

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. For the People
 Thursday 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 Friday 8:30 a.m. For the People
 Friday 10:00 a.m. At Florence Health Services

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving of Our Religious Ed Students at St. Mary’s
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. For the People

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 4

Sacristan - Brant & Cindy Brolin
 Eucharistic Minister - Volunteer if Needed
 Lector - Yvonne Leslie
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, May 5

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain
 Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
 Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski

Church & Office Cleaning: Trudy Rochon & Terri Koehn

Thank you for all you do!

Sat. Collection	Loose.....\$70.00	Envelope.....\$665.00	Total.....\$735.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$265.00	Envelope.....\$415.00	Total.....\$680.00
	Electronic & Other.....\$370.00	Total.....\$370.00	
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,245.00	

Upcoming Masses at St. Mary’s

Thursday, May 9th - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
 There will be Mass to celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation at 4:30 p.m. instead of Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday, May 12 - First Communion Celebration

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is now under the age of 18 by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer,

PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:

Office of Safe Environment - Diocese of Green Bay
 Phone: 920-272-8174 or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

**YOU MATTER TO US
 THERE IS HOPE!**



ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May is the Month of Mary:

Please join us during the month of May as we pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother after Mass the Saturdays and Sundays of May.

If you are willing to lead the Rosary at either Mass, please fill out the sign-up sheet on the table in the back of church. Thank you for your consideration as we dedicate the month of May to Mary!

Confirmation Celebration: St. Mary’s - Immaculate Conception will have two students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Crivitz - St. Mary’s Catholic Church. All are invited to support and congratulate all the northern parishes’ students in this important step in their Catholic faith. Bishop David Ricken will preside. Please congratulate and pray for our students who chose to establish a deeper relationship with God and become closer to Jesus Christ!

Trent McLain is sponsored by Amanda Wolf.

Alivia Millan is sponsored by Joan Rocque.

First Communion Celebration: We will have two students celebrating their First Communion on Sunday, May 12th at St. Mary’s - Immaculate Conception Church at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Please congratulate and pray for Sunny Burkart and William Vassar as they receive Jesus, in the Eucharist, for the first time.



St. Mary’s has raised \$5,315.00 towards our goal of \$9,696.00.

Through your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal, you support the loving Adoption Services program at Catholic Charities.

There are pledge cards available on the entryway tables, if needed. Thank you for your support!

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Friends, today we listen to Jesus as he begins one of His most amazing statements: “I am the vine; you are the branches...”. Such a simple statement, yet you can spend a lifetime plumbing the depths of it. Jesus first mentions that He is the vine a few verses earlier: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.” There are several Old Testament references that speak of Israel being a vine, planted and tended by God. Against this background, Jesus speaks of Himself as the true vine, the One who will bear good fruit to His Father’s approval and glory.

Jesus is the vine, the true source of life for us believers. We are branches connected to Him, drawing that life from Him as branches draw the necessary nutrients to survive and flourish. At first glance, we may assume that branches bear fruit, but in another sense, it’s really the vine that makes it all happen. The point is: there is such interconnectedness that while we are doing the work, Jesus is doing the work in us as well.

“...If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” The key action is to remain. It is translated in different ways: to stay, to abide, to live in union. Remaining in Jesus is not just one of many things we are asked to do as Jesus-followers. It is the one thing from which everything else proceeds. To miss this is to miss Him. And to miss Him is to miss it all. He is to be so much a part of our daily existence. Talking to Him becomes like talking to your best friend. Being with Him is like being at home. We become like Jesus and do His great deeds not by trying harder, but by simply staying at home with Him. Bearing fruit then just happens - because it’s ultimately His fruit, not ours. To make this point even stronger, Jesus concludes this verse by stating the same truth in the negative: There is nothing you can do in terms of bearing fruit by yourself. Nothing. Zero. Let that sink in. It will change us.

~ Fr. Soja

Missionary Leadership Institute is designed for a wide variety of parish leaders to: discern their vocation or their particular call to holiness; be formed as leaders who will evangelize and disciple others; serve more effectively as lay ecclesial ministers (parish staff). The Diocese offers a flexible learning experiences based on needs. Please see the flyers on the entryway tables for more information.

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