

# WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

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

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

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There will be *no weekday masses or Eucharistic adoration* Monday Aug. 5 - Thursday Aug. 29, except for **August 15th @ 5:30pm**; the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 8/10 6:00 p.m. +Bernie Englebert

*Offered by Tina Sauer*

Sunday 8/11 8:30 a.m. +Lyle VandenHeuvel

*Offered by Tom Brandt*

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, August 10th

Sacristan - Parker Family

Eucharistic Ministers - \*Volunteer Needed

Lector - Evan Parker

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

### Sunday, August 11th

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry

Eucharistic Ministers - Sally Neuens

Lector - Kathy Jazinski

Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski

Money Counters -

Dan & Kathy Jazinski

\* Church and office cleaners needed.\*

Please contact the office if interested.

7/27 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$150.00	Envelope....\$50.00	Total.....\$200.00
7/28 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$443.00	Envelope....\$534.00	Total.....\$977.00
	Electronic... \$1,175.00	Other/Misc.... \$2,652.50	Total....\$3,827.50
		<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$5,004.50</b>
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 2,300.00	

Fr. Soja will be away **Monday Aug. 5 - Thursday Aug. 29.**

*Our guest priests and schedule are found below:*

**Saturday Evening @ 6pm**, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24 - Fr. Dan Dapaah

**\*Thursday Evening @ 5:30pm**, 8/15 - Fr. Mark McQuestion

**Sunday Morning @ 8:30am**, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25 - Fr. Peter Fosu

While Fr. Soja is on vacation, we will hold **Vespers** (Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer) on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings @ 6:30pm**. Please join us for this liturgical prayer of the Church and a chaplet of Divine Mercy. Prayers and instructions will be provided.

**Dates:** Tuesdays: 6,13, 20 & 27.

Thursday: 8, 22 & 29

Prayer for Vocations

*Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the call. Your son Jesus told us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. We turn to you now and ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to awaken the hearts of those whom you are calling to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Green Bay.*

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

Please pick up any funeral food dishes in the parish hall.

We are updating our funeral ministry’s list. If you’d be willing to help out with funerals, please call the parish office.

**Bishop’s Appeal:** We will participate in the \$25 on August 25 Campaign. More information can be found below.

### \$25 on the 25th of August

The objective is to have parishioners donate \$25 on the 25th. This will occur on the weekend of Aug 24-25 to help us reach our Bishop’s Appeal goal.

**The Catholic Foundation must receive ALL gifts before Friday, September 30, 2024. Gifts will be applied toward your 2024 goal. The Foundation will send thank you letters to those who contribute to this effort.**

**Raising Vocations Is Counting on You:** A spiritual family needs spiritual leaders. That is why the Raising Vocations Collection is so important. By now, you most likely received a letter from Bishop Ricken requesting your help in supporting young men and women on their faith journey. Please return your generous contribution to this collection, using the pledge card and return envelope you received in the mail. A gift of \$25, \$100, \$250, or more will make a huge difference now—and for the future of our Church. Thank you for helping them today, so they may say “yes” to the Lord! Every gift makes a difference. Friends and followers of Jesus support one another! To make your gift today, visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give) or call Tammy Danz at 920-272-8123.

### St. Vincent DePaul

Activities for April/May/June 63/57/51 Families served through Pantry/Commodities:

April 110, May 87, June 98

One family was helped with a mattress, one with property taxes, and one with a car payment.

The store is always in need of help.

If interested call 528-4720 to volunteer.



Friends, the Catholic Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This devotion venerates Mary's physical heart because it is the seat of her love, virtue, and inner life. We celebrate her Assumption on 15<sup>th</sup> and Queenship on 22<sup>nd</sup>. The readings this weekend reveal

the heart and mind of Jesus as well. Jesus identifies Himself as the bread of life, offering spiritual nourishment that never fades. Those who come to Him will never hunger or thirst. Jesus tells the crowd to seek food that endures for eternal life. Jesus’ words invite us to seek Him above all else. While physical food sustains our bodies, Jesus provides what our souls truly need. By coming to Jesus and believing in Him, we find true fulfillment and purpose.

The word of God challenges us to reflect on what we are seeking in life. Are we focused on temporary, earthly things or on the eternal, spiritual nourishment that Jesus offers? The Israelites’ longing for Egypt’s fleshpots represents our own struggles with sin and temptation. Just as God provided manna to sustain the Israelites, He gives us the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment on our journey towards liberation. We should seek the bread of life, which offers eternal sustenance, rather than the perishable goods of this world. This journey is difficult, but God’s faithful support helps us persevere.

John 6 is not just symbolic but a reality that fulfills our deepest spiritual hunger. It is underscoring the importance of trusting Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to meet our spiritual needs through the Eucharist. While the world offers many good things, they are temporary and cannot satisfy our ultimate hunger. Eucharist, which is Christ Himself, is the only food that can truly fulfill our spiritual needs and lead us to eternal life. We are reminded that God knows our needs and responds to them in His way and time. The bread from heaven was a gift to sustain the Israelites. In our lives, God continues to provide for our needs, both physical and spiritual.

~ Fr. Soja

*Prayer is Powerful!*

Our prayer line for the month of August has been updated and is available for your continued prayers and support!

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**Knights of Columbus**  
 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.  
 For more information contact:  
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