

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 01/13 5:30 p.m. Tg. Healing for Carla
Kramer & for all the families.
Offered by Anonymous

Thursday 01/15 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 01/16 8:30 a.m. +Janice Beloungy
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 01/17 6:00 p.m. +Joseph Rutten
Offered by Joe and Sue Mills

Sunday 01/18 8:30 a.m. +For the Vayda/Getler
Family
Offered by Dorothy Vayda

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 17

Sacristan - Clara McLain
Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain
Lector - Evan Parker
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, January 18

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams
Lector - Kathy Jazinski
Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
Money Counters - Dorothy Vayda & Jerry Divine

01/03 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$75.00	Envelope.....\$175.00	Total.....\$250.00
01/04 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$438.00	Envelope.....\$380.00	Total.....\$818.00
Memorial			
Funds.....\$760.00	Misc.....\$250.00	Electronic..\$1,180.00	Total...\$2,190.00
Total Collections			\$3,258.00
Budget:			
	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$1,046.00

Fr. Soja’s Nursing Home Visits

Fr. Soja visits the Florence Health Services (Nursing Home) each Friday at 10 a.m. Mass is held the first Friday of the Month with Communion given every Friday.

Meetings and Office Hours

Pastoral Council Meeting - Thursday, January 15th @ 6:00 p.m.

Finance Council Meeting - Thursday, January 22nd @ 5:45 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 8:30-2:30 p.m.

The office is closed on Wednesdays unless there is a conflict. Thank you for your support!!!

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Our Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of **Eugene “Gene” H. Vanden Heuvel**, beloved husband of Sally Vanden Heuvel, who passed away at his home on Monday, Dec. 29, 2025. May we continue to keep Eugene and his family in loving prayer during this difficult time.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Florence, Wis. Military Honors were awarded at the Church with a Mass of Christian Burial following with Father Soja Joseph officiating. Friends and family were invited to gather for fellowship after Mass at a luncheon in the church hall. Thank you to all who helped organize, provide food, and offer donations toward the funeral lunch.

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



Thank You from Maggie Schalow: I would like to express my appreciation to all who worked or brought food items for the Rich Schalow funeral. Thank you for sharing your time with our family. Sincerely, Maggie Schalow

2026 Paschal Candle: If any family or individual would like to sponsor the **purchase of our 2026 Paschal Candle**, please contact the parish office. It could be in memoriam of a family member or friend who has passed. At the end of the year, the family/individual will receive the Paschal candle.

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of Lectors, Sacristans, and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please contact the parish office. Your prayerful consideration is truly appreciated.

Snow Shoveling: We need volunteers for snow shoveling for the remainder of the winter! Please contact the parish office if you are willing and able! Your help would be GREATLY appreciated!!!



Friends, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord opens the door to Jesus’ public ministry. At the Jordan River, Jesus steps into the waters not because He needs repentance, but because He chooses solidarity with us. He enters fully into the human condition, sanctifying the waters and revealing a God who draws near, not from a distance but from within our lives.

As Jesus is baptized, heaven opens. The Holy Spirit descends upon Him, and the Father’s voice is heard: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” This moment is a powerful revelation of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and it reminds us that our faith is not an abstract idea but a living relationship with a God who speaks, sends, and empowers.

This feast also turns our hearts toward our own baptism. In baptism, we too were claimed as beloved sons and daughters. Before we did anything to earn it, God spoke His love over us. The same Spirit who descended upon Jesus was poured into our hearts, calling us to live not for ourselves but for God’s mission. Baptism is not only a moment in the past; it is a daily identity and a lifelong calling.

The Baptism of the Lord challenges us to ask: Do we live as people who know they are beloved? Do we allow the Spirit to guide our words, choices, and actions? Like Jesus, we are sent from the waters into the world—not to seek privilege or power, but to serve, to heal, and to bring hope.

As we move from the joy of Christmas into Ordinary Time, this feast reminds us that nothing about Christian life is “ordinary.” Having been baptized into Christ, every day becomes a place where heaven can open, where God’s voice can be heard, and where love can be made visible through us.

Fr. Soja

I HAVE A DREAM

4th Annual Martin Luther King

Community Celebration

2:00 P.M., Jan. 18th, 2026

First Presbyterian Church

395 Hamilton Avenue

Kingsford, MI



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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. For more information contact: Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379.

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