

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

***MAY 23, 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

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**Custodian-**Jeanne Hintz

**Maintenance/Grounds keeping**

Josh Genskow

### **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, May 25 @ SH

8:15 am †Frank Konkol

by Andrew & Karen Groshek

**Wednesday, May 26**

**8:15 a.m. †Ron & Ruth Werachowski by Family**

Thursday, May 27 @ SH

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

8:15 am †Lester & Esther Kluck by Carol

**Friday, May 28**

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

**8:15 am †Carol Gile by LeRoy & Pat Wierzba**

Saturday, May 29 @ SH

8:15 am †Richard Orlikowski by Family

†Clarence Ostrowski by Family

Thanksgiving for the (1st) Wedding Anniversary

by Rick & Annetta Bukowski

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm †Randy Flisakowski

by Ken & Denise Glodowski

**Sunday, May 30 The Most Holy Trinity**

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

Parish Families

**10:00 am †Rick, Marilyn & Eric Werachowski  
by Family**



#### **Mass Readings for the Week of May 23:**

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps. 104; 1 Cor. 12:3-13; Jn. 20:19-23

Tuesday: Sir. 35:1-12; Ps. 50; Mk. 10:28-31

Thursday: Sir. 42:15-25; Ps. 33; Mk. 10:46-52

Saturday: Sir. 51:12-20; Ps. 19; Mk. 11:27-33

Monday: Gn. 3:9-15, 20; Ps. 87; Jn. 19:25-34

Wednesday: Sir. 36:1-17; Ps. 79; Mk. 10:32-45

Friday: Sir. 44:1-13; Ps. 149; Mk. 11:11-26

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was studying philosophy, I took a course on non-western philosophy. After having studied Aristotle and Aquinas, it was quite a jolt to my mind to read Islamic, Buddhist, and Taoist philosophy. Reading the Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu is certainly different than Aquinas. Nonetheless, Aquinas himself studied non-western philosophers and makes use of the writings of a number of Islamic thinkers, such as Averroes (also known as Ibn Rushd) and Avicenna (also known as Ibn Sina). Aquinas relied extensively on Averroes's interpretation of Aristotle (but did disagree with him on many points) and Avicenna influenced Aquinas' metaphysics (the branch of philosophy that examines the fundamental nature of reality).

I say all of this because I was sent a text from the 13-th century Persian Islamic thinker Rumi. He writes about what he calls "The Three Gates of Speech." Rumi writes: "Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates: At the first gate, ask yourself, 'Is it true?' At the second gate ask, 'Is it necessary?' At the third gate ask, 'Is it kind?'" I was struck by Rumi's words. In a world where words are thrown about on radio, TV, and social media so quickly, these three gates of speech are hardly ever considered.

While Rumi's thought is very different from our own Christian thought, his three gates of speech can act as a certain "pre-examination of conscience" for our own words. Before we speak or spread information (whether in person or online), we should ask 'Is it true?', 'Is it necessary?', and 'Is it kind?' If we say 'no' to any of these questions, we really shouldn't speak or say what we were going to say. How many sins of gossip, slander, or calumny could be avoided if we only speak what is true, necessary, and kind?

This brings up the virtue of prudence. Prudence is the knowledge of how to act or how to conduct one's life rightly. The Dominican priest, Fr. Reginald Martin, OP, writes: "Our goal as Christians is to share everlasting life with God. Prudence helps us achieve this goal by enabling us to apply to concrete situations whatever speculative knowledge we may possess. This sounds fairly simple, but making a prudent choice is actually a complex and sophisticated process. It begins with learning whatever we can about the matter at hand and making a judgment about what we have learned. Only then are we equipped to make a prudent choice."

In all of our conversations, whether they be with another person or virtual, we should practice prudence with what we say. Aquinas was able to use non-western thinkers to help him. Let us use Rumi to help us in our speech: "Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates: At the first gate, ask yourself, 'Is it true?' At the second gate ask, 'Is it necessary?' At the third gate ask, 'Is it kind?'"

—Fr. Guanella

## 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:	\$21,325.00
Over Goal:	\$ 3,209.00

THANKS to those who have contributed.

**We have EXCEEDED our Goal!**

Any additional contributions to this year's appeal will be refunded back to St. Mary's. Overage will be used to repair Church entrance windows since the expense is more than what was collected last year because frames need to be replaced.



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



**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**

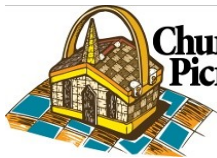


SPECIAL THANK YOU to our Religious Education Teachers: **Jenny Genskow, Heidi Schleicher, Christine Sapa, Amy Stremkowski and Jessica Bielen**  
We appreciate your dedication and sharing of your Faith with our children. God Bless You!

## BUY SCRIP

### Shelly will be selling Scrip after Mass TODAY

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)



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

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



Please pick up your envelope in the entrance of the Church—Large Raffle Tickets and information on our Parish Picnic.

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



### **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



**NOTE CHANGE:** St. Mary's I.C. Bulletin Deadline:  
**Noon TUESDAY** in writing or email [stmary@wi-net.com](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com)

### **Please remember in your prayers**

Please pray for the following and all who are ill in our parish:

Greg Helminiak, Gladys Pampuch, Tom Schmenk, Myron Soik, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Ken Wierzba, Mike Mrozek, David Pliska, Ray Sommers, Mary Ann Meyer, 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.

For prayer support through the unpublished

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

please call Elsie Mansavage 715-592-4174, or the Parish Office 715-592-4330 or [stmary@wi-net.com](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com)

FIRST NAMES ONLY will be used; members promise to respect your request in confidence.



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

**BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for your **GENEROUS** donation of **\$1017.00** to the **MILK PROJECT!**  
God bless you for all the lives you have changed because of your generosity. Our little parish family of St. Mary's will share our love and purchase **15.65 bags of dry milk.**

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



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.*

***Liturgical Appointments***

***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>

**MAY BIRTHDAY'S**

*Wishing you  
Birthday Blessings!*  
22nd-Judi Johnson  
24th-Steward Kepler,  
Duane Kluck  
27th-Bob Armatoski,  
Jacquie Wille  
29th-Brian Britz



**SUNDAY, JUNE 27th following Mass**

**Farewell Potluck for Father Alan Guanella**

Please sign up in the entrance, this will help with the planning. Weather permitting, we will be holding the potluck in the back yard/parking lot. (if rain, in church hall)  
So everyone can attend! **BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS**

**We are looking for people to help set up on Saturday, June 26th at 9 am Please call the office 715-592-4330 many hands make light work.**

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF LACROSSE:** effective July 6, 2021.

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, 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.

May 23, 2021 — Pentecost Sunday ACTS 2:1-11; PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 COR 12:3b-7, 12-13; JN 20:19-23  
Our Easter season culminates with the glorious feast of Pentecost. We can imagine how incredible that moment was for the apostles and all who witnessed it. The Holy Spirit was alive and working.  
The Holy Spirit is just as alive and willing to work here and now in our day-to-day moments as back at our first Pentecost.  
Our First Reading bears witness to the first Pentecost. During this encounter with the Holy Spirit, the apostles and Mary felt a driving wind, there were tongues of fire on the heads of each of them and the Spirit allowed them to speak in different tongues proclaiming acts of God.  
We might hear this reading and wish the Holy Spirit worked that obviously in our lives each day. The truth is, the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is obvious — we just might be blind to it, or it might be that we have closed ourselves off to the Holy Spirit's wondrous works.  
Our tongues of fire might be a profound conversation with a friend, something that you needed to hear in that exact moment, or even a closed door to an opportunity for something much, much greater. These are movements of the Holy Spirit in our everyday moments.  
The more we take time to recognize them, the more we become aware of them. On this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks to God for sending us His Holy Spirit. And let us strive to be in tune with the Holy Spirit by looking for the ways God has been working in our lives.