

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - 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
 Tues. 3/25 5:30pm Tg: Anniversary Thomas & Jenelle Healy
Offered by Rob & Sue Ristau
 Thurs. 3/27 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration
 5:30pm Study Group: The Mass
 Fri. 3/28 8:30am +Corky Miller
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions
 Sat. 3/29 6:00pm +Ernie Brolin
Offered by Brant & Cindy Brolin
 Sun. 3/30 8:30am +Ray & Josephine DeGroot
Offered by Bill & Trudy DeGroot
 + Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving
 Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule
Saturday, March 29th
 Sacristan - Dan Throm
 Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm
 Lector - Aubrey Pataconi
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky
Sunday, March 30th
 Sacristan - Clara McLain
 Eucharistic Ministers - Sally Neuens
 Lector - Kathy Jazinski
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski

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| 03/15 Sat. Coll. | Loose.....\$35.00 | Envelope.....\$255.00 | Total.....\$290.00 |
| 03/16 Sun. Coll. | Loose.....\$100.00 | Envelope....\$495.00 | Total...\$595.00 |
| Easter Flowers 3/15.....\$200.00 | Electronic.....\$40.00 | Misc.....\$160.00 | Total...\$451.00 |
| 3/16.....\$35.00 | Votive Candles...\$16.00 | | |
| | | Total Collection: | \$1,336.00 |
| Budget: | \$2,028.00 | 2024: \$1,634.00 | |

“...But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one speaking with you.” - John 4:5-42



Our Deepest Condolences to all of the family and friends of **Sandra Lanser** of Port Washington, who passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her devoted children, on Friday, March 7, 2025. May we continue to keep Sandra and all her family in loving prayer during this difficult time. Sandy was a founding member of St. Peter of Alcantara Parish in Port Washington and members of St. Mary’s Parish in Florence, WI. She was very active in both the church and the community. Funeral services for Sandy will be held on Friday, March 14, 2025 at St John XXIII Catholic Parish - St. Peter’s Church, 1800 N. Wisconsin St. Port Washington. Visitation will take place at the church from 4 - 6pm, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 6pm. Father Patrick Wendt will preside over the Mass. Sandy will be laid to rest next to her husband, Eddie, at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Port Washington. The Eernisse Funeral Home, Port Washington, is honored to serve the Lanser family.

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.

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT!

Notes & Reminders

- ♦ **Mass Intentions:** Mass is a beautiful prayer offering; one of the most powerful prayers we have. Please contact the office to schedule them. Suggested donation \$10.
- ♦ **Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays @ 4:30pm:** Come let Jesus gaze upon you with His infinite love and mercy. He is waiting for YOU!
- ♦ **A sign up sheet** can be found in the entryway for those interested in the upcoming **Koinonia Retreat** May 30 through June 1 2025. Please sign up and reach out to Larry Neuens to confirm your interest/attendance on the retreat.
- ♦ Check out our FREE Study Guide on **The Mass: An Introduction!** DVDs available to rent out and/or access videos via YouTube! There are enough study guides for everyone! Reminder to see the office to rent out a DVD.
- ♦ **A sign up sheet** can be found in the entryway for those interested in meeting as a small group for **The Mass: video series after Adoration Thursday March 27th, 2025.** The group will discuss a schedule for the next day/time at the meeting.
- ♦ There will be a 2nd Collection the weekend of 3/29-3/30 for the World’s Poor. Envelopes will be found in the pews.



Friends, the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is a profound moment of grace, revelation, and transformation. This passage highlights several key themes: breaking social and cultural barriers, spiritual thirst, true worship, and personal transformation. Jesus’ decision to speak with the Samaritan woman defied significant societal norms. Jews and Samaritans were historically hostile toward one another, and Jewish men typically did not engage in private conversations with women, especially those with a questionable reputation. Yet, Jesus initiates a dialogue with her, showing that His message of salvation is for all people, regardless of race, gender, or past mistakes. This act of inclusion reflects God’s love for all humanity.

Jesus offers the woman "living water," contrasting it with the physical water she came to draw. While she initially misunderstands, thinking of literal water, Jesus speaks of the eternal satisfaction that comes from a relationship with Him. There is a deep human need—spiritual fulfillment that can only be met through Christ. Her thirst symbolizes the longing of the human soul for something greater than earthly satisfaction. When the woman raises the issue of worship—whether it should take place in Jerusalem or on Mount Gerizim—Jesus shifts the focus from location to the heart of worship. He declares that true worshipers will worship the Father "in spirit and in truth". God desires an intimate, genuine relationship with His followers, not just religious rituals, but an integral part of our life and culture.

The Samaritan woman comes to recognize Jesus as the Messiah and runs to tell others in her village. Her testimony leads many Samaritans to believe in Christ. An encounter with Jesus can change lives, even those with troubled pasts can become powerful witnesses of His grace. This story invites us to reflect on our own spiritual thirst and need for Christ. It challenges us to move beyond societal prejudices and see others as God sees them. It also encourages us to worship sincerely and to share the Gospel with others. Our encounter with Jesus should lead to transformation and a desire to share His love.

~Fr. Soja

Our Current Bishop’s Appeal Total:

\$3,585.00

Our 2025 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:

\$9,274.00



Upcoming Events

- ♦ **The Dickinson County Community Chorus** will be singing in an Ecumenical Choral Service on Tuesday April 15th, 2025 beginning 7pm @ American Martyrs. Posters are in the entryway for more info!



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Knights of Columbus
 Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.
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