

Our Lady of Lourdes is a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated in honour of the Marian apparitions that occurred in 1858 in the vicinity of Lourdes in France.

Novena Dates February 2-10,
 Feast Day February 11



O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort to the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests.

Through gratitude for favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues that I may one day share your glory.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Amen.
 (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)



BUY SCRIP February 2nd & 16th after Mass

Scrip has gift cards for local restaurants.....Buffalo Wild Wings(8%), Culvers(10%), El Mezcal (15%), Fazolis (9%), Noodles& Company (15%) Pizza Ranch(8%) Parkridge Café (10%), Polito's (10%) Starbucks(7%), Wooden



Chair (20%) Pick up the Scrip order form at the entrance of the church, see all the restaurants!



St. Mary's I.C. receives (%) from that business when you purchase their gift card from Scrip. What a great deal! You don't have to cook, and you support St. Mary's! Take the family out for breakfast, lunch or dinner! ***Scrip is sold on the first full and third weekend after Mass.*** Scrip is always available just a phone call away, Shelly 715-592-3775.

Thank you to everyone who purchases SCRIP.

Jan Total Sales= \$10,355.00 Total Profit = \$ 421.85

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, January 26

LECTOR Christine GREETER O'Keefe family

USHERS Sabrina, Lonna, Ron

SERVERS Julia, Vincent, Eddie

EUCCHARISTIC MINS. Kate, Pat, Nora

MONEY COUNTERS LeRoy, Pat, LeRoy K

MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl

SUNDAY, February 2

LECTOR Jim GREETERS Piesik family

USHERS Mike & Nick

SERVERS Lenny, Nick, Braelyn, Addie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Tom, Eunice, Pat

MONEY COUNTERS Dave, Lorraine, Denise

MUSICIANS Carolyn & Jacquie

Women On A Mission

Our Mission is to provide an environment of learning, giving and loving to enhance the fellowship and growth of the women's faith community of St. Mary's

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY,

FEBRUARY 3rd,

6:00 pm in our Parish Hall

Join us for a FUN Valentine's Day related project. It will be a SWEET DEAL!

Sacred Heart Church - Polonia

7375 Church Street · Custer, Wisconsin

Knights of Columbus of Polonia

Prime Rib or Gulf Shrimp Dinner

Saturday February 1st, 2020 · 5:00 pm

Sacred Heart Church



\$ 18.00 per person

Children under 10 eat free
(Hot dogs with french fries)



Tickets available at Sacred Heart church, Sylvia's in Polonia, Polonia Café, Peoples Meat Market.

Your choice of slow roasted prime rib or jumbo deep fried gulf shrimp. Plus fabulous salad bar with desert bar.
Meal includes milk & coffee.

Beer, wine coolers & soda will be available for purchase.

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast St Bronislava

Sunday February 2nd, Serving 8:30 a.m.-Noon

Menu: buttermilk & potato pancakes, French toast, ham, breakfast links, milk, juice and coffee. Cost \$7:00 for ages 13-adult, \$4 for ages 5-12, and free for ages 4 and under.



Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Family Sledding Party and Chili Pot Luck!

Tuesday, February 11th 6-8 p.m.

at Iverson Park.



Bring your whole family - kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews! Iverson Park is reserved for exclusive use by St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Parishes (not open to the public). Includes 2 toboggan runs, ice skating rink, snowboard hills, and sledding with a special sledding hill just for children 6 years and under. WHAT TO BRING: Your own sleds, snowboards and ice skates. Toboggans provided for the toboggan run. Please bring a crock pot of chili or another dish, snack or dessert to pass. Bring your own beverages



(alcohol is permitted at the park. No underage consumption allowed.)

Sacred Heart and St. Mary's will provide plates/bowls, utensils, chili toppings (shredded cheese, onions, crackers, sour cream) lemonade & hot chocolate. RSVP not required but appreciated as it helps us plan for food and set up, stmary@wi-net.com or 715-592-4330.

Volunteers will be appreciated for set up and clean up. Please contact LouAnn Schulfer schulfer@wi-net.com (e-mail is preferred) or (715) 592-4472 with any questions.

National Marriage Week February 7-14 This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. All married couples are encouraged to spend a little time on a 7-day virtual retreat titled "Stories from the Domestic Church." This and other valuable resources are available for couples, pastors, and parishes at foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/

Valentines Dinner, Knights of Columbus Clubhouse - Saturday, February 8th featuring: 14-16 oz Rib Eye Steak \$22; dry smoked full rack of baby back ribs \$20 (limited); full rack of our famous BBQ baby back ribs \$17; Chicken Cordon Bleu w/ our special sauce \$12 or a tasty delicious Italian Lasagna Dinner \$11. Include salad bar, rolls, vegetable, beverage. Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 401 W Clark St, just across the Clark St Bridge. Lounge opens at 5:00 this event is open to the public.