

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Visit us on the web at www.stmaryflorence.org

Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 166, Florence, WI 54121
Street Address: 308 Florence Ave., Florence, WI
Parish Office Telephone: (715) 528-3310
Parish Secretaries: Jean Fornetti & Donna Phillips
Parish e-mail: stmary@borderlandnet.net
St Vincent DePaul: (715) 528-2030

St. Mary’s Pastor: Fr. Soja Joseph
E-mail: frsojan@gmail.com
Fr. Soja’s Phone: (920) 445-4564
Religious Education Facilitator: Carolyn Lemanski
Carolyn’s Phone: (715) 528-3008
Email: lemanski_mom@hotmail.com

Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 11/11 5:30 p.m. + Richard Meyers
Offered by Jim & Jean Bor

Thursday 11/13 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 11/14 8:30 a.m. + Janet Kelley
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 11/15 6:00 p.m. + Lizy Saji
Offered by Brant & Cindy Brolin

Sunday 11/16 8:30 a.m. + Lizy Saji
Offered by St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 15

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry
Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot
Lector - Bill DeGroot
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, November 16

Sacristan - Clara McLain
Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain
Lector - Deborah Zelten
Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
Money Counters - Dan and Kathy Jazinski

11/1 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$186.00	Envelope.....\$315.00	Total.....\$501.00
11/2 Sun. Coll.	Loose....\$274.00	Envelope.....\$375.00	Total.....\$649.00
Misc & Electronic..\$1,040.00			Total....\$1,040.00
Total Collections			\$2,190.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2024:	\$858.00

Thank you to all who brought in a dish and attended Fr. Soja’s welcome back dinner. It was a nice evening sharing a meal and visiting with fellow parishioners! Your help was appreciated!!

Job Opening: St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI, is seeking a full-time Building & Grounds Manager to help care for our historic buildings and grounds, to perform and oversee maintenance, support volunteers and contractors, and ensure a safe, welcoming environment. We’re looking for someone with 2+ years of facility maintenance experience, a collaborative spirit, and a heart for serving our community. Please send your resume and cover letter to Jackie Kellner, Center Director at jackiek@sarcenter.com.

The Annual Hunters’ Bake Sale will be held the weekend of November 22 and 23. Please sign up in the entryway if you are able to help with a delicious treat or bring one on the day of the sale. Proceeds go toward a scholarship for an active graduating senior at St. Mary’s and needs within the church.

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO
THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA

Serving Those Who Serve: This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services. This is an important distinction, because the AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of those whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services, to meet its costs. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish. Please give generously.

During the month of November, we remember in prayer our loved ones who have passed away. There is a book of remembrance near the memorial candles for those who would like to add their dearly departed loved ones’ names. Please feel free to take a Saint Gertrude the Great card to pray for those being cleansed before entering the joy of heaven.

Volunteer Opportunities: As some of our beloved “snowbirds” prepare to fly south, we are in urgent need of volunteers to help with our regular ministries the following days:

Sacristan: Saturday, 11/29.

Eucharistic Minister on Saturday: two for Saturday, 11/22 & one for Saturday, 11/29.

Lector for the following days: Sat., 12/20, Mon, 12/8 (8:30), Wed., 12/31 (5:30), & Thurs., 01/01 (5:30 p.m.).

Money Counters on Sunday or Monday: 12/7

Please contact the parish office if you are interested.



Friends, today we recall the dedication of the Lateran Basilica of Saint John, the Pope’s own church, the Cathedral of Rome. The Lateran was chosen as the Cathedral of Rome long before Saint Peter’s was built. For that reason, it has the title, “Mother and Head of all the Churches of the

City and the World,” and that includes our own parish church where we are gathered for prayer. In the first reading Paul tells the Christians in Corinth, “you are God’s building, you are God’s temple.” More fundamental than the building we call church are the people we call church. The building we call church is there to help us to express our identity as a people of faith called to worship God through Christ in the Spirit. If our worship is to be authentic, our whole lives are to be a movement towards God, through Christ and in the Spirit. This is what it means to be a church, to be the temple of God in the world.

The gospel about the purification of the temple of Jerusalem is apt for today’s feast. The Jerusalem temple serves as a symbol of the Church of today, in the twenty-first century. It conveys both the idea of the temple’s sacredness, and the need for constant purification of the structures of our Church.

Our concentration on material things often makes us forget to go to church. On Sundays, instead of the believers gathering in the church, we find ourselves going about doing our own business. “Zeal for your house will consume me.” Can we let ourselves be consumed, like Christ, with enthusiasm for worshipping God? May the desire to fill the house of God fill our hearts! May this church where we are gathered be the place of prayer! May the universal Church be a community of humble worship, led by people deeply imbued with the spirit of Christ.

Fr. Soja



2025 Bishop’s Appeal: We are happy to announce that St. Mary’s has reached our goal of \$9,274.00. Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Mary’s and the Bishop’s Appeal! Your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal helps Catholic Charities reach out to those in need by providing individual and family counseling and brings faith formation to people of all ages. These are just a few ways your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal makes a difference.

G & G FOREST PRODUCTS
Lance Glime

5274 Turtle Creek Rd
Florence, WI 54121
(906) 250-6642
e-mail: GGForestProducts@gmail.com

FORMED
FAITH AT HOME

To register, simply go to stmaryflorence.formed.org and choose **Immaculate Conception, Florence** to open your account.

Jay Glime
gnglumber@gmail.com

G & G LUMBER, INC.

906-458-3452
PO Box 587
5971 Sawmill Road
Florence, WI 54121-0587

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

El Capitan
—SUPPER CLUB—
Italian cuisine—steaks—seafood
699 US Hwy 2, Spread Eagle, WI
P 715-696-3493
www.elcapitansupperclub.com

Jacobs-Lundholm
Funeral Home & Crematory
Perry J. Jacobs
715-528-3241