

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday ** No Mass **
Thursday 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 8:30 a.m. + Joan Gaster
Offered by Beanie & Don Leffler

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. + Mary Grabski
Offered by Mike & Jacqie Glime
Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Pete Podnar
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 17

Sacristan - Heather Roberts
Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain
Lector - Aubrey Pataconi
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, May 18

Sacristan - Al & Mary Kay Williams
Eucharistic Minister - Sally Neuens
Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski
Money Counters - Jerry Divine & Dorothy Vayda

Thank you to all our volunteers for your continued support of our ministries!!

Sat. Collection	Loose...\$140.00	Envelope....\$325.00	Total.....\$465.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$155.00	Envelope....\$365.00	Total.....\$520.00
	Electronic &	Other.....\$160.00	Total.....\$160.00
Easter Flower...	\$10.00	Total Collections	\$1,155.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$3,290.00	

Our Deepest Condolences

The parish family extends our prayers and sympathy to all of the family and friends of **John Merhalski** and **Richard Meyers**, who passed away recently. May we continue to keep John and Richard and all their family in loving prayer during this difficult time.

*Grant eternal life to our brothers, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Let the angels welcome them into Paradise and help us comfort each other with the assurance of our faith.
May they rest in peace.*



Pictured Left: John Merhalski was a proud graduate of Florence High School and a life-long member of St. Marys. He was a dedicated 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus and will be missed by his family and friends.



Pictured Right: Richard Meyers was born in Florence and served in the United States Air Force. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nora, his many children and grandchildren, family and friends. He will be deeply missed.

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Bakers Wanted: We will have our Annual Memorial Day Weekend bake sale May 24 & 25. Please sign-up in the entryway if you are able to help with a delicious treat or canned good. The proceeds help with needs within our church and towards a scholarship for a graduating senior active in our parish. If you are available to work the table Saturday or Sunday, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your help!!



May is the Month of Mary: Please join us as we pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother after Mass the Saturdays and Sundays of May.

If you are willing to lead the Rosary at either Mass, please see the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Thank you for your consideration as we dedicate the month of May to Mary!

The Koinonia Community invites YOU to come and experience a retreat weekend! Koinonia meets everyone where they are at and assists them on their spiritual journey. The weekend consists of talks, discussions, reflections, sharing, prayer, and liturgical celebrations. Join us and encounter Jesus while continuing life's journey. For more information, please see the flyer in the back of church or contact:

Larry & Barb Neuens

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St. Mary’s has raised \$5,845.00 towards our goal of \$9,274.00.

There are pledge cards available in the entryway. Thank you for your support!



Knights of Columbus

Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara. For more information contact: Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379

Lead with faith ~ Protect your family ~ Serve others ~ Defend your values



Friends, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected on Thursday to lead the church as the 267th successor to St. Peter, making him the first pope from the United States. He chose the name Leo XIV. In his first public remark, he urged the world to seek peace and remember those who suffer. We also celebrate

Mother’s Day this weekend. It’s a wonderful occasion to shower mom with flowers, goodies, brunch - all things to let her know how much she is appreciated. Happy Mother’s Day!!!

The 4th Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because of today’s Gospel from John chapter 10, where Jesus shares the iconic shepherd metaphor. In the time of Jesus, a shepherd was considered a lowly occupation, often done by incompetent workers who would rather run and let their sheep die when confronted by the wolf. Jesus, in contrast, declares in today’s Gospel that he is the Good Shepherd whose sheep will never perish. Jesus says: “No one can take them out of my hand.” Jesus elevates that relationship between sheep and shepherd by comparing it with the intimate relationship shared between him and his Father, an intimacy that of Father-Son and at the same time a life-giving commitment.

In the Second Reading from the Book of Revelation, John has a vision of “a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue. The One who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore. . . For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water.” As our Good Shepherd, Jesus embraces ALL who seek him. He calls all people to holiness in the life-giving waters of Baptism. And he leads us to the divine love he shares with his Father.

~ Fr. Soja

Part-time parish secretary wanted: We are looking for someone interested in working two days a week. Training will be provided. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the office. The office will be open varied hours on Thursday and Friday until we find a replacement for Heather. Thank you to Heather for her time here and many blessings at her new job! We are delighted she will still be with us at St. Mary’s as a parishioner.

*** The Easter Lilies along the back window are available to anyone interested in giving them a new home.*

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