

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 02/03 5:30 p.m. +Helen Dieckhoff
Offered by Joe and Jean Fornetti

Thursday 02/05 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 02/06 8:30 a.m. +Clarence Nicholls
Offered by Al and MaryKay Williams

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 02/07 6:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday 02/08 8:30 a.m. +Bernie Englebert
Offered by Carole Englebert

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 07
Sacristan - Clara McLain
Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain
Lector - Missy Roberts
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, February 08
Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot
Lector - Bill DeGroot
Lead Usher - Jay Glime
Money Counters - Jay and Lori Glime

01/24 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$15.00	Envelope.....\$120.00	Total.....\$135.00
01/25 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$18.00	Envelope.....\$365.00	Total.....\$383.00
	Misc.....\$330.00	Electronic.....\$40.00	Total.....\$370.00
Total Collections			\$888.00

Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$2,285.05
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Looking Ahead...

The Bishop’s Appeal Kickoff Weekend for 2026 will begin next weekend, **Feb. 7-8, 2026.** Watch for posters throughout the parish and information in the bulletin promoting the upcoming Bishop’s Appeal.

The St. Gianna Molla Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Wisconsin invites **everyone** to attend the regular 9 a.m. Sunday Mass on February 8, 2026, at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay, to honor healthcare professionals. The main celebrant will be Bishop David Ricken. A brunch follows, with Bob Atwell as the featured speaker this year. His topic is, *Lay Apostles in the Modern World - Bringing Christ to the World through the Media. Overcoming Evil with an Abundance of Good. The story of Relevant Radio.* Please go to www.sgmgnew.com to register today. Thank you! May God bless your work!

Ash Wednesday Mass– February 18th - St. Mary’s Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. All Parishioners are welcome to stay for a Social in the Parish Hall after mass serving some delicious soup.

Thank you to Beanie Leffler and Rosie Peters for cleaning our parish during the month of January. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!!

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



Our Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Edwin Andrew “Ed” Kelley (89) of Florence, WI, who passed away peacefully on January 25, 2026. May we continue to keep Ed and his family in loving prayer during this difficult time. A visitation will take place at the Jacobs-Lundholm

Funeral Home in Florence on Sunday, February 1, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 pm. and again on Monday, February 2, from 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Florence, where Military Honors will take place. The Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 a.m.



With unwavering faith in the Resurrection of our Lord, we offer our prayers for the Most Reverend Robert J. Banks, Bishop Emeritus of Green Bay, who died peacefully on Sunday, January 25, 2026. Bishop Banks was 97 years old, having been a priest for 73 years (1952) and a Bishop for 40 years (1985). He was installed as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay on Dec. 5, 1990, and would faithfully serve until his retirement, Oct. 10, 2003. The Mass of Christian Burial, open to all the faithful, will begin at 11:00 AM, Friday, February 6, following the visitation.



A Special Thank You: We would like to extend our sincere thank you to all the wonderful ladies and gentlemen who so generously prepared and served the luncheon for Mom’s Gathering of Remembrance. It was such a blessing to gather with family and friends in honor of our mother. The food was amazing, and there was a wonderful turnout. We couldn’t be more pleased.

Our very grateful and sincere Thank You,

The Sis Herman Family: Debbie Quick, Andy and Fran Herman, Peggy Weber, Bev and Rod Cousineau, Steve Herman, Stan Herman and Amy Herman

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

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, the word of God this weekend values the humble and the poor. Prophet Zephaniah introduces the poor as those who never lose hope, seek the Lord with trust and rely only on Him even when suppressed by the discriminations of the powerful. St. Paul highlights that God’s choices don’t follow human

reckoning. God does not single out the strong but chooses the small ones, the poor. God chooses the weakest and those who have no value or power in the eyes of the world. At the end of the Beatitudes, the poor appear as the privileged ones in the discourse.

The first recipients of the Beatitudes are, in fact, the ‘poor in spirit’, an expression that indicates those who have their hearts and consciences directed intimately to Our Lord. They are the expression of the just who are tried by moments of suffering and difficulties. However, they are called ‘blessed’ and ‘happy’ because God’s merciful and compassionate gaze rests on them. These are the poor that the Bible text really refers to. The poor in the Bible are the humbled, who bear a burden on their shoulders. They are given God’s favor and because of this the Word identifies them as just, meek and humble. All kinds of attitudes are included in the eight beatitudes. This way the true significance of the ‘just poor’ is revealed; the ones who don’t confide mainly in themselves but in God. The poor are those who detach themselves concretely and interiorly from the possession of people and things and above all of themselves. The poor don’t find security in the gods of this world like success, power or pride but the true Lord God in Heaven.

Thus, the poor, meek and humble become blessed because their lives are founded on God, with the same certainty of His constant presence, and so they confirm the existence and works of God. Each one of us is invited to verify where our certainty rests and if our daily life and actions proclaim God’s presence in the world.

Fr. Soja



Happy Anniversary to Fr. Soja today, Feb. 1st, for being our celebrant for 3 years. We are blessed to have you @ St. Mary’s Parish! Thank you for all you do!
Many blessings!

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