

# 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 06/09 5:30 p.m. + Ralph Valine  
*Offered by Brant and Cindy Brolin*

Thursday 06/11 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 06/12 8:30 a.m. For the Consecration of Our Nation  
*At the request of Bishop Ricken*

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 06/13 6:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday 06/14 8:30 a.m. + Eugene Vanden Heuvel  
*Offered by the Vanden Heuvel Family*

+ Deceased, Tg. Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all masses.

## Weekend Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, 06/13

Sacristan - Tanya Parker

Eucharistic Minister - **Volunteer Needed**

Lector - Evan Parker

Lead Usher - **Volunteer Needed**

### Sunday, 06/14

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry

Eucharistic Ministers - Kathy Fabry

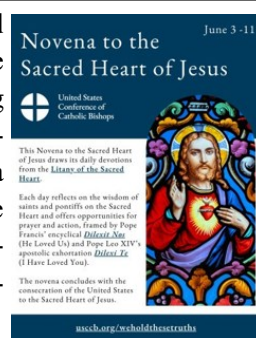
Lector - Kathy Jazinski

Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski

Money Counters - Dan and Kathy Jazinski

<b>05/30 Sat. Coll.</b>	Loose....\$86.00	Envelope.....\$300.00	Total.....\$386.00
<b>05/31 Sun. Coll.</b>	Loose...\$542.00	Envelope.....\$815.00	Total.....\$1,357.00
<b>Our Own</b>			
<b>Needs</b>	\$25.00	<b>Misc...</b> \$250.00	<b>Electronic.....</b> \$40.00
			Total.....\$315.00
			<b>Total Collections</b>
			<b>\$2,058.00</b>
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$2,501.00

**Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:** On June 11, 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in celebrating the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart.



**Special Visit:** Mother Superior, Sister Okemasisi Kinigionda Namagoya, and Sister Helen Khisa from the Little Sisters of Saint Francis Assisi in Kenya, Africa, will address our parish next weekend, June 13th-14th at both masses. Their visit is being organized by Claude Rochon from Saint Joan of Arc Parish. A second collection will be conducted for the Little Sisters of Saint Francis of Assisi in Kenya.

**Our Current Bishop’s Appeal Total**

\$7,375.00

**Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:**

\$8,880.00

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*



## ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)



Friends, The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is one of the most beautiful celebrations of our Catholic faith. On this sacred day, we honor the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy

Eucharist — His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist is not a symbol. It is Jesus Himself, lovingly remaining with us in every Holy Mass, every tabernacle, and every Eucharistic adoration chapel around the world. Through the Eucharist, Christ nourishes our souls, strengthens our faith, forgives venial sins, and unites us as one Church. Corpus Christi reminds us of His choice to stay with us sacramentally, so that we would never be alone. Every time we receive Holy Communion worthily, we receive the King of Kings into our hearts. This June 7, let us attend Holy Mass with deeper devotion and reverence. May this solemnity renew our hunger for holiness and our love for Christ in the Eucharist.

Christ offers a eucharistic invitation in today’s gospel by doing what God alone can do: transforming bread and wine to His body and blood. “For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.” He leaves us with the responsibility to receive this gift and to use it to pray eucharistically, to transform our relationship with the world in thanksgiving and to offer that daily process of transformation through him to the Father. May we become living tabernacles of God’s love, carrying Christ into our homes, schools, workplaces, and communities through our words and actions.

Let us continue to prepare for the consecration of the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus! God Bless America!

Fr. Soja

**Saturday, June 13th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will be praying a rosary at 5:30 p.m. (prior to Mass) in conjunction with June 13th Marian processions taking place all over the world. Please join us if you are able!”**

**New Ministries:** At the last Parish Council Meeting several opportunities were discussed to revitalize some Ministries offered in the past at St. Mary’s and find new ways to help spread the Gospel and the love of Jesus. We will be highlighting these ministries over the next few months. Please contact Fr. Soja, the Parish Office or a Parish Council member if you have ideas to share as well.

**Nursing Home Ministry:** There are approximately 20 Catholic Residents at the Florence Nursing Home who Fr. Soja visits. He brings them Holy Communion on Friday mornings, but he would like to offer First Friday Mass as well. He needs help bringing the Residents to Mass in the dining room and then returning them to their rooms, so we are looking for volunteers to spend 1 hour a month, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., to help. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Soja or the Parish Office. Prayerfully consider helping to bring Christ to the Nursing Home Residents as a **Corporal Work of Mercy**.

**Thank You:** St. Mary’s would like to thank Freedom Flowers in Florence and Flowerland in Iron Mt. for the donations toward our beautiful flowers which have brightened up our church grounds. We are grateful for your support!

**Gold Slips:** Please return any gold slips by June 7th. Thank you for supporting our Ministries!

**Landscaping Volunteers:** St. Mary’s needs volunteers to:

- **Water flowers weekly and share responsibilities.**
- **Weed the gardens.**
- **Cut the grass.**
- **Paint the exterior Mary Statue and pedestal in front of the church.**

If you are interested in helping with any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact the Parish Office. Thank You for your support!

**Cleaning Position Available:** St. Mary’s is looking for someone to clean the Rectory twice per month. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 715-528-3310.

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## Knights of Columbus

Local Council#2847 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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