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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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday, 11/24, 5:30 p.m. +Paul Kowalkowski
Offered by Mike and Carolyn Lemanski

Thurs., 11/26, 4:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day-No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, 11/27, 8:30 a.m. +Fr. Ken DeGroot
Offered by Bill and Trudy DeGroot

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 11/28, 6:00 p.m. +Delores "Dee" Gatzow
Offered by Al and MaryKay Williams

Sunday, 11/29 8:30 a.m. +Caryl Novara
Offered by John and Donna Phillips

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 11/28
Sacristan – Dan Throm
Eucharistic Ministers – Dan Throm
Lector – Missy Roberts
Lead Usher - ***Volunteer Needed***

Sunday, 11/29
Sacristan – Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Ministers – Bill DeGroot
Lector – Bill DeGroot
Lead Usher – Jay Glime
Money Counters – Dorothy Vayda & Maggie Schalow

11/14 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....$105.00	Envelope.....$305.00	Total.....$410.00
11/15 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....$262.00	Envelope.....$475.00	Total.....$737.00
	Misc.....$670.00	Electronic.....$40.00	Total.....$710.00
		Total Collections	**$1,857.00**
Budget:	$1,800.00	2025: $1,148.00	

2026 Holiday and Holy Day Mass Times

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day
Goodman 9:00 a.m. Mass
Florence **No Eucharistic Adoration**
Tuesday, December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Goodman 9:00 a.m. Mass
Florence **5:30 p.m. Mass**
Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
Goodman 4:00 p.m. Mass
Florence **6:00 p.m. Mass**
Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day
Florence **8:30 a.m. Mass**
Armstrong Creek 10:30 a.m. Mass
Thursday, December 31 – New Year's Eve
Florence **5:30 p.m. Mass (No Euch. Adoration)**
Friday, January 1, 2027 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Florence **8:30 a.m. Mass**
Armstrong Creek 10:30 a.m. Mass

The Parish Office will be closed on Nov. 26th-27th to celebrate and thank our Lord for His many blessings. Happy Thanksgiving!

In honor of Christ's birth and to foster time with family and friends, the office will also be closed Dec. 24th – Jan. 1st and will reopen on Monday, January 4th, 2027. Merry Christmas!

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ST. MARY'S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



The Annual Hunter's Bake Sale: Thank you to all who donated, sold and baked for the Hunter's Bake Sale this past weekend! You are truly appreciated!

St. Hubert is the Patron Saint of Hunters: A famous tradition tells of Hubert seeing a cross between a stag's antlers while hunting. He heard a voice saying that if he did not amend his ways he would spend eternity in Hell. Shaken to his soul, he allowed the grace of God to change his heart and his life.

While out enjoying nature or sitting in your deer stand, take time to talk and listen to God and say a prayer for the beauty of God's creation. We hope you have a safe and fruitful hunt!

The Giving Tree: Let us all open our hearts and make the Giving Tree a success! Everyone is encouraged to participate. Children can learn to share their Christmas with others less fortunate than themselves. Please reach up, take an ornament from the tree and make someone's Christmas brighter by returning the gift to the Parish, unwrapped, with the tag attached by Dec. 6th. Thank You!!!



Thank You: Thank you to all who volunteered for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Pat's Foods on Friday, November 20th. Your time to help those less fortunate is greatly appreciated!

Paid Position: Sidewalk Snow Removal: St. Mary's continues to seek a reliable person to clear snow and ice from our church sidewalks and entryways this winter. ***This is a paid position with a snowblower and shovels being provided.*** Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

Medicare Open Enrollment: Open Enrollment for Medicare continues through Dec. 7th. For free, unbiased help contact Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Florence County at 715-528-4890.

Knights of Columbus Thank You: We are thankful for their generous donation to our parish.



Friends, this weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. God promised David that out of his line a king and the Messiah would be born. The wise men from the east came to meet the newborn king in a manger in Bethlehem, not in a palace. So, He was accessible for the wise men and the poor shepherds alike.

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. And I have come from the Father." And how did he come to take possession of his kingdom? How did he become the ultimate authority with power over nations? Certainly not the way they expected. For he was born in a poor little stable made only for animals' shelter. He lived simply, purely, and graciously as he went among his people. And they hardly knew that the Messiah was with them, and that the Messiah had finally arrived. They did not recognize him because they were looking for a king of power and strength, who would take vengeance on those who they felt had hurt them. They didn't expect a man who would take as his throne a cross. And take as his golden crown, a crown of thorns. And who would be meek and humble and, to the very end, give every drop of his own blood that they might find that they had finally come upon the true King.

Jesus is the king who conquered the world with the power of divine love. The power and authority of Christ is in loving even the enemies. The only way to express love is by giving and not taking. It is by becoming as Jesus was strong and firm; wonderful, in the sense that he was filled with the wonder of God Himself. And so today, as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we are called to work with this King. And this King is the one who dies on the cross, rises from the dead, and is with his people. Mother Teresa says, "God is love, and unless we learn to love as Jesus loves, we will never touch God."

Fr. Soja

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Advent Season: We will begin lighting the Advent wreath next weekend. A new candle is lit on the wreath every week, and prayers are said as we reflect on the coming of Christ. If any families or friends would like to light the candle on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning mass, please see the signup sheet in the back of church. This is a beautiful tradition that helps remind us of the true reason for the season. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.



Knights of Columbus
Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Hall in Niagara.
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