WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY'S

Parish Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & 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, 10/27, 5:30 p.m. +Edwin Kelley
Offered by Jean and Joe Fornetti

Thurs., 10/29**, **Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled

Friday, 10/30, 8:30 a.m. +Vayda Family
Offered by Dorothy Vayda

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 10/31, 6:00 p.m. +Norman & Joan Meyers
Offered by Brant and Cindy Brolin

Sunday, 11/01 8:30 a.m. +Richard Schalow
Offered by Maggie Schalow

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 10/31
Sacristan – Tanya Parker
Eucharistic Minister – ***Volunteer Needed***
Lector – Evan Parker
Lead Usher - ***Volunteer Needed***

Sunday, 11/01 ***(All Saint's Day)***
Sacristan – Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister – Bill DeGroot
Lector – Bill DeGroot
Lead Usher – Jay Glime
Money Counters – Jay and Lori Glime

10/17 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....$131.00	Envelope.....$350.00	Total.....$481.00
10/18 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....$290.00	Envelope.....$480.00	Total.....$770.00
	Misc.....$250.00	Electronic....$210.00	Total.....$460.00
		Total Collections	**$1,711.00**
Budget:	$1,800.00	2025: $1,544.00	

Medicare Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for Medicare runs from Oct. 15th – Dec. 7th. For free, unbiased help contact Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Florence County at 715-528-4890 and ask for Cliff Netto, Elder and Disability Benefit Specialist Certified – SHIP Counselor.

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Paid Position: Winter Sidewalk Snow Removal As the winter months approach, we want to ensure our church grounds remain safe and welcoming for everyone. St. Mary's is seeking a reliable person to clear snow and ice from our church sidewalks and entryways this winter. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. Thank you!

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Finance Council Meeting: The Finance Council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 27th, at 6:00 p.m.

Mother's Club Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th / 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m./ Basement of American Martyrs Church, Kingsford, MI – A welcoming evening for mothers to grow in faith, friendship, and fellowship.

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S**Heartfelt Thank You:** We extend our deepest gratitude to Sue Mills for generously giving her time and energy to clean St. Mary's during the month of October. Thank you for your dedication to our Parish Community!

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ST. MARY'S WELCOMES YOU TO THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Continuing the Mission
The Mission is Far from Over!

In his last words before ascending to heaven, Jesus told us, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19), and for 2,000 years the Church has been at work in this task.

Last week, we celebrated World Mission Sunday. We must never forget that 5.5 of the 8.1 billion people alive are not Christian, even now two millennia after Pentecost. The World Mission Sunday collection helps the Church to reach out to these brothers and sisters of ours who have yet to hear the message of Christ.

Prior to 1908, the United States was considered missionary territory. The Church in America grew thanks to the support of World Mission Sunday, which built many of the first churches on American soil. Now, many years later, it's our turn to pay that generosity forward, as we care for the needs of our brothers and sisters across the globe.

We are grateful for your support this October as St. Mary's collected **$421.00** on World Mission Sunday. We invite you to continue the journey and stay connected to the Pope's missions. To find out more about how to do so, please visit www.pontificalmissions.org.

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Our Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Marjorie Carsello, mother of Brett Carsello, who passed away on Friday, October 16th, 2026. May we continue to keep Marjorie and her family in loving prayer during this difficult time.



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



Friends, what does love look like? Sometimes we make faith complicated. We have doctrines to understand. Commandments to follow. Traditions to cherish. Scriptures to study. But in today's Gospel, a scholar of the law asks Jesus to bring everything down to what matters most. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus answers with words every faithful Jew would recognize: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Love God. Completely. Passionately. With everything you are.

Jesus doesn't stop there. "The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love God. Love, your neighbor. Then Jesus does something extraordinary: he binds these two commandments together. "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." We cannot separate them. We cannot claim to love the God we cannot see while ignoring the person standing in front of us. Today's First Reading makes that love wonderfully concrete. Do not oppress the stranger. Care for the widow and the orphan. Do not exploit the poor. If your neighbor has given you his cloak as security for a loan, give it back before nightfall. He needs it to keep warm. Why? Because God says: "I am compassionate."

Love is not merely a feeling. What we do that matters, not how we feel. Jesus commands us to act toward others in a loving way, regardless of how we feel about them. Love makes commitments – feelings follow along. Love notices. Love listens. Love protects. Love feeds. Love forgives. Love sees the person whom everyone else has overlooked. We are created in love and for love. Love is Holy too, for God is Holy in the first place.

Fr. Soja

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October is the "Month of the Holy Rosary"

We will pray the Holy Rosary before both Saturday and Sunday weekend Masses during the month of October. Thank you to those who will be leading us in prayer!

"To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother."
-St. John Paul II

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New Front Doors: St. George Glass will be installing new front doors on St. Mary's Parish on October 27th and 28th. We will be blessed to have new doors which will be much easier to open and lock along with being more energy efficient.

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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