

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tues. 2/25 5:30pm For the People

Thurs. 2/27 Eucharistic Adoration

Fri. 2/28 8:30am For the People

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 3/1 6:00pm +Arlene Dott

Offered by Candace & Stephen Dott

Sun. 3/2 8:30am +Janet Kelley

Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 1st

Sacristan - Dan Throm

Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm

Lector - Missy Roberts

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, March 2nd

Sacristan - Clara McLain

Eucharistic Ministers - Bill DeGroot

Lector - Carolyn Lemanski

Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski

Money Counters - Jerry Divine & Dorothy Vayda



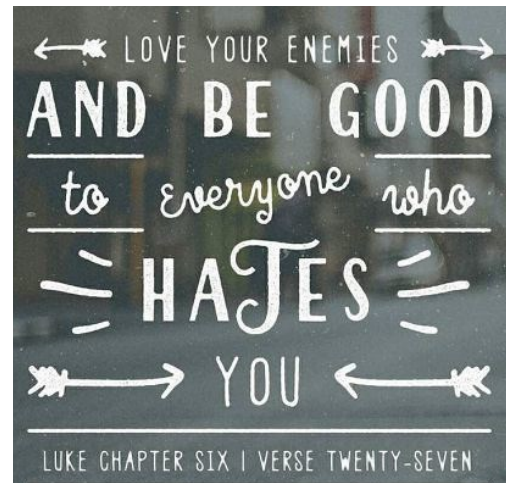
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02/15 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$58.00	Envelope.....\$205.00	Total.....\$263.00
02/16 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$45.00	Envelope....\$440.00	Total...\$485.00
Bishop's Appeal:	Electronic....\$40.00	Misc....\$670.00	Total...\$1,830.00
	\$1,120.00		
		Total Collection:	\$2,578.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$1,634.00	



**Ash
 Wednesday**

After 5:30pm Mass; Small Supper—
 Interested in bringing a dish to pass for the small supper meal after Ash Wednesday this year? Following 5:30pm Mass, we will be in the parish hall for some soup and small food items. Please consider baking or bringing something to pass, (this is not required to attend.) Please join us for fellowship and sharing a meal to kick off our Lenten journey together! Sign up in the entryway.

“Jesus said to his disciples: “To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you.....” -Luke 6:27-38

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME!



Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **Mass Intentions:** Mass is a beautiful prayer offering; one of the most powerful prayers we have. On behalf of loved ones; in thanksgiving for the living and in repose of the souls of the deceased. Please contact the office to schedule them.
- ◆ **Eucharistic Adoration is held on Thursdays @ 4:30pm:** Come and join us, letting Jesus gaze upon you with His infinite love and mercy. He is waiting for YOU! Thursdays @ 4:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration.
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday Supper—**following the 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass @ Florence on March 5th, 2025. All are welcome to attend!
- ◆ **Our Lenten Mass Schedule** is posted in the entryway!



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

- ◆ **Wed. 3/5 @ 3:30pm - Goodman, St. Joan’s**
- ◆ **Wed. 3/5 @ 5:30pm - Florence, St. Mary’s**

What is the average gift? And how much should I give?

The average gift in 2024 was \$271. Through prayerful consideration, we encourage everyone to consider what they can share with those who have less. Even small donations add up when everyone participates.

Questions? Please contact Tammy @ 920-272-8123 or tdanz@cfgbwi.org.



Friends, the word of God this weekend is about loving our enemies, showing compassion, kindness, and forgiveness to those who wrong us, just as God loves us unconditionally. God's love, demonstrated through Jesus' teachings and actions, challenges us to rethink our relationships and interactions. Jesus demonstrated this through showing empathy, healing, feeding, forgiving others and kindness to those in need. Jesus teaches that compassion is a fundamental aspect of loving God and our neighbors. By choosing to show understanding instead of judgment, we can build stronger, more loving communities.

God’s love is unconditional, selfless, and sacrificial. By forgiving, we free ourselves from anger and become more like Christ. Remembering that God loves and forgives all, including those who have wronged us. It’s difficult but necessary. David, finding Saul asleep, refuses to harm him, saying it’s wrong to strike the Lord’s anointed. He takes Saul’s spear and jug, proving his mercy and faithfulness. He further writes in Psalm 103, I praise the Lord and remember His kindness: forgiving sins, healing ailments, saving from despair, showing endless mercy and love, far surpassing our shortcomings. We, like Saul, are spared by God’s mercy despite our sins.

Jesus warns against judging others (Luke 6:37). We are called to show understanding and compassion. When we judge, we often don’t know the whole story and can hurt others with our assumptions. He emphasized non-retaliation and treating others as you wish to be treated. He urged forgiveness and generosity, promising reciprocal blessings. The first Adam was earthly, the last Adam (Christ) a life-giving spirit. We, once earthly, will transform to bear the likeness of the heavenly man. Paul explains that we are to bear the image of Christ, the heavenly man. Only God can give purely, without expecting anything back and forgive unconditionally. No wonder Jesus said, you will be called children of God if you do all these.

~Fr. Soja



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