

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. + Joe Sleeter
Offered by Brant & Cindy Brolin
 Thursday 4:30-5:30 Eucharistic Adoration
 Friday 8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
Offered by Mark & Carla Kramer

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Tg - Sarah & Matt Oleske
Offered by Joe & Sue Mills
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Pete Podnar
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar
 + Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 13

Sacristan - Dan Throm
 Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm
 Lector - Yvonne Leslie
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, April 14

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - Dan Jazinski
 Lector - Kathy Jazinski
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski

If you are interested in any of the ministries or have questions, please see Fr. Soja or Tanya.

3/23 Sat. Collection	Loose....\$35.00	Envelope....\$325.00	Total....\$360.00
3/24 Sun. Collection	Loose...\$157.00	Envelope....\$785.00	Total.....\$942.00
	Electronic & Other.....\$60.00		Total.....\$60.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$2,359.00	
Easter Collection	Loose...\$115.00	Envelope..\$1,200.00	Total..\$1,315.00
	Electronic & Other.....\$1,335.00		Total..\$1,335.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,658.00	

Good Friday Collection: St. Mary’s raised \$295.00 to help Christian communities in the Holy Land. Thank you to all who donated to help the Holy places and the pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports.

Lenten Rice Bowls: Please return your rice bowls to the parish office this week. Thank you to all who participated!



Thank you to Bill & Trudy DeGroot’s granddaughters for their help decorating Holy Week. What a wonderful way to serve as a family!

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



Friends, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday today. In the Psalm we cry out a victory shout: “His mercy endures forever.” As we journey through the season of Easter, we are reminded of the transformative power of resurrection and the promise of new life that it brings. Resurrection calls us to embrace the possibilities of

new beginnings, to let go of past mistakes, and rise above adversity. It is through the mercy of God that we can experience personal resurrection – be it in our relationship, habits, or attitudes.

The resurrection story teaches us the enduring love and mercy of God. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus’ pierced side, we’ve been made God’s children. Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church - through the ministry of the apostles, who in today’s Gospel are sent as He was sent. He was made a life-giving Spirit and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today’s First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions. We encounter Him as the apostles did - in the breaking of the bread on the Lord’s Day.

St. John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments. “The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, “Peace be with you.” He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their “Lord.” Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made. May God open our hearts to the transformative power of the Resurrection and experience the joy of new life in Christ.

~ Fr. Soja

Holy Eucharist: The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist, which is the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist is central to the Catholic faith, as it represents the real presence of Christ in the world.

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish of Iron Mountain will be celebrating The Feast of Mercy on Sunday, April 7th from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Please see the schedule in the entryway for full details.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: Leading up to the National Eucharistic Congress to be held in Indianapolis in July, the Pilgrimage makes the way so the faithful throughout the country can participate in reviving the Eucharist in their lives, by accompanying Jesus from city to city.

The Pilgrimage will pass through our Diocese from June 12-19th from the Diocese of La Crosse. On Friday, June 14th, the Pilgrimage will leave the St. Norbert Abbey by 2 p.m. for a public walk on the Fox River Trail to St. Francis Xavier Cathedral where a public Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m., followed by heavy snacks, and Adoration from 6:30-7:30 p.m. On Sunday, June 16th, the Pilgrims will make their way to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion where a public Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m., followed by a procession/children’s Rosary walk at the Shrine. Please see Tanya for full details.

Thank you to the parishioners who generously donated for the beautiful Easter flowers that adorn our worship space in Memory or Honor of the following loved ones: In Memory of Leo Herman; Janet Kelley and Pete Podnar; Norman, Joan & Denise Meyers; Art, Helen & Dick LaFave; Glenn & Janet Sundquist and Mike & Hedy Fornetti; Jim Brandt and Joe Kennedy; the Johnson-Miller Family; the Steber Family and Nault Family; John Roach; the Podnar & Weber Family; Julie Meyers; Tim Touchett; Francis Samz, Jim Cominsky, Jule & Cleo Glime, Jack & Elaine Rochon; Cory Ehlert and Lane Ehlert; Caryl Novara; Anna Kelley and Donald Kensik; Janet Kelley, Inga Carlson, Anna Kelley, Julie Meyers and Peggy Jensen; Jeremy Donaldson, Julie Meyers, Whitney Gregg, Deceased Members of the Steber Family, and Deceased Members of the Donaldson Family; In Honor of the Jazinski Family.

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 visit www.gbdioc.org/institute or contact the office for more information if you are interested in being a “lay leader.”

Florence Utilities Food Drive: Thank you to all who generously donated to the spring food drive.

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