

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

Tues. 4/15 **No Daily Mass today**

Wed. 4/16 3:00pm-5:30pm **Penance Service**

Thurs. 4/17 **No Eucharistic Adoration today**

Day of Fasting

Fri. 4/18 12:00pm **Good Friday @ Florence**

**Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land +Mary Grabski*

Offered by Mike & Carolyn Lemanski

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sun. 4/20 8:30am **Easter Sunday**

+Deceased Siblings of Bill & Trudy DeGroot

Offered by Bill & Trudy DeGroot

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Friday, April 18th—Good Friday

Sacristan - Heather Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers - Clara McLain

Lectors - Bill DeGroot & Al Williams

Lead Usher - None needed

Sunday, April 20th—Easter Sunday

Sacristan - Clara McLain

Eucharistic Ministers - Bill DeGroot

Lectors - Bill DeGroot

Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski

Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski



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04/05 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$34.00	Envelope...\$465.00	Total...\$499.00
04/06 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$97.00	Envelope...\$350.00	Total...\$447.00
The World's Poor...\$124.00	Electronic...\$190.00	Misc....\$29.00	Total...\$343.00
Total Collection:			\$1,289.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$1,634.00	

“...As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

-Luke 19:28-40



Holy Week Schedule

- ◆ **Holy Thursday— 4/17, @ Goodman, 6:00pm**
- ◆ **Good Friday—4/18, @ Florence, 12:00pm & @ Armstrong Creek, 3:00pm**
- ◆ **Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil—4/19, @ Goodman, 8:00pm**
- ◆ **Easter Sunday—4/20, @ Florence, 8:30 am & @ Armstrong Creek, 10:30am**

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO HOLY WEEK!

Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **Thank you to Sue Mills** for cleaning the church for the month of April!
- ◆ **Lost & Found:** Please see our basket in the entryway for any lost items!
- ◆ **The Dickinson County Community Chorus** will be singing a Concert/Ecumenical Choral Service **Tuesday 4/15, 7pm @ American Martyrs in Kingsford.**
- ◆ There will be **no mass on Tuesday 4/15.** Fr. Soja will be at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.
- ◆ **Penance Service - Wednesday 4/16** for religious education students and parishioners. From 3:00pm-5:30pm, Fr. Soja will be available to hear confessions.
- ◆ There will be **no Eucharistic Adoration on April 17th** due to Holy Thursday mass held in Goodman @ 6pm.
- ◆ There will be **no Daily Mass on Friday 4/18** due to Good Friday Service @ 12 noon, St. Mary’s.
- ◆ **We are in need of volunteers** to help with decorating for Easter *after* the Good Friday Service on 4/18, please!

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support this collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.



Our Current Bishop's Appeal Total:
\$5,395.00

Our 2025 Bishop's Appeal Goal:
\$9,274.00



Knights of Columbus

Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 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, Holy Week is the most important week in Catholicism. This is the climax of Christ’s mission in the world. This week we encounter how God reconciled the world to himself in Christ Jesus. The final eight days of Jesus’ life—from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Our spiritual pilgrimage begins on Palm Sunday. Here is how our pilgrimage is done during Holy Week:

*Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem. (Reflect on His sacrificial love and the profound significance of this Holy pilgrimage.)

*Monday of Holy Week, Jesus clears out the temple with a whip. (Opportunity to slow down in our pilgrimage and reflect on the humanity of Jesus. John ch. 11-21)

*Tuesday of Holy Week, Jesus is anointed with oil at Bethany and preaches on the Mount of Olives. (Who and what am I most grateful for in my life?)

*Spy Wednesday, Jesus is betrayed by Judas. (Where in my life have I experienced betrayal or a loss of trust? Have I invited Jesus into that pain? Where have I lost the trust of others? How can I seek forgiveness and make amends?)

*Holy Thursday, Jesus said, ‘I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you’. Catholics have obeyed this command He gave on his final night through the sacred ritual of the Mass. Jesus celebrated a new Passover in which His body and blood given as food for our soul, a day before his sacrificial death, and passed over to heaven and is waiting to receive us into His kingdom.

*Good Friday, we call it *Good Friday* because the sacrifice of Jesus saved us from our sins. Separated from Jesus, our suffering becomes meaningless, and that is why life is so depressing for so many in a world that has rejected God and the idea that suffering has value. There is no path to happiness in this life unless you can make sense of suffering, and only Christianity understands its transformative value.

*Holy Saturday, what was the dominant emotion of Jesus’ followers on Holy Saturday? Fear. Address the fears that are making it hard for you to trust fully in God and pray for the courage to overcome those fears.

We are all trying to make sense of life. One way for us to understand our lives is to look at them through the great experiences that happen during Holy Week. There is no Easter without Good Friday. We celebrate life, death, and eternal life. We celebrate education, innovation, discovery, love, truth, beauty, goodness, forgiveness, reconciliation, unity, family, and new life. Celebrate the right things with great vigor, enthusiasm, and regularity. Let us celebrate God’s mercy.

~Fr. Soja

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