

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday, 08/11, 5:30 p.m. + Joanne Taff
Offered by Dan and Gail Donaldson

Thursday, 08/13, 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration.

Friday, 08/14, 8:30 a.m. + Leonard & Carol Zaleski
Offered by Matt McCarthy

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 08/15, 6:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, 08/16 8:30 a.m. + Tony Landry
Offered by Al and MaryKay Williams

+ Deceased, Tg. Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all masses.

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 08/15

Sacristan - Clara McLain

Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain

Lector - Bill DeGroot

Lead Usher - *Volunteer Needed*

Sunday, 08/16

Sacristan - Al and MaryKay Williams

Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams

Lector - Caroly Lemanski

Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski

Money Counters - Dorothy Vayda & Maggie
Schalow

08/01 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$173.00	Envelope.....\$230.00	Total.....\$403.00
08/02 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$561.00	Envelope.....\$500.00	Total.....\$1,061.00
		Electronic.....\$40.00	Total.....\$40.00
		Total Collections:	\$1,504.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$1,644.00



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15 @ 11:30 am - 4:00 pm [Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

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The Shrine's Oldest Tradition

In Honor of the Holy Spirit...

Fear of the Lord is the first step in Holiness. The Gift of Holy Fear (awe of the Lord) fills us with a sovereign respect for God and makes us dread nothing as much as to offend Him by sin. It is a fear that arises not from the thought of hell but from sentiments of reverence and childlike submission to our Heavenly Father. It is this fear (awe) that is the beginning of Wisdom, detaching us from worldly pleasures that could in any way separate us from God.

The Gift of Holy Fear leads us to repentance for our sins and reconciliation with God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) cleanses our soul for perfect union with Jesus in the Eucharist. Has it been a while since your last confession? Pray to the Holy Spirit for the grace to make a good confession **“Come, Holy Spirit, Come.” Amen**

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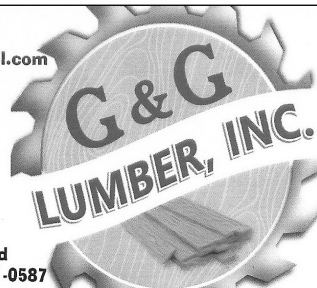


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ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Raising Vocations 2026 Collection: The Raising Vocations Collection is underway, and we are already seeing your gifts at work. We invite you to fill out your Called by Name cards you received in your Raising Vocations mailing. Please share the name of a young person whom you believe would make an excellent priest or religious sister. This young person will receive a letter from Bishop Ricken, as well as resources to help them on their vocation journey. Thank you for your help and prayers! As you pray for an increase in vocations, please also consider making a gift to the Raising Vocations Collection to support more young people discover Jesus and hear God’s call. Please return your pledge card though the mail, donate online at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give, or call Tammy Danz at 920-272-8123. Whatever you are able to give is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generosity!!!



Traveling Rosary for Vocations: Thursday, August 20; 1:00 – 2:30 PM at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Green Bay; 2270 S. Oneida St. 54304.

All women and Men are invited. The Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a prayer event for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. The agenda includes song, rosary, litany for vocations, and Fr. Matt Simonar as our speaker. A reception will close out the event. [Registration is not needed.](#) [For more info call](#) 920-323-3243 or visit www.gbdcw.org.

Parish Office Hours: The Parish Office will be open on Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. this coming week from 8:30-2:30 p.m. The office will be closed on Thursday and will resume the regular schedule the week of August 17th.

Current Bishop’s Appeal Total: \$8,875.00

Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal: \$8,880.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!



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.



Lead with faith ~ Protect your family ~ Serve others ~ Defend your values



Friends, doubt is not inimical to faith, but doubt is integral to faith—as a source that coexists alongside faith to keep it from becoming disconnected from its true nemesis, which is certainty. Jesus was confused for a ghost until he reassured them of his identity. “It’s me,” he said. “Don’t be afraid,” he declared.

In today’s text Peter was especially certain of himself and of how things would go if Jesus bid him to come to the water. But when he began to doubt and sink Jesus lifted him up and said: O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” When did Peter start doubting? A question asked in good faith by someone who wants us to interrogate when we begin to feel various disruptive inner sensations. And most importantly, tell yourself. Were you scared? Did you desperately need some one-on-one time? Were you frightened and needed a second to breathe? Why did you doubt?

Maybe the issue isn’t the doubt, but the lack of awareness of the other feelings that exist alongside it. Were you lost? Despondent? Depressed? Frightened? Anxious? What else is in your faith that drags you down? That weighs on you? That pulls you into the water? What else exists in you that is unhelpful for you? What are you so unnecessarily certain of that all it takes is a little push to knock you off your spiritual equilibrium? And maybe the answer to those things, to those questions, are areas Jesus wants us to tackle and not the simple and all too human feeling of doubt itself? Friends: It’s windy, and some days, some nights, some mornings are windier than others. And while we bid Jesus come to us, let us be open to him bidding us to come to ourselves as well. And then maybe all of us, human and wind, human and nature, can have a little more peace.

Fr. Soja



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