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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Thursday 9:00 - 11:30 am
Friday 8:30 - 11:30 am (or by appointment)

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5 pm English
Sunday: 11am English 12:30 pm Polish

HOLY MASS REQUESTS

Please use envelopes provided at the back of the church and place in collection basket or give to the priest.

BAPTISMS

Please give 2 weeks notice if possible

RECONCILIATION

Twenty minutes before Mass.

MARRIAGE

Couples are required to register for a marriage course and to make arrangements with the parish **one year** prior to the date of marriage.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If new to our parish community, you are most welcome to join our congregation. Pick up a registration form at the back of the church and submit it in the collection plate or to our pastor. Christian burials are reserved to parishioners, former parishioners & their spouses. All are expected to support the parish by sharing time, talent and treasure.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please notify the priest if any member of your family is hospitalized or ill at home. Holy Communion visits are made on the 1st Friday of the month. Emergency calls for the Anointing of the Sick made anytime upon request. Please remember our parish and cemeteries in your bequests.

OUR CEMETERIES

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Email: stmaryscemeteries@gmail.com
Web: www.stmaryswilno.com
Donations for maintaining our Cemeteries are most welcome. Tax deductible receipts will be issued.

PARISH COMMITTEES

Finance Committee:

Chairperson-Marilyn Shulist; Andrew Shulist, Basil Borutski

Cemetery Committee: Julie Ann Yaskolskie, Christine Recoskie, Dave Burchat, Lawrence Coulas, Richard Shulist, Ed Chippior

Altar Guild: Virginia Platt and Helpers, Lillian Shulist and Helpers

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Rosary Society: President-Lorraine Coulter; Treasurer-Margaret Brotton; Secretary-Marilyn Shulist; Membership-Marlene Shulist

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight-Richard Brotton 613-717-2841; Deputy Grand Knight-Delmar Recoskie

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST (SIERPIEŃ) 30, 2026 WEEK #35-36

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good.

Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well.

Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm.

Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end.

Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to join us for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 pm on Fridays.**

Thank you Fr. Mirek Olszewski, for your faithful service in our parish this past year. We wish you the best on your full time pastoral assignment in St. Casimir's, Round Lake.

We welcome **Fr. Pawel Ratajczak, OMI** to St. Mary's effective **Tues, Sept 1st, 2026.**

Congratulations to our First Reconciliation and First Communion candidates, **Isabelle Luckovitch, Mackenzie Matcheskie and Abigail Sullivan**, who received the sacrament last weekend.

As **school classes begin on Wed, Sept 2nd**, grant every student, teacher, and staff member safety, peace of mind, and a joyful heart as they step into this fresh season of learning and growth.

Visitation of the sick will be on **Fri, Sept 4th**. If you wish to be added to the list, please call the parish office.

Knights of Columbus meeting on Thurs, Sept 10th at 7:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Rosary Society meeting on Mon, Sept 21st, at 6:30 pm in the rectory. All members are encouraged to attend.

The next Parish Raffle **draw date is Sun, Sept 27th**. There are only **100 tickets** and each ticket sells for **\$20.00**. Contact Basil Borutski, Lorraine Coulter, Marilyn Shulist, or Andrew Shulist, if you wish to purchase a ticket.

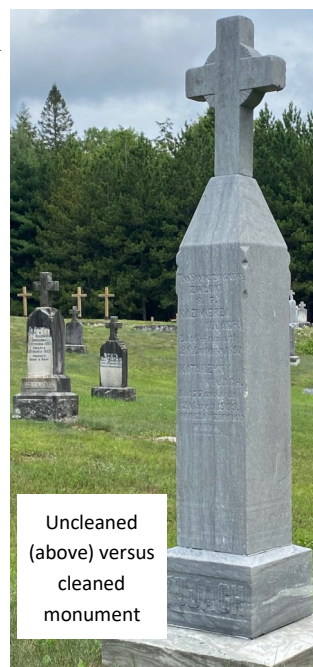
We, as friends and families of our deceased, have an affinity for visiting cemeteries where our deceased are buried. We all have expectations of our cemeteries similar to the importance and pride of keeping our resident homes attractive and inviting. The members of the parish cemetery committee feel the same way and are continuously making an effort to make our cemeteries a place of respect. Grounds care is but one aspect of that commitment.

The annual monetary interest that the committee receives from our investments amount to about \$3,800 for grounds maintenance and \$300 for the care of monuments. From this you can see that the committee is somewhat stretched when it comes to not only ongoing upkeep of the grounds but enhancements to the grounds. And furthermore, you can't repair or clean many monuments for \$300.

St. Mary Cemetery has a layout that makes maintenance relatively easy. St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, which is the repose of over 1000 persons, dates back to 1876 and in that respect has unique characteristics unlike St. Mary Cemetery. Preservation of a legacy cemetery heavily focuses on long-term historical preservation, and permanent family heritage. While all cemeteries serve as resting places, a legacy cemetery functions actively as a cultural monument to ensure the stories of those buried are never forgotten. For us those are the challenges we are trying to keep pace with.

We as a whole parish community, along with the cemetery committee, have a responsibility for St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery. Dave Burchat has done a wonderful job in maintaining our grounds. He also has cleaned a number of monuments at the request of families. We would like to continue that.... to give the cemetery a fresh and uniform appearance. Currently a lot of engraving is unreadable and the monuments are covered with lichen and mould.

So where is this going. Well, at this time, we are looking for donations to revitalize the remaining monuments at St. Stanislaus Kostka. This may seem like an unconventional and unusual request but the Cemetery Committee feels its a good time to bring the "other" cemetery up to a level that shows respect and consideration for all our interred. If you can help, your donation will be much appreciated and we thank you in advance. Designate your donation to monument cleaning. Receipts for Tax Purposes will be issued for all donations.



Uncleaned
(above) versus
cleaned
monument

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday, Aug 30—22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00 am (English) For all of our Parishioners

12:30 pm (Polish) +Janina Czerniawska (Daughter, Aline)

Monday, Aug 31—No Mass

Tuesday, Sept 1

7:00 pm Special Intention (Linda Shulist)

Wednesday, Sept 2—Blessed Andre Grasset

7:00 pm All living & deceased members family members (David & Mary Yantha)

Thursday, Sept 3—St. Gregory the Great

7:00 pm +Adolph & Stella Burchat & departed souls of Burchat & Prince families (Burchat Family)

Friday, Sept 4—Blessed Dina Belanger

7:00 pm +Ambrose Chippior (Gilda Chippior)

Saturday, Sept 5—St. Teresa of Calcutta

5:00 pm +Ronnie Yantha (Anniv) (Barb & Joe Yaskolskie)

In your prayers remember:



- * Our sick and hospitalized
- * Our elderly parishioners.
- * All those at the manor, lodge and homebound.
- * Our deceased family & friends.



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Sunday, Sept 6—23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00 am (English) God's blessing for Harper, Charlotte & Chelsea on their 1st baptism anniversary (Grandparents: K & M Dudek)

12:30 pm (Polish) For all of our Parishioners

Monday, Sept 7—No Mass

Tuesday, Sept 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 pm +Bernice & Edward Bleskie (Bleskie Family)

Wednesday, Sept 9—St. Peter Claver

7:00 pm +Florence, Dominic & Carl Lorbetskie (Rose Marie & Gerard Lorbetskie)

Thursday, Sept 10

7:00 pm +Paul, Evelyn & Abby Cybulskie (Parishioner)

Friday, Sept 11

6:00 pm Adoration
7:00 pm +Antonina Stencel (Genowefa & Krzysztof Grabowski)

Saturday, Sept 12

5:00 pm +Frank Pecarski (Emmett & Frances Pecarski)

Sunday, Sept 13—24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00 am (English) For all of our Parishioners

12:30 pm (Polish) +Michalina Jóźwik & deceased, family members:: Wierzbicki, Swierzbinski, Padłowski (Barbara)

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DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diocesan Weekly Online Prayer Meetings: In light of the situation taking place in the Pontiac Deanery, the Diocesan Online Weekly Prayer Meetings, led by Viviane Shank (of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Corbeil, Ontario), would like to lend our support in prayer and invite fellow parishioners of the Pembroke diocese to join us on-line in the coming weeks as we pray together, “*A Rosary for Priests*”. “*A Rosary for Priests*” is a devotional rosary structured to pray for the sanctification, strength and protection of Catholic priests. You are welcome to join us online any Mon night **from Aug 17th through to Sept 28th 7:30 pm – 8:15 pm** via Zoom (participants can log into the waiting room as early as 7:15 pm). Through the Zoom app, first time participants may enter the Meeting ID directly: **Meeting ID#: 814 1171 6854**. Regular participants will receive a weekly email with the Zoom link. If you require technical support on how to use Zoom on your phone, tablet or computer or have trouble logging in, please call our tech lead, Robert Poisson at 416 560-7024.

The **Marriage Preparation dates** for the coming year are set. Locations are still being finalized. I will notify you of each venue as it is confirmed. ****PLEASE NOTE**** Each course runs with a minimum of four couples and a maximum of ten. A course that fills will close, and one that does not reach four will not run — so please encourage couples to register early. The Registration Form for the next available date will be found on the diocesan website. Contact Patrick Sullivan for more information. 613-732-7933 ext 208 or email at family@pembrokedioocese.com. Course dates are as follows: Fall 2026: Sat, Oct 17th and Sat, Oct 31st, Winter 2027: Sat, Feb 6th and Sat, Feb 20, Spring 2027: Sat, Apr 3rd and Sat, Apr 17th, Summer 2027: Sat, May 8th and Sat, May 29th and Late Summer 2027: Sat, Aug 14th and Sat, Aug 28th.

Got questions about life, faith, or God? Join us for **Alpha!** Each session includes a snack board, a short video exploring the basics of the Christian faith, and an honest, open discussion where you can share your thoughts. **Thursdays, starting Sept 17th, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** at St Andrew’s Catholic Church, Killaloe. Invite a friend or family member that isn’t connected to the Church or come on your own. To register or for more information alphastandrews2026@gmail.com or Byron at 705 297 8981

Join the **Grey Sisters** and staff to celebrate a Century of Service among God’s People at the Grey Sisters Caritas Residence on 215 Deacon St, Pembroke on **Sat, Sept 12 from 1:00-4:00 pm**.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Bancroft invites you to a **buffet on Sun, Sept 13th from 11:30 am to 6:00 pm. Tickets \$25.00.**

St. Francis de Sales in Latchford Bridge is hosting a **Show n Shine** on **Sept 26th**, the Feast of the Holy Canadian Martyrs at 4:00 pm. . The event will be followed by Mass and a harvest themed potluck dinner. Please see poster at the back of the church or contact katrinaboguski@hotmail.ca for more information. Rosary 5:30 pm, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm and Potluck dinner to follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister		Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Sat, Sept 5—5 pm	Hannah Sullivan	Jason Yantha	Sat, Sept 12—5 pm	Edwin Echavarry	Edwin Echavarry
Sun, Sept 6—11 am	Andrzej Wielgosz	Michael Coulas	Sun, Sept 13—11 am	Martin Yakabuski	Ed Chippior
12:30 pm (Polish)	Andrzej Suska		12:30 (Polish)	Catherine Boskie	
Altar Guild:		Sept 14-27—Lillian Shulist & Helpers			

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Please use stmaryswilno@gmail.com when you are making an **eTransfer** from your bank account. It will be directly deposited and the church will be notified. There is a section to make a note, **please indicate if donation is regular Sunday collection, building fund, In Memory Of (with name) or St. Mary’s Cemeteries. Also, if you are not a parishioner, please provide mailing address there.** All donations will be recorded as usual, designated as per request, and will appear on the year end tax receipt.

Additionally, we have envelopes with **In Memory Pamphlet** available for pick up at the funeral home, or at the back of the church for **St. Mary’s Building and Renovation Fund, St. Mary’s and St. Stanislaus Koska Cemeteries or Mass Offering.** Thank you for your continued support.