



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

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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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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 26 (SH) *Saints Timothy & Titus*

8:15 am †Helen Czaplinski

by Jim Wroblewski

Wednesday, January 27 *St. Angela Merici*

8:15 a.m. †Bette Maslowski

by St. Mary's Altar Society

Thursday, January 28 (SH) *St. Thomas Aquinas*

7-8 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confession

8:15 am †Frank & Jeanette Wierzba

by Anna Kenowski

Friday, January 29

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confession

8:15 am †Richard, John & Helen Schulist

by Bernard & Marlene Schulist

Saturday, January 30 @ SH

8:15 am +Julia Chodzinski

by Family

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Anticipatory Mass @ SH

†Susan Worzalla by Quintin, Zachary,
Isaiah, Anthony Ramczyk

Sunday, January 31, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am @ SH St. Mary's I.C. &

Sacred Heart Parish Families

10:00am † Hubert Mocadlo

by Family

Mass Readings for the Week of January 24th:

Sunday: Jon. 3:1-5, 10; Ps. 25;

1 Cor. 7:29-31; Mk. 1:14-20

Monday: Acts 22:3-16; Ps. 117;

Mk. 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm. 1:1-8; Ps. 96; Mk. 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb. 10:11-18; Ps. 110;

Mk. 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb. 10:19-25; Ps. 24;

Mk. 4:21-25

Friday: Heb. 10:32-39; Ps. 37; Mk. 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb. 11:1-19; Lk. 1:69-75;

Mk. 4:35-41

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was sent a poem a while back that struck me. The poem is called *Desiderata* written by American writer Max Ehrmann (1872–1945). The Latin title means “*Things Desired*” in English. While he wrote the poem in the early 1920s, he distributed the poem in the form of a Christmas card in 1933. Over 1,000 unattributed copies were given to soldiers during World War II. The rector of Old Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church in Baltimore handed out about 200 unattributed copies to his congregation in 1959 or 1960 and included it in a compilation of devotional materials for his congregation. I pass it along to you for your edification and enjoyment:

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

We certainly live in difficult and uncertain times. I think the beginning and the end of the *Desiderata* are important reminders for us: Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence ... in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. With these musings, I am reminded of the homily of Pope St. John Paul II on the occasion of the inauguration of his pontificate (October 22, 1978): Open wide the doors for Christ ... Do not be afraid. Christ knows “what is in man.” He alone knows it. So often today man does not know what is within him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life on this earth. He is assailed by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair. We ask you therefore, we beg you with humility and trust, let Christ speak to man. He alone has words of life, yes, of eternal life.

In Christ,
Fr. Guanella

BUY SCRIP

Scrip is always available just a phone call away, Shelly 715-592-3775.



ENVELOPES FOR MONTHLY BUILDING FUND DONATIONS

Envelopes for the Ground Level Hall and Church Renovations can be found in your Parish support envelopes. This project is for current and future generations of St. Mary’s parishioners. Please be generous. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO OUR BUILDING FUND**

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

1/17/21

Offertory	\$ 18
Adult Envelopes +ACH	\$1445
Building Fund	\$ 25
Total	\$1488

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

are available on the table in the entrance of the Church. If you have any questions please contact Rebecca 715-592-4330 or stmarycfinance@gmail.com

ACH applications: Please consider signing up for ACH for your regular Weekly/Monthly contribution. Extra forms are in the entrance of Church, or please call the office, 715-592-4330 for more information.

****You can mail your weekly contributions to St. Mary’s I.C.**
7176 Esker Road, Custer, WI 54423
or dropped in collection box. Thank you for your continued support.



HIS CHURCH
IS STILL HERE
IT STILL PROVIDES
IS YOU AND ME



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED



Religious Education Class

Meet on Sunday, K-8th Grades 8:30-9:40 am
10th Grade meet 6:00-7:15 pm

Coordinator of Religious Education

Jessica Bielen jwier319@gmail.com



Please keep the students receiving their First Reconciliation after Mass, in your prayers today and as they continue on their journey towards receiving the Eucharist.

Please pick up your 2021 Church Support Envelopes located on the table in back of Church.

If you contribute through Direct Withdrawal, you will still need to pick up your box of envelopes. Included with the weekly offering envelopes are Building and Holy Day envelopes.



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

Our next meeting will be **February 8th** where we will be working on a sweet project! Join us at **6:30 P.M.** All women of the parish are welcome. We practice social distancing and wear masks.

Join Us for the Portage County Prayer for Life Sunday January 31st

Guardian Angel Cemetery sponsored by Stevens Point 40 Days for Life. At 2pm, a 30-45 minute reflection for the unborn killed by abortion with prayer at the Memorial for the Unborn. This is the same weekend as the March for Life in Washington, DC. Locally we normally have the Portage County Walk for Life from City Hall to the Univ. Center at UWSP with a rally after. Due to COVID concerns, it has been cancelled. Jim and Gary, co-leaders for 40 Days for Life, decided to do this event in its place. God Bless and thank you for your support of the unborn that have no voice. Any questions email, stevenspoint40daysforlife@gmail.com Donation basket will be passed for First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

February 5th, 9am-3pm. At St. Mary's All are welcome and encouraged to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We are Blessed to be able to offer a First Friday Devotion but our Lord cannot be left alone.

A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the entrance of the church. Please sanitize/wipe down your pew area.

Reminder: Sacred Heart Saturday 8:15am Mass intention is now a "collective intention." This means that there is no limit to the number of Mass intentions for that Mass (that Mass only). Anyone can add to the collective intention. The \$10 stipend is still requested (the priest only receives one, however). Everyone who submits an intention must be informed that the Mass will have a collective intention. Please see Father Guanella if you have any questions.

Please remember in your prayers

*Gladys Pampuch, Tom Schmenk,
Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Mike Mrozek,
Myron Soik, Mary Ann Meyer, Ken Wierzb,
Brigid & Al Pellatt, Ray Sommers*

Due to the coronavirus situation, home visits and communion calls are suspended. If there is an emergency situation (that is, end of life) please do not hesitate to contact the parish or Father Guanella's emergency line in order for the sacraments to be administered. Special procedures are currently in place.

Reminder-Weekend Masses cannot exceed 25% capacity and seating is limited, please call the parish office, 715-592-4330 every week **By Wednesday** ~ Thank you for your cooperation.

The dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass remains in effect for those who are vulnerable and have concerns returning to a publicly celebrated Mass.



St. Mary's I.C.

February Meetings

4th—6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council

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. Alan Guanella, Pastor, Gina Kempf, chair, Russell Wysocki, Pat Johnson, Brenda Retzlaff, Terry Fritschler

8th--6:30 pm Women on a Mission



St. Mary's I.C. FOOD PANTRY

We will continue to collect non perishable items and monetary donations for local families. Please help us help those in need. Drop off items in the cart in the entrance of the Church.

THANK YOU for your generous support that has helped 3 parish families during this difficult time.

People Helping People



January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: “Walking with Moms in Need” Some people accuse pro-lifers of caring only about the child in the womb and not women in need. Not true at all, as you will see from this virtual afternoon of reflection on January 30, with keynote speaker Bob Perron, Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, FL. Visit diolc.org/respect-life

100% Catholic, 100% Boys, 100% Boarding: **St. Lawrence Seminary High School** is an all-boys, Catholic boarding high school focused on college prep and spiritual depth. Located in Mt Calvary, WI since 1860, SLS students live, learn, work and pray together. Come explore this vibrant high school experience where 200 students from around the globe prepare for life after high school! Individualized and safe options are available for families to visit. (920) 753-7570 or visit www.stlawrence.edu/get-started

In Search of Young Adults! SPIRITUS is seeking Catholic adults, 21-29 years of age, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry each year! Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools throughout WI; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith. Contact Rachel recruiter@spiritusministries.org, or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information or www.spiritusministries.org/beamissionary,

Wisconsin Bishops issue Statement on Morality of COVID-19 Vaccines There are three COVID-19 vaccines that are available (currently only for the most vulnerable populations), or likely to be available in the coming months. They are from Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in producing the vaccine, but they did use a morally compromised line (from kidney cells taken from an aborted child in the Netherlands in 1972) for confirmatory testing. The AstraZeneca vaccine used that cell line in the design, development, and production stages of that vaccine, as well as for confirmatory testing. Where possible, then, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are to be preferred. But the US Bishops Conference has recently stated that all three are morally permissible because of the remoteness of the material cooperation in the evil of abortion. Catholic moral theology has always made a distinction between formal and material cooperation in an act which is morally compromised. Formal cooperation with a moral evil such as abortion is always sinful. An example of this kind of cooperation might be the doctor or nurse who directly assists with, and intends, the abortion itself. Material cooperation can be different in that it does not intend the evil act and is often more distant or remote from the act itself. To read the Bishops' full assessment of the vaccines and for a document answering "Frequently Asked Questions," visit diolc.org/respect-life and click on the tab for "COVID Vaccines – Ethics."

FACE MASK NOTICE Governor Tony Evers has issued an emergency order which includes a statewide mask mandate. All individuals over the age of 5 are required to wear a mask in all enclosed spaces except their personal residence Bishop William Callahan calls on the Catholic faithful to comply with these regulations, given our reverence for life and human dignity. Face masks/coverings must be worn by all individuals, 5 years or older, present within all churches, businesses, and office spaces, or attending any function associated with the ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse. Face coverings are required even if you are able to maintain proper social distancing. They must be worn to cover the nose and mouth completely and should not include face shields, mesh masks or masks with holes, openings or vents

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, January 24

LECTOR Christine USHERS Eddie
SERVERS Julia & Vincent
MONEY COUNTERS Dave & Lorraine
MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl

SUNDAY, January 31

LECTOR Tom USHERS Travis
SERVERS Cassie & Madison
MONEY COUNTERS: Tom & Brenda
MUSICIANS Bob & Sandie

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Wishing you Birthday
Blessings!

28th-LeRoy Feltz & Trevor Kluck,
30th-Tom Fields



*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 prepare dinner for people in need at the Salvation Army on the **First Monday** of every month. Please consider donating your time for this wonderful cause.

NEED SERVERS FOR APRIL

Information please contact
Gina 920-540-7804

Employment Opportunities at St. Adalbert, Rosholt:

hiring 2 part-time office positions:

Administrative Assistant to perform general secretarial and clerical duties - MS Office and basic IT knowledge preferred.

Financial Secretary to manage the financial aspects of the Parish - MS Office, general spreadsheet and basic accounting/payroll knowledge required. Ideal candidates will have at least three years' experience working in a fast-paced office environment, ability to multi-task and a desire for continued learning. For more information or to apply to a position, please visit www.rosholtcatholic.org/employment