

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

Tuesday 9/09 No Daily Mass

Thursday 9/11 No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9/12 No Daily Mass

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 9/13 6:00 p.m. +Jim Cominsky
Offered by Mike and Jacqie Glime

Sunday 9/14 8:30 a.m. +Corky Miller
Offered by Rosie Peters

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 13

Sacristan - Dan Throm
Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm
Lector - Heather Roberts
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, September 14

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

8/30 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$99.00	Envelope....\$105.00	Total.....\$204.00
8/31 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$916.00	Envelope....\$300.00	Total....\$1,216.00
		Electronic..\$1,040.00	Total....\$1,040.00
		Total Collections	\$2,460.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$3,699.00	

Fr. Soja’s Schedule and Office Hours

Fr. Soja remains in India working through his Visa renewal process. We will keep you updated regarding his return and who will be our visiting priests. Pray for Fr. Soja’s safe return!

There are no daily masses, Eucharistic Adoration, or meetings scheduled while Fr. Soja is away.

The Parish Office will be open Tuesday-Friday from 8:30-2:30 p.m.



Please pray for all our school staff, students and families as they begin the journey of another school year. Pray for their safety, health and for our Lord to continue to guide them on their paths of friendship, knowledge, and community. Pray that all staff and students will lead with love and follow Jesus’ teachings of forgiveness, compassion and mercy.

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ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

Recent Collections: Thank you to all who have donated and prayed for the Raising Vocations Collection, the Bishop’s Appeal and the Building and Maintenance Fund over the past several weeks. Your continued support, prayers and generosity are greatly appreciated!

Birthday Wishes: Happy Birthday to Fr. Soja who celebrates his birthday on September 7th. We will have to share a special treat to celebrate his birthday when he returns from India!

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Sept. 8th. This feast day marks the birth of Mary.



Prayer Calendars: September Prayer Calendars can be found at the back of the church.

Gold Slips: Please return your gold slips by Sept. 16th. Thank you for volunteering your time for these important ministries.

Prayer Shawls: Yvonne Podner, a previous member of St. Mary’s, made many beautiful prayer shawls which still remain here. If you are seeking comfort for someone you know or for yourself, please stop at the Parish Office to choose one.

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of lectors especially for Saturday evening mass and substitute sacristans. Training will be provided. We also need someone to drive to Niagara on Wednesdays between 10:00-4:00 to drop off bookkeeping work as needed. Please contact the Parish office if you can help out. Thank You!

St. Mary’s has raised \$7,630.00

towards our goal of \$9,274.00. Thank you for your support!!!



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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 Gospel passage this Sunday begins with a hyperbolic statement on family relations. “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his whole life, he cannot be my disciple. These statements were meant to jolt Jesus’ listeners into paying attention and discussing his basic message. The evangelist is referencing Micah 7:6, in which the prophet laments the breakdown of family relations. The call to follow Jesus may indeed entail opposition even from those we love the most!

Now that this teaching shakes us; what is Jesus’ message today? Whoever does not carry his own cross and comes after me cannot be my disciple. There is nothing half-hearted about following Jesus. We will face opposition, and we will have to carry a cross – our personal cross, a suffering and burden uniquely our own. Is following Christ worth this radical and uncomfortable lifestyle change? Jesus tells his followers to think it over by telling two parables. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? . . . Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?

In other words, give it some thought! Discipleship means discernment. To hammer in the point, today’s Gospel ends with this further hyperbolic statement: In the same way, any one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple. Looks like we’d better know what we’re doing before we can follow Christ! How does one make such a decision? The First Reading from the Book of Wisdom gives us some guidance. Who can know God’s counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. . . Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your Holy Spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. To follow Christ means facing opposition and carrying a difficult cross. But Jesus has faith that we will make the right decision – a decision we must ponder carefully with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Wishing you all a very Happy Feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Mother.

Fr. Soja

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