

# WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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## Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. + Jeremy Donaldson  
*Offered by Dan & Gail Donaldson*  
Thursday 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
Friday 8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
*Offered by Mark & Carla Kramer*

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. + Jack & Elaine Rochon  
*Offered by Mike & Jacqie Glime*  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Adeline Kramer & Alice Gardner  
*Offered by Mark & Carla Kramer*

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, May 18

Sacristan - Brant & Cindy Brolin  
Eucharistic Minister - Volunteer if needed  
Lector - Yvonne Leslie  
Lead Usher - Tom Williams

### Sunday, May 19

Sacristan - Roy Rietz  
Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams  
Lector - Al Williams  
Lead Usher - Jerry Divine  
Money Counters - Dorothy Vayda & Jerry Divine

Church & Office Cleaning: Sue Mills

Sat. Collection	Loose....\$160.00	Envelope....\$265.00	Total.....\$425.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$215.00	Envelope....\$630.00	Total.....\$845.00
	Electronic & Other.....\$2,020.00	Total...\$2,020.00	
		<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$3,290.00</b>
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$983.00	

**Baccalaureate Breakfast:** St. Mary’s will have the Baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 19 for our graduating seniors. We will be serving a breakfast for the graduates and their families after Mass in honor of their accomplishments. If you can help with setup, making a dish, or cleanup, please contact the parish office.

**Bakers Wanted:** We will have our Annual Memorial Day Weekend bake sale May 25 & 26. Please sign-up in the entryway if you are able to help with a delicious treat or canned good. The proceeds go toward a scholarship for a graduating senior. If you are available to work the table Saturday or Sunday, please contact the parish office. Thank you!!

**May is the Month of Mary:** Please join us during the month of May as we pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother after Mass the Saturdays and Sundays of May. If you are willing to help lead the Rosary at either Mass, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the back of church. We are still in need of volunteers for the last weekends of May. Thank you to those who already signed up to help!

**Parish Directory Update:** Due to a lack of interest, we will not be doing a parish directory at this time. Thank you to those who replied.

## ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**Volunteers Needed:** Please contact the Parish Office if you can help water the plants a few times a week this summer. Thank you for your consideration.

**Second Collection for Home Missions:** The annual collection for Home Missions - Our Own Needs will take place May 18 & 19. The collection supports the Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communications & Evangelization, Catholic Home Missions, and the Catholic University of America. This consolidated collection helps the Church evangelize in the US, including here in the Diocese of Green Bay. Your support helps the Church spread the gospel message and form many in their faith.

**The Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** will be welcoming back Marian Day this year. Marian Day will be held at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in New Franken on Thursday, May 16, 2024. The theme this year will be “Mary, Virgin Most Powerful.” Our guest speaker will be Father Edward Looney, Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish – Shawano, Author, Documentary Host and Podcaster. The day begins at 8:30 a.m., and a final farewell will be at approximately 3:00 p.m. Your day will consist of Mass, May Crowning, reflections of Mary, lunch, Rosary, Benediction and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Deadline for registration is May 13, 2024. For more details, please call Paula Freimuth at 920-860-6682.

**The Dickinson Golden K Club (GK) is seeking new members:** GK is a service club of senior volunteers, whose main focus is special needs youth of our tri-county area and enjoyable senior fellowship. Meetings are held every Monday at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford from 10-11 a.m. There is a program each week with a guest speaker or entertainment. GK welcomes anyone to join them to see what they’re about. Questions can be referred to Kirk Olson at (815) 600-3458 or [kirk.olson@charter.net](mailto:kirk.olson@charter.net).

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In the gospel this weekend we hear Our Lord’s final instructions. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name do so with *his* authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak. In Matthew’s version he now adds this great promise, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.” And Luke emphasizes that they will be “clothed with power from on high,” that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We, the baptized, are reminded to exercise the power of our baptism to spread the Good News of Christ.

Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. He sends them out to speak and act in his name. Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics? The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, discontinuing taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the fullest.

Today we need to rediscover our mission to continue spreading the Gospel in our particular circumstances trusting in the presence of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe the promise, “I am with you always.” Talking with him doesn’t even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that “Joy of the Gospel” so warmly described for us by our Pope Francis.

~ Fr. Soja

**Retreat Ministry with SPIRITUS:** SPIRITUS is hiring young adults to serve as part of a missionary team, leading students into an encounter with Jesus and igniting their faith. From mid-August to mid-May, SPIRITUS missionaries travel throughout Wisconsin facilitating retreats for Catholic students in grades 2-12. Missionaries receive a monthly stipend, one-on-one mentoring, spiritual direction, food, lodging, health insurance, and a \$3,000 completion stipend. They live in community, deepen their faith, and embark on a joy-filled year of service! Applications are due July 1.

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