

# WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY

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## Live the Gospel! Whatever it takes.

\*If you are interested in joining our parish, becoming Catholic, marriage prep, baptism prep, confirmation, funerals, returning to the Church, spiritual direction, information on grief support, would like communion brought to you, inquiring about an annulment or have other concerns, contact Father Soja 920-445-4560.

\*Questions regarding religious education and registration can be addressed to Carolyn Lemanski 715-528-3008

\*Call St. Vincent de Paul Conference for assistance with basic needs: 715-528-2030

\*To schedule a Mass intention, volunteer for a parish ministry, rent the parish hall, request a prayer shawl or request prayers, call the parish office. 715-528-3310

**\*\*Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.\*\***

### Weekend Masses

Saturday — 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

### Weekday Masses

No Tuesday Mass – Fr. Soja in GB for Chrism Mass

**Good Friday - 12:00 noon**

1st Fri. 10:00 a.m. Florence Health Services

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

No Holy Hour this week - See Holy week schedule

### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 4 - No Mass

Fri., April 7 - Special Intention for the Mills children

Sat. April 8 - No Mass

Sun. April 9 - Special Intention for Tony Jazinski

### Ministry Schedule April 8 & 9

#### Friday

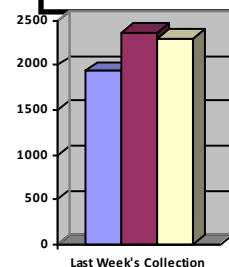
Sacristan -  
 Eucharistic Minister -  
 Lector - Bill DeGroot and Kathy Jazinski  
 Servers - open  
 Ushers – Open - volunteers appreciated

#### Sunday

Sacristan - Roy Rietz  
 Eucharistic Minister - Roy Rietz  
 Lector - Carolyn Lemanski  
 Servers - open  
 Ushers - Lead usher - Jerry Divine

Money counters - Dorothy Vayda & Jerry Divine  
 Church/Office Cleaning - Volunteer needed.

Thank you!



<b>Sat. General Collection</b>	Loose...\$6800	Envelope...\$55.00	Total...\$123.00
<b>Sun. General Collection</b>	Loose...\$296.00	Envelope...\$775.00	Total...\$1,071.00
<b>Electronic Transfer</b>	General...\$1,165.00		Total...\$1,165.00
<b>Total General Collections</b>			<b>\$2,359.00</b>

Sharing the light of Christ! Bishop's Appeal 2023

**Our 2023 Goal is \$10,226 We have raised \$8,590**

Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin. To make a gift today, envelopes are in the pews and entryway, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give), or call Tammy Danz toll-free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8123. **We kindly ask that all donations be mailed directly to the diocese at PO Box 23001, Green Bay, WI, 54305-3001. (Checks payable to CF/Bishop's Appeal). Thank you!**



ST. MARY'S  
 WELCOMES YOU TO

Palm  
 Sunday



Friends, we are coming to the end of a Holy season culminating in the Holy week with many symbolic and meaningful celebrations of the liturgy, commemorating the last days of our Lord Jesus Christ on earth. It is on Holy Thursday that Jesus instituted the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, the

bread of life promising His presence with us until the end of time. On the same day Jesus instituted Priesthood to continue the work of redemption through holy sacraments in the church. By washing the feet of His disciple prior to these two holy events He gave us an unparalleled example of service with a command to do likewise. These were the final acts of Christ just hours before His passion and death.

The glorious resurrection of Christ on the third day is a new hope to the persecuted believers for ages. Christ paid the price for our salvation. However, people of every nation, culture and language do pay a very high price in accepting Christ as their savior like the believers in the first century. We are confident that even if we have to lay our life for the sake of our faith in Jesus, He would wake us up from the sleep of death. "Easter is the only time of the year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket." "It says: You can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there."

God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. (Jn. 3: 16,17). It is on the Cross that we see the severity of our sins and the mercy of God. God has spared us from the severity and has broke open his heart of mercy on the Cross. By rising from death Christ has put an end to death and has opened the gates of heaven for us that we may live with Him forever. May the Risen Lord pour out his Holy Spirit on us to live a successful life with Christ as the center. If we consider life as a gift and a blessing, what can we say about eternal life? Wish you all a blessed Holy week and a glorious Easter ahead!

~Fr. Soja

Our **Arts & Environment committee** will be decorating for Easter after Mass on Good Friday. They our looking for one time volunteers to assist them. Please stay to help if you can.

**Holy Week** schedule for the 3 parishes of St. Mary's in Florence, St. Stanislaus Kostka in Armstrong Creek and St. Joan of Arc in Goodman with Fr. Soja.

*Holy Thursday* 6:00 pm AC St. Stanislaus Kostka

*Good Friday* 12:00 noon FL St. Mary's  
 3:00 pm GM St. Joan of Arc

*Holy Saturday*

*Blessing of Baskets* 11:00 am AC St. Stanislaus Kostka  
*Easter Vigil* 8:00 pm AC St. Stanislaus Kostka

*Easter Sunday* 8:30 am FL St. Mary's  
 10:30 am GM St. Joan of Arc

### Prayer for Vocations

*Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the call.*

*Your son Jesus told us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. We turn to you now and ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to awaken the hearts of those whom you are calling to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Green Bay.*

*May they hear your call and respond with a profound "yes" just as Mary did when she was asked to become the mother of your son, Jesus. Keep these your sons and daughters always close to you in the Eucharist and protect them from all evil.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Entrust: Disciples on Mission Retreat

During this intensive experience, attendees will receive the vision, formation, and practical knowledge in how to carry out the process of spiritual multiplication. *Thanks to the generosity of the Bishop's Appeal, this retreat is free of charge for staff, volunteers, and parishioners within the Diocese of Green Bay.* Contact the parish office or go online to sign-up. Registration links are typically available and registration opens 2 months prior to each retreat. Please note that capacity is limited, and sessions fill up quickly.

April 24-26, 2023 St. Norbert Abbey, De Pere

May 22-24, 2023 St. Norbert Abbey, De Pere

August 7-9, 2023 St. Norbert Abbey, De Pere

Visit [www.gbdioc.org/entrust](http://www.gbdioc.org/entrust)

Dickinson County Community Chorus & Iron Mountain Area Clergy Association. presents:

*Holy Tuesday Service Choral Offerings*

**"The Light of the World"**

Tuesday, April 4 @ 7 p.m. at American Martyrs Church, Kingsford, MI Prelude starts at 6:30, Concert at 7 p.m. followed by a reception.

Holy Thursday: **We are looking for some volunteers to have their feet washed at Holy Thursday Mass at St. Stanislaus.** Father would like 12 volunteers. Ideally, 4 volunteers from Armstrong Creek, 4 from Goodman and 4 from Florence. Please call Evie at 715-336-2631 or call/text Debbie at 920-639-0595. Thank you.