



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter * Mother's Day

MAY 9, 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

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715-629-9952*

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Custodian-Jeanne Hintz

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter

MOTHER'S DAY

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

Tuesday, May 11 @ SH

8:15 am †Edward Drefcinski

by Conrad & Delores Lepak

Wednesday, May 12

**8:15 a.m. For the living & deceased members
of the Joseph & Mary Raschka family
by Chet**

Thursday, May 13 @ SH

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

8:15 am †Rosemary Gagas by Agnes Cisewski

Friday, May 14

7-8 Adoration 7:30-8am Confessions

8:15 am †Jeff Pliska by Ron & Rose Ligman

Saturday, May 15 @ SH

8:15 am †Avis Wysocki by Louis

†Conrad Domaszek by Roger & Dee Lepak

Birthday Blessings for Sophie Koziczowski by family

†Deacon Jim Maciejewski by Bernie & Louise Smyth

†2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm †Frank & Gen Jelinski by Family

Sunday, May 16 The Ascension of the Lord

8:00am @ SH † St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart
Parish Families

10:00 am †Gusty & Janet Peplinski

Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We lift up all mothers today and
thank them for their guidance and love.

We ask You to bless them
with Your own special love, today and always.
Amen.



Dear Friends in Christ,

This is not an easy bulletin column to write to say the least. As I am sure you already know, as I publicized last weekend at the Masses, Bishop Callahan has announced that I have been appointed pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, effective July 6, 2021. This came as quite a surprise to me and, in fact, to the diocese itself. The former pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, Father Valentine Joseph Gasparraj, was called home to his own archdiocese of Madurai in India. As a priest of Madurai, Father Valentine must follow the decision of his archbishop. His departure was unexpected to the Diocese of La Crosse and that left the parish vacant without a pastor.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish is also a parish that has a parochial vicar (associate pastor). Parochial vicars are newly ordained priests who spend time “learning the ropes” of what it means to be a priest and how to work in a parish. In our diocese, most newly ordained priests spend about four years total, in two different assignments, as parochial vicars. In addition, many parochial vicars are also assigned as chaplains to the Catholic high school and middle school in the deanery. In Wisconsin Rapids, the parochial vicar of Our Lady Queen of Heaven is also chaplain to Assumption High School and Middle School.

Because the pastor of the parish where there is a parochial vicar is a “mentoring pastor,” not every priest is well-suited or willing to mentor newly ordained priests. A mentoring pastor must be willing to spend time guiding, teaching, and helping the newly ordained priests understand their vocation as diocesan priests and instructing them about the administration, operation, and working of a parish in the Diocese of La Crosse. That being said, with the departure of Father Valentine, the bishop needed to find a priest well-suited and willing to mentor a parochial vicar and, at the same time, be the pastor of the parish. It was my name that the bishop chose for this assignment, even though the bishop and personnel board had not intended to move me this year—these things come up and it cannot be helped. I was quite shocked to receive that telephone call from the bishop since I’ve only been a pastor here for one year (and one year as administrator). Nonetheless, the *Rule* that I follow as a Dominican reminds me that I should be ready at all times to work wherever a greater pastoral need demands it.

I am happy to announce that Father Mark Miller, currently pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Ettrick and St. Ansgar Parish in Blair has been appointed pastor of Sacred Heart in Polonia and St. Mary’s I.C. in Custer as of July 6, 2021. Father Miller and I have known each other for many years and I have no doubt that he will do well as pastor here. In fact, his parents were parishioners at St. Raymond of Peñafort in Brackett where I served as a parochial vicar and his mother was the parish secretary of SS. Peter & Paul in Independence where I served as a seminarian. I trust that you will treat him with the same care and affection that you have shown me.

I know many of you, perhaps most, were surprised and possibly upset with this transfer but I hope you understand the reasoning behind this unexpected move. My cousin, Saint Luigi Guanella, noted that, as Christians, “*the whole world is our homeland*” since we are all pilgrims on the journey, striving for Heaven, no matter where we actually find ourselves. Nevertheless, I won’t be too far away: you’re always welcome to come and visit me at Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Wisconsin Rapids! God bless you all.

—Fr. Guanella

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

5-2-21

Adult Env + ACH: \$1973

Building Fund: \$ 270

Offertory: \$ 105

Total: \$2348

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

No Class this Sunday — last Class, May 16th

Coordinator of Religious Education Jessica Bielen
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BUY SCRIP

**Shelly will be selling Scrip after Mass
Today 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)



COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL –May 23rd in
the Parish Hall after Mass **ALL ARE WELCOME**
Hosted by The Family Life and Cemetery Committees



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



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 Zwicky, Chair

Denise Glodowski, co-chair

715-592-4175

715-592-6947

Please remember in your prayers

Gladys Pampuch, Tom Schmenk, Myron Soik,
Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Ken Wierzba, Mike
Mrozek, Mary Ann Meyer, 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.



*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

**The second collection next Sunday,
May 16th, is for Project Milk,
envelopes are in the pews.
How much do we need?**

- Casa Hogar uses about 1 sack (50pounds) of powdered milk each week. Sample bag is hanging in the church entrance
- It costs about \$60 to send 1 sack of milk to Lurín, Peru.
- Your donation goes straight to the purchase, preparation and shipment of the milk. Administrative costs are covered by the Diocesan Annual Appeal. It is only your continued support that makes these shipments possible.

How much does it cost?

- \$240 will provide Casa Hogar with 4 sacks milk, for 72 children, enough for one month. A missionary there says they make it into yogurt, which makes it really popular.
- As of May 2021, \$17.10 is the approximate price of 100 pounds of raw milk for Wisconsin farmers.
We wish to thank all of you that will give so generously to Project Milk! Your contributions are not only an act of charity for the orphans of Casa Hogar in Peru, but also a strong show of solidarity and support for our dairy farmers.

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.

Pacelli Catholic Schools

SHREDDING PARTY Thursday,
May 13, 3-6pm 1417 Main St,
Stevens Point. Community Service &
Fundraising Event Hosted by
Schulfer & Associates, LLC Wealth
Management **RSVP 715-343-9600**
www.schulferandassociates.com, or
schulferandassociates@lpl.com to
receive a FREE "What to Shred/
What to Keep" guide! More than 10
boxes, please call ahead!

Donations will be accepted and are
greatly appreciated for secure,
confidential shredding services
provided by Express Recycling
Solutions, Inc.

SHREDDED FOOD FOR SALE \$3
Shredded Chicken Sandwiches | \$1
Shredded Coleslaw | \$1 Shoestring
Potato Chips | \$2 Cupcake | \$6 Meal |
\$1 Soda/Water

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Wishing you Birthday Blessings!
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, Jacquie Wille
29th-Brian Britz

Priestly Ordination of **Deacons Eric Mashak, Timothy Reither and Arturo Viguera**s will be June 26, at 10AM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse. Due to COVID19 restrictions there will be no reception after the Mass.
Facebook link:
<https://fb.me/e/2bG1R9MWe>

Liturgical Appointments

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

Mass Readings Week of May 9:

Sunday: Acts 10:25-35; Ps. 98;
1 Jn. 4:7-10; Jn. 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15, Ps. 149;
Jn. 15:26-16:4
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps. 138;
Jn. 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15-18:1;
Ps. 148; Jn. 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps. 98;
Jn. 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 1:15-26; Ps. 113;
Jn. 15:9-17
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps. 47;
Jn. 16:23-28



May 9, 2021 — Sixth Sunday of Easter ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 JN 4:7-10; JN 15:9-17

Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves.

In our Gospel, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless. We are called to imitate this love. And He tells us the greatest way to do this when He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

It is difficult to live that out in our humanity. Yet, it is made much easier when we faithfully love Christ. The fact of the matter is, as our love for Christ increases, so too does our capacity to love others.

There are countless moments when we can do just that — for instance, waking up Saturday morning to attend daily Mass instead of sleeping in, or talking to God in the car on the way to work instead of listening to music. These are simple ways to express our love for the Lord by laying down our lives for Him.

The more we find ways to love the Lord, the more we will find it easier to put aside our selfishness and serve others.

Christ's command to love others may seem daunting. Yet, Christ would never ask something of us that we cannot live out. All we need to do is take baby steps. Ask yourself, "How can I better love Jesus right now?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.