

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

DECEMBER 7-8, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

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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

Saturday, December 7

***4:00 p.m. +Ruth & Ron Werachowski
by Mike & Shelly Stremkowski***

Sunday, December 8

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

11:00 a.m. Confessions

Tuesday, December 10, @ SH

8:15 am +Margaret Megal by Tom & Kim Glodowski

Wednesday, December 11, @ SMIC

***8:15 am For the living/deceased members of the Tepp
& Jurgella families by Bernadine & Family***

Thursday, December 12, @ SH

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

8:15 am +Jeanette Blaskey by Sophie Koziczkowski

Friday, December 13, @ SMIC

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

8:15 am +Conroy Soik by Myron Soik Family

Saturday, December 14, @ SH

8:15 am +Avis Wysocki by Louis Wysocki

2:30 pm Confession

4:00 p.m. +Jeanette Blaskey

by Bob & Germaine Zoromski

SUNDAY, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. @ SH Parishioners of

Sacred Heart & St. Mary's I.C.

10:00 a.m. +Edwin & Verona Herek by Family

11:00 a.m. Confessions

@ SMIC 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
& Evening Prayer



***Sunday,
December 15th
COFFEE &
DONUT SOCIAL***

following Mass in
the Parish Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME! Hosted by
Pastoral & Finance Councils

Advent greetings everybody. I don't think I have to remind you that Advent is my favorite liturgical season. It is, of course, the great season of expectation and anticipation. It is a time of wonder and a deep and abiding sense of the fulfillment of promise and the opening of a new age.

I think I have used these themes with you in different times over the years I have served as your Bishop, but I think the message, like Advent itself, bears repeating and these themes make it easy for us to think about this great season. There are three ways of considering Advent and the coming of Christ: first, in History; second, in Mystery; and third, in Majesty.

We remember Christ coming as the Babe of Bethlehem and the entire wondrous miracle of the Christmas story. All of this allows us to consider the Incarnation—the manifestation of God in human flesh in our human history.

The second coming of Christ is in the Mystery of the Eucharist—the living and Real Presence of the same Jesus—Son of God and Son of Mary—made manifest for us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Mysterious and Sacred Presence of Jesus until the end of time. Then, finally, the appearance of Christ in Majesty at the end of time. The liturgical season of Advent calls our attention to each of these three “comings” of Christ and opens our minds, and hearts, and souls to the promises of God and the manifestations of Christ as the fulfillment of God's promises.

Prayer is a joyful method of keeping us aware of the promises of future and realized glory as we make our way through the weeks of Advent. Keep alert, maintain your vision in Christ. He will keep His promise, He is with us, and He will come again. Come, Lord Jesus! Blessed Advent to you all!

+ William Patrick Callahan
Bishop of La Crosse



Weekly Financial Support December 1, 2019

Total:	\$ 2118.00
Envelopes	\$ 920.00
Offertory	\$ 243.00
Building Fund	\$ 905.00
Retirement fund	\$ 50.00

Please remember *in your prayers:*

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

Please contact Father Guanella as soon as possible should a loved one become ill and need anointing. Otherwise, contact the parish office to schedule a visit for a non-emergency situation.

Advent Confessions Additional times for the Sacrament of Confession will be offered during the Season of Advent:

St Mary's I.C. confessions will be heard ***following Sunday Mass***, until all are heard.

Sacred Heart, Saturday confessions will be heard from ***2:30pm until 3:45pm***

Please consider making a good confession in order to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas.



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

Our “**THANKS**” to those who have contributed. If you haven't made a pledge to our Annual Appeal, please bring your pledge card to Mass next Sunday. Payment is not necessary at this time—only your pledge card.

Extra cards in the entrance of Church.

PARISH GOAL:	\$ 18,785.00
PLEDGES RECEIVED:	
	\$ 15,600.00
Under Goal:	\$ 3,185.00



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASS Meet on Sundays,
8:30-10 a.m.**

**FAMILY MASS: Next
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th,
ALL Parents are asked to attend this
Mass with their children.**

*Coordinator of Religious Education
Jessica Bielen jwier319@gmail.com*



Bambinelli Sunday.....A tradition
on the **3rd Sunday of Advent.**

Adults and children, bring your
baby Jesus figurine for Blessings!
Pope John Paul II during his
papacy, instituted the celebration of Bambinelli
Sunday. For the past several decades, each
year on Gaudete Sunday, children and adults
bring their baby Jesus figurines from their
home crib to St. Peter's Square where the Pope
will bless both the people and the figurines
during Angelus.

Next Sunday, December 15th we will be
celebrating "Bambinelli Sunday" here at St.
Mary's I.C. You are invited to bring the baby
Jesus figurine from your home nativity to be
blessed. In addition, you may want to consider
this...following the blessing, take your
"Bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box,
wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be
the first gift your family opens on Christmas,
then place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib.



Women on a Mission will be
selling Soup in a Jar

Saturday, Dec 7 at the potluck
dinner. We will also have them
available after Mass while supplies
last. This is a fund raiser which helps
us fund our charitable activities.
Thank you to all who donated jars for
this project. God bless!

Cold and Flu Season. With winter and the cold and flu
season upon us, please be prudent when deciding whether-or
-not to offer the sign of peace or receive the Precious Blood
at Mass. Furthermore, if you are scheduled to usher, read,
serve, or be an extraordinary minister and are sick, please
consider finding a replacement. A ounce of prevention is
worth a pound of cure. Thank you.



HOOKED ON LOVE The holiday
season is a time of loving and giving.
With Hooked on Love we try to make
sharing your love easier.

**Select your Candy cane this week! NEXT SUNDAY
December 15th is the last day to bring in your items
for babies.** These mothers we are helping decided to
raise their child instead of having an abortion. All the
families we are helping are in Portage County.
Pick a candy cane off the tree in the entrance of the
Church. The color ribbon indicates the cost of the
suggested item to give. **RED** (\$1-\$3), **WHITE**
(\$5.00), and **GREEN** (\$10 or more) **SCRIP** grocery,
gas or Target gifts certificates always welcome. We
accept any monetary donations, (**Mark it as Baby
Supplies**) and drop it in the church collection. **NO
formula or food items.** Please put your items in the
pack n play at the entrance of church or box in the
addition.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Wishing you Birthday Blessings!

7th-Betty Rozek, Bernice Kepler & Michael Demski,
8th-Mary Zurawski 10th-Sue Stremkowski
11th-Dennis Mocadlo, 13th-Clarence Pampuch
14th-Fr Guanella 16th-Bernice Fritschler 17th-Butch Gagas
21st-Colleen Raschka 23rd-Lisa Piesik,
24th Deb Sniadajewski & Randy Iwanski

Effective January 1, 2020, I will be stepping down from my
duties as groundskeeper as well as the maintenance duties
here at St. Mary's. I no longer have the time that is
necessary to fulfill these responsibilities. I have enjoyed the
time I spent working here, and I will gladly take the time to
show anyone what I did to maintain these grounds as well as
the maintenance within the Church.

Thanks again, Kenny Rozek

****Please contact the office if interested in Maintenance
Grounds keeper position.**

***Spending time with our Lord is a great way to end and begin our week! Sunday Eucharistic Adoration &
Evening Prayer December 15th 6 pm*** at St Mary's I.C. Visit <https://divineoffice.org/> more information
Liturgy of the hours and evening prayer or contact Jim or Deb 715-824-6747.

BUY SCRIP Today & December 22nd after Mass



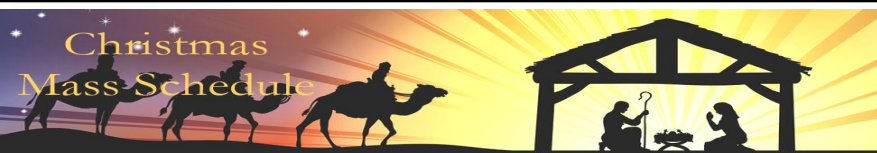
The Holidays are just around the corner. Looking for that perfect gift? BUY SCRIP!!! We have gift cards for area stores and restaurants!

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



DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes can be found in the entrance of the Church. Please include your name and the name of the person you wish to donate in memory of. Thank you for your generosity.



December 24th Christmas Eve Vigil Mass:
4:00 p.m. @ St. Mary's I.C.
December 25th Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.
@ Sacred Heart
Christmas morning 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart
10:00 a.m. @ St. Mary's I.C.

2020 Calendars....A gift for St. Mary's I.C. parishioners, please one per household. **A Special Thank you to Pisarski Funeral Homes, 703 Second St, Stevens Point and 2911 Plover Rd, Plover for donating the calendars.**

MEMORY BRICKS: Once again St. Mary's Cemetery Committee will have memory bricks available for purchase. The memory bricks will be placed within a walkway from the reflection area to the new cross. Each brick can be individualized with three lines with a total of 14 letters and spaces per line and will be available for \$50.00 per brick. Visit our reflection area to view memory bricks memorialized by our Parishioners. There's a sample brick in the back of Church, the bricks will be installed in the spring. Please contact, Diane: 715-592-5013

Cookie Walk held at St. Peter Parish, Stevens Point on Saturday, December 14th, 8:30 til Noon (or sold out).

Bake & Craft Sale - Dec. 14th & 15th St. Bronislava Parish After all Masses; Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10:30 am. Proceeds go to: St. Bron's Works of Charity, Interfaith Food Bank & the Pacelli Infant program.

5th Annual Tanner Simonis Memorial 3D Archery Shoot: Friday, January 3rd, 5-9 pm and Saturday, January 4th 8-4 pm at Blackhawk Archery Range-7840 Hwy Z, Polonia Basket raffles available on Saturday Food and beverages available for add'l cost Fun for all ages and abilities. Proceeds from big ticket raffle go to Sacred Heart School. For more information call Jeremy at 715-630-2286

Liturgical Appointments

December 7

LECTOR Tom
GREETERS Piesik family
USHERS Travis & Ron
SERVERS Zach, Samantha
EUCCHARISTIC Pat
MONEY COUNTERS Elsie, Judi, Denise
MUSICIANS Bob & Sandie Mary & Jim

December 8

Kate
Lepak family
Roman & Nick
Lenny, Braelyn
Elsie, Judi Eunice
MONEY COUNTERS Elsie, Judi, Denise
MUSICIANS Bob & Sandie Mary & Jim

SUNDAY, December 15

LECTOR Deb USHERS Carson, Kaden, Travis
GREETERS Genskow family
SERVERS Zach, Samantha, Caly, Nick
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Dave, Nora, Kirk
MONEY COUNTERS Dave, Lorraine, LeRoy K
MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

Our 2nd collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a cinnamon roll and turnover sale after the masses this weekend.

The monies raised will go toward Christmas for Children and Christmas in July at the Marshfield Clinic.

Remember the Church Picnic when shopping all the good deals. Watch for Cherry Tree Prizes, Silent Auction Items or something to put in our Awesome Basket Raffles. Menards has a lot of good deals with rebates where you get it for free or almost free.

We need everyone's help to keep our picnic going strong!

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating, or engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, music, adoration, reconciliation and prayer. This half-day retreat will be offered: Jan. 18 - La Crosse and Feb. 8 - Rothschild. For more information, go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>