

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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*Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...*

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday, 09/01, 5:30 p.m. +Leonard & Carol Zaleski  
*Offered by Matt McCarthy*

Thursday, 09/03, 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, 09/04, 8:30 a.m. +Frank “Skip” Bilsky  
*Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer*

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 09/05, 6:00 p.m. +Gloria Merhalski  
*Offered by Joe and Sue Mills*

Sunday, 09/06 8:30 a.m. +Clarence Nicholls  
*Offered by Al and MaryKay Williams*

+ Deceased, Tg. Thanksgiving  
Confession available 30 minutes before all masses.

Weekend Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, 09/05**  
Sacristan – Kathy Fabry  
Eucharistic Minister – Kathy Fabry  
Lector – Missy Roberts  
Lead Usher - *Volunteer Needed*

**Sunday, 09/06**  
Sacristan – Clara McLain  
Eucharistic Minister – Bill DeGroot  
Lector – Bill DeGroot  
Lead Usher – Jay Glime  
Money Counters – Jay and Lori Glime

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>08/22 Sat. Coll.</b>           | Loose.....\$47.00          | Envelope.....\$535.00  | Total.....\$582.00 |
| <b>08/23 Sun. Coll.</b>           | Loose.....\$254.00         | Envelope.....\$445.00  | Total.....\$699.00 |
| <b>Building Fund:.....\$25.00</b> | <b>Misc.: ....\$250.00</b> | Electronic.....\$40.00 | Total.....\$315.00 |
| <b>Total Collections</b>          |                            |                        | <b>\$1,596.00</b>  |
| Budget:                           | \$1,800.00                 | 2025: \$1,562.00       |                    |

***In Honor of the Holy Spirit...***

**The Gift of Knowledge** enables the soul to judge created things at their true worth in their relation to God. Knowledge unmask their emptiness and points out their true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity and directs us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by the light of Knowledge, we put first things first and treasure the friendship of God beyond all else.

“**Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge** and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father. **Come, Holy Spirit, Come.” Amen**

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from both August meetings of the Pastoral Council and Finance Council are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Copies of the Meeting Minutes are available upon request by contacting the Parish Office.

**Cleaning Position Available:** St. Mary’s is looking for someone to clean the Rectory twice per month. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 715-528-3310.

**Bible Study:** Would anyone be interested in forming a Bible study or prayer group for the fall and winter? Please contact the parish office or Carla Kramer (715-616-2060) to share your interest and preferences.

**Office Hours:** This week the Parish Office will be open Mon. & Tues. from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and Wed. & Fri. from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO  
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

**Upcoming Wedding:** St. Mary’s joyfully announces the upcoming marriage of Logan Doll and Hope Gerend. Please pray for Logan and Hope as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Mary’s on Saturday, September 19, 2026. *“Almighty God, give them your blessing and strengthen their love for each other.”*

**New Parish Lending Library:** St. Mary’s is excited to introduce our new Parish Lending Library located next to the bell tower. The sign for the library will be added soon. Thank you to John Phillips for building and donating the Lending Library and to Dan Jazinski for helping John install it. We hope to offer a selection of books to promote wholesome, family reading and help both adults and children grow in their faith.

- **How it works:** Simply choose a book, read it, enjoy it, and return it, so others can enjoy it, too.
- **Donations:** We are looking for gently used books, especially those that help grow our faith such as books about the lives of the Saints, prayer books, Catholic fiction and children’s books. We cannot accept outdated reference books, worn, torn or damaged books, non-Catholic religious materials or secular books.
- **How to Donate:** Bring your books to the parish office during regular business hours and place them in the designated bin. Please be mindful of the limited space in the Lending Library when donating books. A committee needs to review the books before placing them in the Lending Library. Thank you for sharing your resources and helping our parish community grow in faith with family reading!

St. Mary’s Lending Library is a special “Welcome Back” gift for parishioners going back to school and to church! We can “Grow in our Faith, one book at a time”.

**Parish Landscaping:** Our beautiful flower beds are being groomed over the next few weeks. Please help yourself to the pots of free perennials in front of the Church and return the pots after planting if possible. We extend a HUGE thank you to Debbie Gibson and Kathy Fabry for their hard work. If you would like to donate for future landscaping needs, please place your donation in an envelope labeled Landscaping and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.



**Knights of Columbus**

Local Council #2847 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 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, in our first reading the prophet Jeremiah was persecuted and was tempted, the devil prevailed for a short while, but eventually Jeremiah came by and remained firm in his efforts and conviction to follow the Lord wholeheartedly, and to continue to speak the truth of God.

In our second reading, St. Paul in his Epistle to the Church and the faithful in Rome, reminded the faithful there to lead lives that were truly faithful and committed to God, resisting the worldly and pagan ways of life around them, to be always ever righteous and committed to the Law and commandments of God.

In our Gospel passage today, the Lord speaking to His disciples, declared that He would eventually have to face His enemies and those who would oppress Him, and how He would suffer and die in Jerusalem. He told Satan off through St. Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan!” To highlight just how susceptible any one of us is to the temptations and persuasions of the evil one, and how he has always been busy at work in trying to subvert and destroy us all.

To be Christians means that we must do what the Lord Himself had told us, that we must carry our crosses just as He has carried His Cross. Christ took upon his body our sinfulness and reconciled us to the Father. At the Eucharist Christ offers his divine self to be in us, inviting us to carry in our bodies his presence always to be like Him: in love, holiness, forgiving and to be selfless like Jesus.

Fr. Soja

**Fr. Soja’s Upcoming Schedule and Visiting Priests:**

Fr. Soja will be away on a Holiday from Sept. 7th-Oct. 1st. There will be no Daily Masses or Eucharistic Adoration during that time.

Fr. Tim Shillox will be St. Mary’s celebrant for masses the weekend of Sept. 12th-13th.

Fr. Mike Betley will be St. Mary’s celebrant for masses the weekends of Sept. 19th - 20th and Sept. 26th - 27th.

**Current Bishop’s Appeal Total:**

\$9,480.00

**Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:**

\$8,880.00

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