

## ***St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish***

The Ascension of the Lord

**MAY 16, 2021**

7176 Esker Road, Custer, WI 54423 Phone: 715-592-4330

Website: [www.stmaryscuster.com](http://www.stmaryscuster.com)

### **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 -**

Fr. Alan M. Guanella (715) 592-4221  
[aguanella@gmail.com](mailto:aguanella@gmail.com)

*In case of emergency only please call*  
715-629-9952

##### **Senior Priest in Residence**

Fr. Roy R. Witucki

#### **PARISH STAFF**

**Secretary**-Donna Wierzba

[stmary@wi-net.com](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com)

**Bookkeeper**-Rebecca Jones

[stmaryicfinance@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryicfinance@gmail.com)

**CCD Coordinator**-Jessica Bielen

**Custodian**-Jeanne Hintz

**Maintenance/Grounds keeping**

Josh Genskow

### **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, May 18 @ SH

8:15 am Good Health of Loretta Klesmit by Roger

**Wednesday, May 19**

**8:15 a.m.** †Bette Maslowski by Pat

Thursday, May 20 @ SH

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

8:15 am For the Health of Bridgid & Al Pellatt  
by Patty Amman

**Friday, May 21**

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

**8:15 am** †Jeremy Firkus

by Charlie & Judy Sankey

Saturday, May 22 @ SH

8:15 am †Bernadette Glodowski by PCCW

†Gladys Lepak by Family

†Laurie Wierzba by Dave & Barb Kurszewski

†Fr. Marcin by Bernie & Louise Smyth

†Gloria Hultine by Bernie & Louise Smyth

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm †Walter & Florence Gagas Deceased

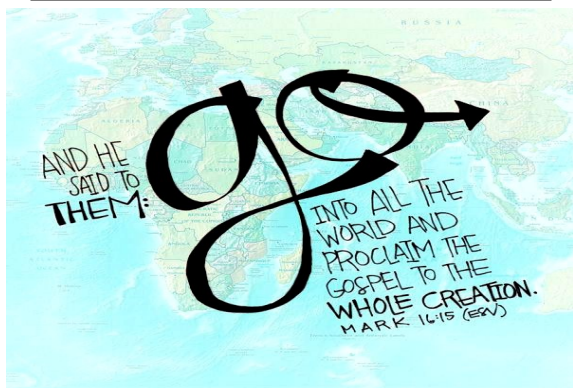
Families by Ralph & Theresa Kostuch

**Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday**

8:00am @ SH †Mary Ann Platta

by Dave & Deb Giese

**10:00 am** St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart  
Parish Families



### **Mass Readings—Week of May 16:**

Sunday: Acts 1:1–11; Ps. 47; Eph. 1:17–23; Mk. 16:15–20

Tuesday: Acts 20:17–27; Ps. 68; Jn. 17:1–11

Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6–11; Ps. 16; Jn. 17:20–26

Saturday: Acts 28:16–31; Ps. 11; Jn. 21:20–25

Monday: Acts 19:1–8; Ps. 68; Jn. 16:29–33

Wednesday: Acts 20:28–38; Ps. 68; Jn. 17:11–19

Friday: Acts 25:13–21; Ps. 103; Jn. 21:15–19

The sacred work of our salvation was of such value in the sight of the Creator of the universe that he counted it worth the shedding of his own blood. From the day of his birth until his passion and death this work was carried out in conditions of self-abasement; and although he showed many signs of his divinity even when he bore the form of a slave, yet, strictly speaking, the events of that time were concerned with proving the reality of the humanity he had assumed.

But he was innocent of any sin, and so when death launched its attack upon him he burst its bonds and robbed it of its power. After his passion weakness was turned into strength, mortality into eternal life, and disgrace into glory. Of all this our Lord Jesus Christ gave ample proof in the sight of many, until at last he entered heaven in triumph, bearing with him the trophy of his victory over death.

Such fidelity could never be born in our hearts, nor could anyone be justified by faith, if our salvation lay only in what was visible. And so while at Easter it was the Lord's resurrection which was the cause of our joy, our present rejoicing is on account of his ascension into heaven. With all due solemnity we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up in Christ above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond the highest heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father.

It is upon this ordered structure of divine acts that we have been firmly established, so that the grace of God may show itself still more marvelous when, in spite of the withdrawal from our sight of everything that is rightly felt to command our reverence, faith does not fail, hope is not shaken, charity does not grow cold.

For such is the power of great minds, such is the light of truly believing souls, that they put unhesitating faith in what is not seen with the bodily eye; they fix their desires on what is beyond sight. This is why Christ said to the man who seemed doubtful about his resurrection unless he could see and touch the marks of his passion in his very flesh: "You believe because you see me; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

It was in order that we might be capable of such blessedness that on the fortieth day after his resurrection, after he had made careful provision for everything concerning the preaching of the gospel and the mysteries of the new covenant, our Lord Jesus Christ was taken up to heaven before the eyes of his disciples, and so his bodily presence among them came to an end.

From that time onward he was to remain at the Father's right hand until the completion of the period ordained by God for the Church's children to increase and multiply, after which, in the same body with which he ascended, he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

And so our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high.

—St. Leo the Great



#### 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

**5-9-21**

<i>Adult Env + ACH</i>	\$ 2270
<i>Offering Plate</i>	\$ 122
<i>Building</i>	\$ 110
<i>Project Milk</i>	\$ 205

**Total \$ 2707**

**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

GOAL	\$19,810.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$23,019.00
Amount Received:	\$21,129.00
Over Goal:	\$ 3,209.00

THANKS to those who have contributed.

**We have EXCEEDED our Goal!**

Any additional contributions to this years appeal will be refunded back to St. Mary's.

Overage will be used to repair Church entrance windows since the expense is more then what was collected last year because frames need to be replaced.



## Religious Education Classes last Class, Today May 16th

SPECIAL THANK YOU to our  
Religious Education Teachers:  
**Jenny Genskow, Heidi Schleicher,  
Christine Sapa, Amy Stremkowski  
and Jessica Bielen**

We appreciate your dedication and sharing of your Faith  
with our children. God Bless You!



## 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



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

## BUY SCRIP

**Shelly will be selling Scrip after Mass  
May 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)



**Church  
Picnic**

**ST. MARY'S IC, PICNIC**  
**Held at Arnott Lions Park on  
Sunday, August 22nd,**

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



**Large Raffle Tickets will be available May 23rd  
in the entrance of the church.**

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, David Pliska, 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.**



*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*

We wish to **THANK ALL** that honored their  
wives and mothers with the purchase of  
flowers bouquets put together by Women on a  
Mission. Collection of \$182.00 allows us to  
fulfill future missions.

*Next meeting is **June 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm.  
All women of the parish invited.*

**The second collection Today, 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

*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.*

**Missionary Sisters of the Divine Image GIFT SHOP** in the Polonia convent has added a 'FREE TREE' which has various chaplets (St. Joseph, Our Lady of Sorrows) and medals hanging on it which are free for the taking. These items may have been blessed in the past but we're not sure. Maple Syrup and many other gift items are available in this self-serve Gift Shop which is a great way to support the Convent and MSDI Sisters here in Polonia. Ring the doorbell at any Convent entrance and Sister will be happy to show you to the Gift Shop. Or, call 715-592-4213 to set up a time to stop in. Happy shopping and Spring Blessings to you!

**Shrine of Our Lady of Sacred Heart** is now open daily 9am—6:00pm for people to come and spend time with Our Lady. The shrine is located on the south side of the convent property. Any questions please contact Sr. Hyacintha at (715) 592-4213.

June 6, - Motorcycle Blessing & Faith Run, St. Bronislava Parish, 1 pm Blessing, 1:30 pm 90 mile Faith Run and 4 pm Food & Fellowship at the church. Questions call 715-344-4326 or stbrons.com.

The Cemetery Association will sponsor an outdoor Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 31, at 9 a.m. at the Altar in Guardian Angel Cemetery. Out of love for our neighbor, we ask all to wear a face covering and practice social distancing. If you wish to sit, please bring a chair. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be canceled and celebrated privately.

### FROM THE DIOCESE OF LACROSSE:

The Reverend Alan M. Guanella, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Polonia and Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's Parish in Custer, is appointed Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 6, 2021.

The Reverend Mark A. Miller, Pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Ettrick and St. Ansgar Parish in Blair is appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Polonia and Immaculate Conception Parish in Custer, with residence at Sacred Heart Parish rectory in Polonia, effective July 6, 2021.

### St. Mary's I.C. Parish Prayer Chain

ANYONE REQUESTING  
PRAYERS please call Elsie  
Mansavage 715-592-4174,  
or the Parish Office  
715-592-4330 or  
stmary@wi-net.com  
FIRST NAMES ONLY  
will be used; members  
promise to respect your  
request in confidence.

### Liturgical Appointments

#### 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

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>



*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 JULY** Information please contact Gina 920-540-7804

*God Bless Our March Servers:  
Jim & Deb Sniadajewski and April  
Servers: Heidi Schleicher & Diane  
Wysocki.*

### MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Wishing you Birthday Blessings!  
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