

# WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - 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 03/24 5:30 p.m. + Edwin “Ed” Kelley  
*Offered by Pat, Lisa, Jacob and Kyle Smith*

Thursday 03/26 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 03/27 8:30 a.m. + Edwin and Janet Kelley  
*Offered by Bob, Mary and Tommy Podnar*

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 03/28 6:00 p.m. +Cory Groeneveld  
*Offered by Al and MaryKay Williams*

Sunday 03/29 8:30 a.m. +Gene Vanden Heuvel  
*Offered by Vanden Heuvel Family*

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

## Weekend Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, March 28

Sacristan - Clara McLain  
 Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain  
 Lectors - Carla Kramer and Jean Fornetti  
 Lead Usher - Volunteer Needed

### Sunday, March 29

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams  
 Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams  
 Lectors - Bill DeGroot and Kathy Jazinski  
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski  
 Money Counters - Dan and Kathy Jazinski

03/14 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$44.00	Envelope.....\$610.00	Total.....\$654.00
03/15 Mass was cancelled	Loose..\$.00	Envelope.....\$.00	Total.....\$.00
		Electronic...\$110.00	
		Easter Flowers:.....\$185.00	Total.....\$295.00
		<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$949.00</b>

Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$1,336.00
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## Lent & Holy Week Schedule



### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 9:00 a.m., after 8:30 a.m. Mass

### Holy Thursday, April 2

No Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary’s in Florence  
 6:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Armstrong Creek

### Good Friday, April 3

12:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s in Florence  
 3:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc in Goodman

### Holy Saturday, April 4

No Mass at St. Mary’s in Florence  
 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Armstrong Creek

### Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s in Florence  
 10:30 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc in Goodman

## ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Friends, in our Gospel passage today, Jesus is willing to risk being arrested to bring life to one whom He loves. Jesus speaks of death as sleep from which Lazarus must be awakened. Jesus shows true compassion for (“suffering with”) Mary and Martha in their time of grief. St. Paul reminds us to live in

the Spirit, the Spirit Who raised Jesus from the dead and Who will also raise our mortal bodies to life. We need to die to our life of sin and be raised to the new life and full relationship with God, in and through Jesus.

Martha, although upset, professes her belief in “the resurrection on the last day” and her faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus proclaims that He is the Resurrection and the Life, and that those who believe in Him will have life even if they are dead. Mary also expresses her displeasure that Jesus did not arrive in time to prevent Lazarus’ death. Jesus calls Lazarus forth and commands those nearby to unbind Lazarus and permit him to be free.

We are also reminded that Jesus wants us to have such a relationship with Him that we can express our disappointment with God when things do not go as expected. Know that Jesus is with us during our times of grief and sorrow, compassionately weeping with us as we experience losses in my life. Jesus has other people involved in cutting the bonds that hold Lazarus, so that Lazarus can be free; so also, Jesus places people in my life to help me when I am held bound by restricting issues that prevent me from being free. And similarly, I am to help others who are bound with various ties that prevent them from full life now and in the future. May the peace of Christ surpass all our understanding whenever we try to process our grief.

Fr. Soja

**\*\*Confessions will be available on Wednesday, 3/25, from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.\*\***

**World’s Poor Collection:** Last weekend St. Mary’s collected \$206.20 for the World’s Poor benefiting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services, Peter’s Pence, and the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Thank you for prayerfully donating to this collection and sharing Christ’s love with others.

**Way of the Cross for Women:** St. Stanislaus Kostka will be meditating on the “Way of the Cross for Women”. This is a unique way to pray Jesus’s Stations of the Cross, recalling the women of the Bible and their journey with Jesus on that first Good Friday. We will be having the “Way of the Cross for Women” on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Armstrong Creek. We will meditate on the Stations, then move to the rectory for a light supper and discussion. Please call or text Debbie at 920-639-0595 if you are interested in attending.

**GB Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Assembly: Women of Faith in Action. Saturday, April 18 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Crivitz, 808 Henriette Ave 54114.** The day begins with 8:00 AM Registration followed by 8:30 Mass. Our speakers are Dcn. Mike Eash, and McKenna Runde. The day should conclude by 2:00 PM. Registration is \$30 per person or \$125 for a group of five attendees. All registrations are due by April 10th. To receive a registration form or contact information visit our website at [www.gbdcw.org](http://www.gbdcw.org) and click on the Events tab.

**Men, Women & Children Welcome:** Fr. Soja invites four parishioners from St. Mary’s to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday, at St. Stanislaus in Armstrong Creek. If you would like to participate in this ritual of how we are to serve one another in love, an example set by Jesus when he washed His disciples’ feet, please contact the parish office or Fr. Soja.

**Living Faith Daily Devotion Booklets:** Living Faith Booklets for April-June, 2026, are available at the back of the Church. Please take one home with you.

**Meetings: Pastoral Council Meeting:** 3/26, 6:00 p.m.

**Rescheduled Finance Council Meeting:** 4/16, 5:45 p.m.

## 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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## Our Current Bishop’s Appeal Total

\$3,210.00

## Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:

\$8,880.00



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