



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

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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

Sunday, February 2,
10:00 a.m. +Michael V. Kosobucki &
Carl & Zita Beigel

Tuesday, February 4, @ SH
8:15 am +Bill Sankey & Rich Somers
by Dorothy Sankey

Wednesday, February 5, @ SMIC St Agatha
8:15 am +Dave Mansavage by Elsie

Thursday, February 6, @ SH St Paul Miki
7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions
8:15 am +Stanley & Bernice Wroblewski
by Family

First Friday, February 7, @ SMIC
7-8 am Confessions
8:15 am +Ruth & Ron Werachowski
by Jim & Cindi Borski
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 p.m.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Benediction

Saturday, February 8, @ SH
8:15 am +Wayne Gollon
by Dave & Barb Kurszewski
3:15 pm Confession
4:00 p.m. +John Studinski
by Emilee & Family

Sunday, February 9, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. @ SH +Harleigh Firkus
by Don & Sandy Pryne
10:00 a.m. St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart
Parish Families

BUCKET RAFFLE

\$1.00 each

You can purchase
tickets after Mass
for a chance to WIN
a gift card from Fleet Farm, Metro
Market, Parkridge Café or pick one
from your favorite place. **DRAWING**
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd at the
Card Party. Need not be present to
WIN. Thank you for your support!



The last time the Feast of the Presentation took place on a Sunday was in 2014. To present a firstborn child in Jesus' days meant the purification of the mother, which in turn demanded a sacrifice. The Book of Leviticus gives the prescription for purification: killing of a year-old lamb, or another animal. Poor people such as Joseph and Mary could not afford a first-born lamb, so they were allowed to sacrifice just a pigeon or a turtledove. Sacrifice includes suffering and it includes death. Alright, then, what is a "sacrifice"?

The word had many meanings in the times before Jesus' birth. On the Feast of the Presentation, here is an attempt to understand this somewhat difficult topic. For much of history, the realm of the gods was considered something far off from the daily world of earth. In our world there was suffering, death, sin, warfare, uncleanness. In the godly realm there was none of this, or at least not much. So, might there be a way to disconnect something from here and send it somehow as a peace offering into heaven? The gift would have to be of high value, of course, so it should be the "first fruit," or the first born lamb, etc., which would mean it was "pure."

How was it sent to the heavenly realm? By putting it to death. This part of the ritual would release its final binding to our world and send it into the heavens. "Priests" were set aside from ordinary life to preside, separated, so they could be understood as disconnected from this world. This notion of sacrifice developed through the ages, and it came to be applied to Jesus and to Christianity. Here is a sketch of the outcome.

God's self, his Word, came among us as a tiny human babe, the firstborn child of the Divine. If this firstborn were to grow up and become a sacrifice, then never again would anyone think that the doors to God were closed and locked, at least if they understood through faith who Jesus was. He, the Word of God, would participate in everything earthly (except sin). "Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in these things," St. Paul says in the Second Reading. His crucifixion could then be seen as the death prescribed in sacrifice.

In the temple, Simeon rejoices in the following beautiful scene from Sunday's Gospel: *My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.* A sacrifice.

Simeon hints at a further sacrifice to come. "This child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel," he says, "and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and, [speaking to Mary,] you yourself a sword will pierce." Quite a piercing it would be. Sacrifice includes suffering and it includes death. But in the very act of dying Jesus would show that Godliness, in its essence—which is love—survives death. And that such a life can dwell within each of us.

The world today is crowded with grief and torment, starvation, warfare, killing, and "lives of quiet desperation." But in Jesus, God came to participate in all of it. He took the whole bundle into his two arms and he embraced it and made it good.

Father John Foley, SJ

Please remember in your prayers:

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

Weekly Financial Support
January 26, 2020

Total:	\$ 1332.45
Envelopes	\$ 1146.00
Offertory	\$ 186.45

JUST ARRIVED

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

***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 I.C. parishioners. Please be generous.

WORKING TOGETHER
JOY
SHARING
STANDING FIRM IN THE FAITH

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

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 **53%** pledge cards returned. Please turn in your pledge today- **Extra cards in the entrance of Church.**

PARISH GOAL: \$ 18,785.00
PLEDGES RECEIVED:
\$ 19,890.00
Over our Goal: \$ 1,105.00



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

Coordinator of Religious Education
Jessica Bielen jwier319@gmail.com




FEBRUARY 7th, First Friday Adoration 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.
Please consider "adopting" an hour to sit with our Lord

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29th, All Women of the Parish are Welcome

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S Wishing you Birthday Blessings!



1st-Ed Sapa 5th-Laurie Lutz & Joan Feltz, 9th-Mary Egle, 10th-Asha Demski, 11th-George Betto, 15th-Cassie Demski, 18th-Amy Stremkowski, 20th-Kirk Wille, 26th-Myron Soik, 27th-Kenny Glodowski, 28th-David Firkus



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



The Family Life Committee **ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29th

Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Come enjoy delicious Food and Wonderful company

Bring your appetite and a dessert to share



NEEDED VOLUNTEERS



"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



BUY SCRIP February 2nd & 16th after Mass

Scrip has gift cards for local restaurants...Buffalo Wild Wings (8%), Culvers(10%), El Mezcal (15%), Polito's (10%)



Pizza Ranch (8%) Wooden Chair (20%), Fazolis (9%), Noodles



& Co. (15%), Starbucks (7%), Parkridge Café (10%) 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.



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. Includes 2 toboggan runs, snowboard hills, ice skating rink, and sledding with a special sledding hill just for children 6 years and under. **WHAT TO BRING:** Your own sled, snowboards, 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 Check out a 7-day virtual retreat titled "Stories from the Domestic Church." at foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/

Is your marriage drifting apart? Retrouvaille is designed to give you the tools you need to restore joy and hope to your marriage. February 14-16, at St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon. "We Needed to Refresh Our Marriage It was wonderful." Information, 877-922-HOPE (4673) Fully Confidential; or <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/>

Soup, Noodle and Bake Sale at **St. Ladislaus Church** on Saturday, February 15th 2:00-5:30pm and Sunday, February 16th 8:30-11:00am. Chicken noodle soup, Czarnina, homemade noodles, pies, rolls, and many tasty bakery items. Pierogi Flavors: Kraut & Mushroom, Kraut, Potato & Cheese, Potato, Meat, and Potato & Cheddar Cheese.

Liturgical Appointments

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 & Jacque

SUNDAY, February 9

LECTOR Carolyn GREETER Genskow family

USHERS Eddie, Vincent, Julia, Christine

SERVERS Raeana, Cassie, Madison, Caly

EUCCHARISTIC MINS. Jim, Deb, Brenda

MONEY COUNTERS Kyle, Jenny, Diane, Brenda

MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

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!



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—Blessed Candles are available for a free will offering after Mass.

St Adalbert Catholic School

3315 St Adalbert Rd ~ Rosholt WI 54473

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Starts at 1:00pm

Doors Open at Noon

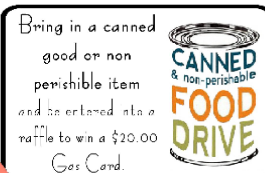
Over \$600.00 in cash prizes

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Concessions Available

Featuring St Adalbert's Homemade Chicken Soup with Homemade Kluski noodles!

Money Raised will go towards the needs of St Adalbert School!

Blessed Brother James Miller Day Thursday, February 13th. On the anniversary of his martyrdom, there will be a Mass at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia. A presentation will follow immediately after the Mass. Please join us for refreshments and displays following the presentation.