

# 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 5:30 p.m. For the People  
 Thursday 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
 Friday 8:30 a.m. For the People

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Tg Bob & Margaret  
 Minreck & Family  
*Offered by Joe & Sue Mills*  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased  
 Members of the Zelten Family  
*Offered by Dan & Kathy Jazinski*

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, July 20

Sacristan - Dan Throm  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Throm  
 Lector - \* Volunteer Needed \*  
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

### Sunday, July 21

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Bill DeGroot  
 Lector - Bill DeGroot  
 Lead Usher - Jay Glime  
 Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

\* Church and office cleaners needed.\*  
 Please contact the office if interested.

6/29 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$111.00	Envelope.....\$575.00	Total.....\$686.00
6/30 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$550.21	Envelope.....\$975.00	Total.....\$1,525.21
	<b>Electronic &amp; Other.....\$1,240.00</b>		<b>Total.....\$1,240.00</b>
		<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$3,451.21</b>
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$2,486.00	
7/06 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$38.00	Envelope.....\$90.00	Total.....\$128.00
7/07 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$586.00	Envelope...\$1,090.00	Total.....\$1,676.00
	<b>Electronic &amp; Other.....\$190.00</b>		<b>Total.....\$190.00</b>
		<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$1,994.00</b>
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,361.00	



**Our Deepest Condolences** to all of the family and friends of **Bridget King**, who passed away recently. May we continue to keep Bridget and all her family in loving prayer during this difficult time.

Visitation for Bridget will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Florence, WI, followed by a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. Burial will take place in the St. Mary’s Cemetery in Commonwealth, WI. A luncheon will follow the services at the parish hall.

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

## ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Friends, the readings of this weekend are all about our call to belonging to the kingdom of God. In the first reading, we hear about the call of prophet Amos. He was a simple shepherd. He did not seek this role. He obeyed God’s call and spoke His message to Israel. This shows us that God can call anyone, no matter their back-

ground. The apostles were called from their daily work. Just as Jesus sent out the apostles to spread His message and heal in pairs, this prayer reminds us of our role in promoting God’s peace and justice. It highlights the importance of forgiveness, mercy, and working towards a just world. God calls each of us to a mission.

In the second reading from Ephesians, we learn about the spiritual blessings we have in Christ. We are blessed with spiritual riches. We can list our blessings as: we are chosen, redeemed, knowing God’s will, and sealed with the Holy Spirit. Being chosen means God has a special purpose for us. We are redeemed with the price of the blood of the lamb to live eternally with God. Being “sealed with the Holy Spirit” means we belong to God. We are protected and guided by the Holy Spirit. We are encouraged to recognize and walk in these riches as sons and daughters of God.

As a family and as a parish community we encourage each other and stay committed to our mission. Just like the apostles in pairs, good friends in faith help us stay strong and focused. He gives them authority over unclean spirits. He tells them to travel light and be willing to go where He sends. It teaches us to trust in God’s providence. They had to rely on the hospitality of others. The apostles preached repentance to everyone they met and healed the sick. Faith, reconciliation and forgiveness are accompanied by healing and restoration of body and soul.

~ Fr. Soja

**Parish Council:** We welcome and congratulate Mr. Dennis Podnar for volunteering to be part of the Parish Council.

**Welcome to our new Parish Secretaries:** Jean Fornetti and Heather Roberts will be our new parish secretaries. The parish office will be open Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30-2:30, beginning this week.

**Fr. Soja’s Absence:** Fr. Soja was away last weekend for the mission preaching in Oconto and Sobieski. This weekend he is in Suamico for the mission appeal preaching.

**Second Collection next weekend for the Missionary Cooperation Plan:** Sisters Celestine Kalunge & Cecilia Ndile of the Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi (LSOSF) were founded in 1923 in Uganda by Mother Mary Kevin Kearney (Servant of God), a Franciscan Missionary Sister from Ireland. Since our founding, the LSOSF Institute has grown and now the sisters witness and do ministry in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and a few sisters in the US-Mission. There are about 820 members in the LSOSF Institute serving in diverse countries.

The **Mission** of the LSOSF is to reach out with compassion to the poor and marginalized of our society, following in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi and Mother Kevin our Foundress. The LSOSF are involved in diverse ministries in areas of Education, Healthcare, Social work, and Pastoral Services especially in rural villages and among the urban poor whom we are called to love and serve.

We are kindly appealing for your support for our ministries especially our programs for the vulnerable children we care for in East Africa: *the homeless street children, the orphans, children with diverse disabilities and our feeding programs for the children from poor families that struggle to provide food and other basic needs to their children.* The challenges of our time are many and global and continue to affect us all differently. From the global pandemic that affected us all, to the rising costs of food and necessities, high cost of living, lack of rains and food insecurity, prolonged droughts, effects of war and inflation, all these and many others have increased our challenges and have led to an increase in poverty globally. Our programs for the most vulnerable that we serve in Africa are more vital now more than ever as through these ministries, we can bring hope and witness to God’s love with those God has entrusted to our care.

We humbly request for your prayers and financial support to enable us to continue our service to the people entrusted to our care. Please know that no donation is too small to make a difference. God bless you all abundantly.

Sr. Nancy Kamau - LSOSF  
 Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi

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 Local Council #2847 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.  
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