



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 2, 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.

St. Mary's I.C. is open Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 9:00am-5:00pm for private prayer.

CLERGY

Pastor -

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 715-629-9952

Senior Priest in Residence

Fr. Roy R. Witucki

PARISH STAFF

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 4 @ SH

8:15 am †Fr. James Roache

Wednesday, May 5

8:15 a.m. †Butch Gagas by Dorothy Wolloch

Thursday, May 6 @ SH

7-8am Adoration 7:30-8am Confessions

8:15 am †Msgr. James Geiger

First Friday, May 7

7:30-8am Confessions

8:15 am †Felix, Regina, Frances & Conroy Soik
by Myron Soik Family

9am-3pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, May 8 @ SH

8:15 am †Mark Groshek by Virginia Groshek

†Albert Kubisiak by Leon & Judy Wroblewski

†Rosemary Gagas by Marie Kluck

†Jerry Rozek by Holy Name Society

†Denise Fisher by Joyce Flisakowski

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart Parish Families

Sunday, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am @ SH †Lillian Drefcinski

by Conrad & Delores Lepak

10:00 am †Phyllis Klesmith by Cheryl Gagas

†Eileen Bronk by Mike & Jim Bronk Families

†Don Johnson by Judi & Family

†Chester Kowal by Bob & Bard Groholski

†Maynard, Dorothy & Raymond Richter
by Bernard & Marlene

Mass Readings for the Week of May 2:

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps. 22; 1 Jn. 3:18-24;
 Jn. 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor. 15:1-8; Ps. 19; Jn. 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps. 145;
 Jn. 14:27-31

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps. 122;
 Jn. 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps. 96; Jn. 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps. 57; Jn. 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps. 100;
 Jn. 15:18-21

I will be gone next weekend, May 8-9, to attend the wedding of my cousin in La Crosse. Our priest-in-residence, Father Roy Witucki, will be saying the Masses at both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's. —Father Guanella

During this month of May, Pope Francis has requested that the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it. The month of May will be dedicated to a “marathon” of prayer to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year now, and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities. Pope Francis wishes to involve all the Marian Shrines around the world in this initiative, so that they may become vehicles of the prayer of the entire Church. The initiative is being conducted in the light of the biblical expression: “Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God” (Acts 12:5).

During each day of May, guided by a calendar with specific intentions, all the Marian Shrines around the world, united in a communion of supplication, will lift up their prayers, which, like the fragrance of incense, will rise up to Heaven. Thirty Marian Shrines will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church and offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day. The Marian Shrine for May 17th will be our own Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC with the specific intention of praying for all world leaders and for all heads of international organizations. May 3rd will be the Shrine of the Black Madonna of Czestochowa at the Jasna Góra Monastery in Poland, with the specific intention of prayer for all those infected with the coronavirus and all the sick.

The Holy Father will open and close the prayer, along with the faithful around the world, from two significant locations within the Vatican City State. On May 1st, Pope Francis will pray at the icon of Our Lady of Help, an icon venerated as early as the seventh century, inside Saint Peter’s Basilica erected by Pope Gregory XIII in 1578, at the Gregorian Chapel, where the relics of Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, Doctor and Father of the Church, are also kept. On May 31st, Pope Francis will conclude this prayer marathon from a significant place in the Vatican Gardens.

Therefore, in the spirit of Pope Francis’ “prayer marathon” you are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily for the end of the pandemic, for those most closely affected by it, and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities. There are sheets available in the back of church with the Marian Shrines and daily intentions listed. You can also view it online at: <http://bit.ly/MayPrayerList>

—Fr. Guanella

BUY SCRIP

**Shelly will be selling Scrip after Mass
Sunday, May 9th & 23rd**

For anyone who has never bought Scrip or just not familiar with it Scrip is a gift card you buy and use like a pre-paid credit card at local businesses throughout the Stevens Point area. Our parish receives on an average of 4% from these businesses for using their cards. **Thank you** to everyone who purchases SCRIP. Any questions give Shelly a call (715-592-3775)

April Sales Total= \$9,890.00 April Profit= \$423.63

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

4-25-21

Offertory \$ 186

Adult + ACH \$ 715

Total \$ 901

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.



St. Mary’s I. C. Parish 2020-21 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL



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**



Religious Education Classes

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

May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 2nd.

Coordinator of Religious Education Jessica Bielen jwier319@gmail.com

Please remember in your prayers

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

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.

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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



Thanks to you all for the enormous response you gave for The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women DCCW We collected \$322.00 Thank you for your support.



ST. MARY'S IC, PICNIC

Picnic update:

Picnic will be held at Arnott Lions Park on Sunday, August 22nd, Mass at 10:00 a.m.

TAKE NOTE: Expanded Concession stand assigned to Groups 2 & 4

Music: "Chad Przybylski & his Polka Rhythms"
And "New Polish Sounds"



Large Raffle, Basket Raffles, Cherry Tree, Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Farmers Market, Kids games and Cash Bingo.



We are planning on Tickets for the Large Raffle to be available by May 23rd.

Your help is needed, watch the bulletin for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Picnic Committee

Eunice Zwicki, Chair

Denise Glodowski, co-chair

715-592-4175

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St. Mary's I.C. May Meetings

4th— 6:30pm Finance Council

6th—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



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 **FRIDAY, May 7th at 6:30 pm** to prepare for our Mothers Day project. All women of the church are welcome to participate.

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Wishing you Birthday Blessings!

5th-Jessica Bielen 6th-Christine Sapa

7th-Kate Peterson 8th-Fr. Roy,

Diane Wysocki, David Cieslewicz

11th-Rick Weronke 15th-Carol Trembl

16th-Molly Dombrowski, Pat Johnson

17th-Dave Glodowski 19th-Jason

Dombrowski 22nd-Judi Johnson

24th-Steward Kepler, Duane Kluck

27th-Bob Armatoski, Jacque Wille

29th-Brian Britz

Our Congratulations to **Jenna R. Wasieleski and Michael J. Goldstein**



who were united together in the Sacrament of Marriage Saturday, May 1st.

May God bless your life with happiness, fill your home with peace and guide you through all your years together.

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.

FACE MASK: While there is no statewide or countywide mask mandate, Bishop William Callahan calls on the Catholic faithful to make sacrifices that will benefit others. He strongly encourages the practice of wearing masks by all individuals, 5 years or older, present within all churches or when attending any function associated with the ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse. Bishop Callahan notes that the exercise of limitations, such as wearing masks and social distancing, as difficult and frustrating as they may be, should be viewed as charitable acts offered for others. By doing these simple things and embracing these small sacrifices, Catholics can do their part to ensure that everyone stays healthy and that churches and schools can remain safe environments for all

REMINDER: You don't need to call the parish office to reserve your seat for Sunday Mass.

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



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION May 7th, 9am-3pm

at St. Mary's I.C. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3pm followed by Benediction. 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.

11th Annual Pacelli Catholic Schools **SHREDDING PARTY** Thursday, May 13, 3-6pm
1417 Main Street, Stevens Point. Community Service & Fundraising Event Hosted by Schulfer & Associates, LLC Wealth Management Donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated for secure, confidential shredding services provided by Express Recycling Solutions, Inc. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 towards the Accelerated Reader program promoting reading, literacy, and comprehension in our elementary schools. *No early drop off. For more than 10 boxes, please call ahead!* **SHREDDED FOOD FOR SALE** \$3 Shredded Chicken Sandwiches | \$1 Shredded Coleslaw | \$1 Shoestring Potato Chips | \$2 Cupcake | \$6 Meal | \$1 Soda/Water **RSVP to 715.343.9600, www.schulferandassociates.com, or by email to schulferandassociates@lpl.com to receive a FREE "What to Shred/What to Keep" guide!**

May 2, 2021 — Fifth Sunday of Easter ACTS 9:26-31; PS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32;
1 JN 3:18-24; JN 15:4A, 5B

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was "with the consolation of the Holy Spirit." It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, 'how is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?' The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day-to-day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, May 2

LECTOR Kirk USHERS Randy
SERVERS Abby & LeRoy
MONEY COUNTERS Kirk
MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

SUNDAY, May 9

LECTOR Christine USHERS Eddie
SERVERS Samantha & Zach
MONEY COUNTERS Jeremy & Lisa
MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

SUNDAY, May 16

LECTOR Deb USHERS Kyle
SERVERS Cassie & Madison
MONEY COUNTERS David & Rosemarie
MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

SUNDAY, May 23

LECTOR Tom USHERS Eddie
SERVERS Julia & Vincent
MONEY COUNTERS Tom & Brenda
MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl

SUNDAY, May 30

LECTOR Nora USHERS Travis
SERVERS Zach & Samantha
MONEY COUNTERS Jeremy & Lisa
MUSICIANS Bob & Sandie



*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 JUNE

Information please contact
Gina 920-540-7804