

**WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S**

Parish Office hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & 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 05/12 5:30 p.m. Living and Deceased  
 Members of the Kramer Family  
*Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer*

Thursday 05/14 5:30 p.m. Ascension Mass/No  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Rob and Sue Ristau Family  
*Offered by Rob and Sue Ristau*

**(No Eucharistic Adoration—Thurs., May 21st)**

Friday 05/15 8:30 a.m. +Janet & Ed Kelley  
*Offered by Bob, Mary and Tommy Podnar*

**Weekend Masses and Intentions**

Saturday 05/16 For the People

Sunday 05/10 8:30 +Dominic Jazinski  
*Offered by Dan and Kathy Jazinski*

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

**Weekend Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, 05/16**

Sacristan - Clara McLain  
 Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain  
 Lector - **Volunteer Needed**  
 Lead Usher - **Volunteer Needed**

**Sunday, 05/17**

Sacristan - Al and MaryKay Williams  
 Eucharistic Minister - Sally Neuens  
 Lector - Kathy Jazinski  
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski  
 Money Counters - Jerry Divine & Dorothy Vayda

05/02 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$15.00	Envelope.....\$380.00	Total.....\$395.00
05/03 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$222.00	Envelope.....\$365.00	Total.....\$587.00
	Misc....\$250.00	Electronic.....\$40.00	Total.....\$290.00
	<b>Total Collections</b>		<b>\$1,272.00</b>
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$1,155.00

**!!! FUNDRAISER !!!**



St. Mary’s is having a Pizza Sale Fundraiser to support the needs of our church. It is very simple as each parish family is being asked to purchase or sell a minimum of \$50.00 worth of delicious Dina Mia pizza.

- Please pick up your order form at the back of Church.
- Additional forms are available in the Parish Office if needed.
- Completed Order forms are **due back to the Parish office by May 25th.**
- Pizza orders will be ready for pick up on **Friday, June 19th, between 3pm - 6pm** in the Parish hall. Payment is due @ pick-up. We will **accept cash or checks. SORRY, NO CREDIT CARDS.**

*Thank you for your support to raise funds for St. Mary’s Parish!*

**ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**Our Deepest Condolences** go out to the family and friends of Betty Ann Steber, 88, lifelong resident of Florence, Wisc., who passed away Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Woodside Lutheran Home, in Green Bay, WI. May we continue to keep Betty and her family in loving prayer during this difficult time.

*Grant eternal life to our sister, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Let the angels welcome her into Paradise and help us comfort each other with the assurance of our faith. May she rest in peace.*

**Volunteers Needed:** Our Parish is in need of volunteers to serve in our liturgical ministries—specifically, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers especially for Saturday evening Mass. Please prayerfully consider serving as training will be provided.

**Bishop’s Appeal:** Thank you to all who have already donated to the 2026 Bishop’s Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Since we are still trying to reach our goal of \$8,880, there will be a May mailing for the 2026 Bishop’s Appeal for those who may still be prayerfully considering making a donation. Thank you for your support to help St. Mary’s reach their goal!



**May is the Month of Mary:** Please join us as we pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother after weekend masses during the month of May. If you are willing to lead the Rosary at either Mass, please see the sign-up sheet in the entry-way. Thank you for your consideration as we dedicate the month of May to Mary!

**Memorial Day Weekend Bake Sale:** St. Mary’s will be having a Bake Sale after masses during the weekend of May 23rd and 24th. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the entryway tables if you are able to provide a delicious treat for the Bake Sale. Thank You for your support!!!



*“Happy Mother’s Day!” “Thank God for all mothers and grandmothers! Through the Holy Mother’s prayers, may your heart find deep and lasting peace.”*



Lead with faith ~ Protect your family ~ Serve others ~ Defend your values

**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.



Friends, in our gospel teaching, Jesus goes on to promise us the Holy Spirit, the advocate that he describes as a spirit of truth that the world cannot accept. Then Jesus destroys the myth of separation. He proclaims, “On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I in you.” Even if you’ve heard this

line read many times throughout your life listening to the Christian scriptures, I encourage you to take a moment to really contemplate what he gave us with that teaching. The Holy Spirit is love that will resonate with others, to myself, and to the divine within me. We are all connected. Nothing and no one are separate in God’s love.

In our gospel, Jesus establishes that he, and thus the Father, lives within us. This idea is important for me to remember when God feels distant and far away. When I feel that God is inaccessible, know that it’s because I am buying into many of the images of God as the commander on a cloud. Jesus came to show all of us many new truths. Namely, that God is a God of love, and that God shows up in our fellow human beings with whom we inhabit this planet. When I encounter one of them, I am encountering God. When there are problems to solve in the world and people in need of care, do I simply leave it to that idea of God on the cloud to sort it out, or do I realize that I am responsible for serving them as an act of love?

Jesus reminds His disciples that just as He has come to instruct and teach His followers, another “Paraclete” will come after He is gone. Paraclete means “advocate.” Advocates had two roles in ancient times: first, to defend and help those who were facing trial; and second, to instruct their clients in the matters at hand. Jesus was the first Paraclete for His followers. The Holy Spirit is the “other” Paraclete who will continue to defend, strengthen, help, and instruct those who have been marked by the Spirit.

Wishing all mothers a Happy Mother’s Day!!!!

Fr. Soja

**Our Current Bishop’s Appeal Total**

\$6,160.00

**Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:**

\$8,880.00



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