

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Visit us on the web at www.stmaryflorence.org

Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 07/14 5:30 p.m. + Richard Schalow
Offered by Maggie Schalow

Thursday 07/16 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 07/17 **8:30 a.m. Daily Mass cancelled!**
12:00 p.m. Memorial Funeral Mass

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 07/18 6:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday 07/19 8:30 a.m. + Marie Leffler
Offered by Fred and Karen Leffler

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 07/18

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

Sunday, 07/19

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Jazinski
Lector - Kathy Jazinski
Lead Usher - Jay Glime
Money Counters - Dan and Kathy Jazinski

07/04 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$150.00	Envelope.....\$135.00	Total.....\$285.00
07/05 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$868.00	Envelope.....\$465.00	Total.....\$1,333.00
	Misc...\$330.00	Electronic....\$140.00	Total.....\$470.00
	Total Collections:		\$2,088.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$1,498.00

St. Vincent DePaul Activities for the months of: April—June

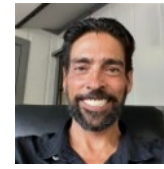
	April	May	June
Families served through the			
Pantry/Commodities	58	68	55
Adults	85	99	79
Children	9	7	12
People Helped with Rent	0	1	1
People Helped with Utilities	0	0	0
Helped with Gas Vouchers	0	1	2
Helped with Prescriptions	0	0	0
Helped with Other Items	0	1	4

This store always needs help. If interested, call 715-528-4720 to volunteer!

Thank You!

Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul Society: We want to express our sincere gratitude to all who donated to the recent Food Drive. With your generosity, we received approximately 1,400 lbs. of food and over \$1500 in donations. Your support helps us continue our mission to help feed those in need. THANK YOU!!!

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Karl Fritz Wittkopf, age 50, who passed away on March 18, 2026, after a fast, furious and courageous battle with cancer. A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, July 17, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Florence, Wisc. Fr.

Soja Joseph will officiate. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. May we continue to keep Karl and his family in loving prayer during this difficult time.

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

Congratulations: St. Mary’s Parish family warmly wishes a Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Geno and Sally Neuens! Their Golden Anniversary is a testament to the vows they made before God. Congratulations on this milestone and may God continue to shower you with His graces!

Precious Blood of Jesus: The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. The Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

Ministry Volunteers: St. Mary’s continues to need: Sacristans, **Lectors**, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers, *especially for Saturday Evening Mass!* Contact the Parish Office if interested.

Thank You: Thank you to Bob & Debbie Gibson for repairing and repainting the outside Statue of Mary and the pedestal base, along with adding a new crown. Bob also repaired a water valve to allow outside water service to maintain the beautiful flowers.

Thank You: Thank you to those who have volunteered to water the beautiful flowers outside the church. Your dedication truly brightens the entrance for everyone who enters St. Mary’s Parish.

Current Bishop’s Appeal Total: \$8,875.00

Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal: \$8,880.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!



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

Knights of Columbus

Local Council#2847 meets the 2nd 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, the farmer in the parable of the Sower sounds a lot like many of us. We work hard, and only sometimes succeed. Most of the best things that we give to others are not well received by them. Most of what we want to plant in the lives of those around us doesn’t “take”; it doesn’t become rooted and permanently planted in their lives. Those areas where the best we’ve given to others come up lacking, falling short of our hopes, our dreams, and our great expectations.

This parable of Jesus is autobiographical. He was born and raised in Nazareth and his own hometown folks rejected Him. His own Hebrew countrymen rejected His message. His hand-picked twelve apostles? Well, they were short of perfection in many ways. But the point today is that Jesus did not let apparent failure stop Him. In His parable, Jesus went on to speak about a crop that yielded a harvest in successful amounts, some yields bringing spectacular success. Today’s Gospel parable is not a dirge – it is a celebration; it is a story of hope, not of despair. Any Crisis has within it both danger and opportunity. True, there are evils that surround us, but many of those evils are slowly being overcome. God is at work among us bringing good out of evil. We must remember that in the hands of God the slightest good can be multiplied to feed thousands if we would but hand our efforts into His care and providence.

You and I need to seriously engage ourselves in the enterprise of faith and hope, planting what we have, planting the best of what we have, and then letting God’s sun, wind, and gentle rains do the rest. God’s only begotten Son, along with the gentle breath of His Holy Spirit, provide waters of grace to nourish and sustain what He has planted in the lives of those we love. The best years of our lives, and the best that we have given to others in them, or are giving right now, or will give in the future, will not be fruitless. And so, O Christian, keep on planting God’s good seeds in the lives of those near to you. For God Himself has said through His prophet Isaiah that His Word shall go forth from His mouth “... and it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it”. Faith and hope are what should be in our hearts, not defeat and despair.

Fr. Soja

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