



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

DECEMBER 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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

SUNDAY, December 29,

**10:00 a.m. For the living & deceased members of the
Meyer & Rozek Families by Mary Ann Meyer
and Betty & Kenny Rozek**

Tuesday, December 31, @ SH

8:15 am +Jeanette Blaskey by Sophie Koziczowski

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, @ SH

5:30 pm Parishioners of St. Mary's I.C.
and Sacred Heart

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1,
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

9:00 am +Felix & Regina Soik
by Brad & Bette Britz



Thursday, January 2, @ SH

8 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Harleigh Firkus by Bryan & Crystal Kunst

First Friday, January 3, @ SMIC

7-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Wayne Raschka by Chet

**Following Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/closing Benediction**

Saturday, January 4, @ SH

8:15 am +Tony Zurawski by Dave & Barb Kurszewski

2:30 pm Confession

4:00 p.m. +Marcie Rozek by family

SUNDAY, January 5 Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. @ SH 5 year Anniversary Couples
by Family Life

10:00 a.m. +Kathleen Sommers by Ray Sommers

Dear Friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! This weekend the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family. In this age when attacks on the family and family life are rampant, it is ever more important to look to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for guidance. We must do all we can to strengthen families in our parish and in our world. It would be wise for everyone to read again Pope St. John Paul II's apostolic exhortation *Familiaris Consortio—On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*.

Pope St. Paul VI visited the Holy Land in 1964 and while he was at Nazareth, he gave an address on the Holy Family. It is quite poignant. Below is an excerpt from his address: "How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths. [. . .]

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children—and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value—demanding yet redeeming – and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves."

In Christ,
Father Guanella



PARISH GOAL: \$ 18,785.00

PLEDGES RECEIVED:

\$ 16,995.00

Under Goal: \$ 1,790.00

**St. Mary's I. C. Parish 2019-20
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**
Our "THANKS" to those who have contributed. WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET OUR GOAL BY THE END OF THE YEAR. Please turn in your pledge today-Extra cards in the entrance of Church. Thank you!

Weekly Financial Support December 22, 2019

Total:	\$ 3148.00
Envelopes	\$ 2877.00
Offertory	\$ 166.00
Flowers	\$ 105.00

CHRISTMAS

Total:	\$ 2002.85
Envelopes	\$ 1320.00
Offertory	\$ 637.85
Flowers	\$ 45.00

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 I.C. parishioners. Please be generous.



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 will prepare and server dinner for people in need at The Salvation Army on the **First Monday** of every month.

We need groups of 3-4 people to volunteer. Please consider donating your time for this wonderful cause.

NEED SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY

Information please contact
Gina Kempf at 920-540-7804



**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES This Sunday,
December 29th
Happy New Year!**

Coordinator of Religious Education
Jessica Bielen jwier319@gmail.com



**JANUARY 3rd,
First Friday Adoration**

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. ***Please consider "adopting" an hour to sit with our Lord***

Please remember in your prayers:

*Ruthie Pliska, Mike Mrozek, Eileen Bronk,
Bette Maslowski, Bev Krusick, Myron Soik,
Clarence & Gladys Pampuch, Tom Schmenk,
Gladys Lepak, Ken Wierzba, Doris Wierzba,
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.

**2020 Calendars: A Special Thank you to
Pisarski Funeral Homes, 703 Second St,
Stevens Point and 2911 Plover Rd, Plover
for donating the calendars.**

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

*ANYONE REQUESTING PRAYERS please call Elsie
Mansavage 715-592-4174, 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.*

Can I join the Prayer Chain?

If you wish to become a member of our Prayer Chain call
Elsie or the Parish Office.

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

THANK YOU to parishioners for being **awesome** in donating supplies for our Hooked-on Love Advent project and the Religious Education students for making the baby blankets. Young mothers are grateful for your love shown to them with needed baby items. A large supply of baby items was delivered to "First Choice" and Portage County Prenatal Care Program to help support needy mothers and fathers. Thank you for the extra effort to give them a joyful Christmas and a good start on the New Year.

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Wishing you Birthday Blessings!

1st-Bonnie Herek, 5th Elsie Mansavage,
8th Bette Britz, 9th Joe Raschka, 10th Liz
Mocadlo, 12th-Elizabeth Yarbrough, 14th Marie
Helminiak & Romona Huff, 17th Kevin Zurawski,
28th LeRoy Feltz & Trevor Kluck
30th Tom Fields, 31st Julia Chodzinski

CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES FOR 2020: An note from Cathedral Corporation:
Due to a high influx of orders and some unexpected internal delays due to equipment upgrades, you will not be receiving your envelopes prior to the start of January. Our print department is severely backlogged and our team is working diligently to get your order to you as quickly as possible.

BUY SCRIP JANUARY 5th & 19th after Mass

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 3.9% from these businesses for using their cards. ***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.



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

It's all about **YOU!** January 6, 2020 Women on a Mission will meet at **6 pm** for an evening of fun, information, and relaxation. Wear comfortable clothes and receive a 10 minute chair massage, and an informative lesson on caring for yourself. Feel free to bring a small snack to share. Other activities will be offered for this laid-back evening. See you then and bring a friend. Any questions please contact Bernie Fritschler at 715-592-4654.



CARD PARTIES SUNDAYS in February and March



The Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw contest January 11th. Held at Rosholt elementary school gym. 10 am. till 1 pm. Contest is open fourth grade to eight grade. Any questions please call Mike at 715-592-6644

Sacred Heart students will be putting on a **Madrigal Dinner** called "Good King Wenceslaus" on **January 10 and 11**. Enjoy a dinner while being entertained with Renaissance style songs and skits. Tickets sold **ONLY** in advance are \$8 with ages 6 and under free. Tickets can be purchased at Sacred Heart: after weekend Masses and Sacred Heart Office.

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 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. More information call Jeremy at 715-630-2286

March for Life! Chicago, Jan. 11, Pro-Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah. See www.dioc.org/respect-life

Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-26, Major diocesan pilgrimage for youth and adults. Visit www.dioc.org/vya/march-4-life-2020/

St Bronislava. all-you-can-eat monthly breakfast. Sunday, January 5th, Serving 8:30 a.m.-Noon.

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. On Jan. 18 - La Crosse and Feb. 8 -Rothschild. For more information, go to: <https://dioc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, December 29

LECTOR Nora GREETERS: Sapa Family
USHERS Vincent, Julia, Eddie, Christine
SERVERS Raeana, Cassie, Madison
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Jim, Deb, Pat
MONEY COUNTERS LeRoy & Pat
MUSICIANS Bob & Sandie

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

LECTOR Kate GREETERS: Raeana/Linda
USHERS Mike & Nick
SERVERS Eddie, Vincent, Julia
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Dave, Kirk, Nora
MONEY COUNTERS Dave, Lorraine, Denise
MUSICIANS Jim & Deb



St. Mary's I.C. JANUARY

5th—Scrip Sold After Mass
6th— Women on a Mission 6:00 pm
14th— Finance Council Meeting
@ 6:30 pm
16th— Pastoral Council Meeting
@ 6:30 pm
19th-Family Mass & Donut Social
19th— Scrip Sold After Mass

Remember the Church Picnic when out shopping the good deals! Look 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! Thanks*