

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. + Richard Steber
Offered by Daniel & Gail Donaldson
Thursday 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 8:30 a.m. For the People

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. + Michael Beauregard
Offered by Gloria Merhalski
Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Pete Podnar
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 13 with Fr. Demos Olaso

Sacristan - Volunteer Needed
Eucharistic Ministers - Volunteer if Needed
Lector - Debbie Zelten
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, July 14 with Fr. Demos Olaso

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry
Eucharistic Ministers - Derek Parker
Lector - Al Williams
Lead Usher - Jay Glime
Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

* Church and office cleaners needed.*
Please contact the office if interested.

Weekend Collection: With the Parish Office closed last week, there is no collection information. Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your generosity throughout the year. We are truly blessed.

Welcome to our new Parish Secretaries: We are happy to announce that Jean Fornetti and Heather Roberts will be job-sharing the parish secretary position. The parish office will be open Monday through Friday, from 8:30-2:30, beginning July 15th. God bless our secretaries!!

Thank you to our parishioners and all who help with mass, yard work, maintenance, cleaning, office work, decorating, meals, teaching, errands and all the little and big things that need to be completed. Your help and support to the parish are greatly appreciated!

Pastoral Needs: If you are interested in joining our parish, becoming Catholic, marriage prep, baptism prep, confirmation, funerals, returning to the Church, spiritual direction, information on grief support, would like communion brought to you, have a home visit, inquiring about an annulment or have other concerns, please contact Father Soja at 920-445-4560.

- Questions regarding religious education and registration can be addressed to Carolyn Lemanski at 715-528-3008.
- Call St. Vincent de Paul Conference for assistance with basic needs at 715-528-2030.
- To schedule a Mass intention, volunteer for a parish ministry, rent the parish hall, request a prayer shawl or request prayers, call the parish office at 715-528-3310.

Summer Education: Please check out the parish hall shelves for some excellent Catholic reading material and CD’s, for those long car rides or relaxing summer days, to enhance your faith.

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

Iron Mountain - Immaculate Conception Rescue Project: You are invited to an eight-week Gospel experience, called The Rescue Project, to be held at the Immaculate Conception Parish beginning Tuesday, September 17th and running each Tuesday through November 5th from 6:00 p.m. to around 8:15 p.m., with a half-day retreat on Saturday, November 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Rescue Project offers participants the chance to hear, discuss, and pray about some of life’s deepest questions, including:

- Why is there something rather than nothing?
- Why is the world so obviously messed up?
- What, if anything, has God done about this?
- If God has done something, then what is my response?

At each Tuesday session, you will be served a wonderful meal, experience beautiful worship music, watch a 30-45 minute video, and then have table discussions about what the Lord may be saying to you. Childcare will be provided. All of this is free for participants.

Space is limited, so please sign-up as soon as possible at: <https://icparish.church/the-rescue-project>

If you have any difficulty signing up, please send a note to Rick and Sue Popp at rickpopp@mac.com or call Sue at 248-787-1982.

For more information go to: <https://rescueproject.us/>



Friends, our faith enables us to trust in God who is almighty and all-powerful. God strengthens us and calls us to trust Him in our weaknesses. God empowers Ezekiel to speak to the rebellious people of Israel. This shows that God will make His presence known even if people do not

listen. It is important to recognize and listen to those God sent us. Repentance and reconciliation are Godly just like prayer and forgiveness are inseparable. Mistakes are not what define us. It is what we do about them that does.

Paul talks about how his weaknesses are opportunities for Christ’s power to shine. This teaches us that God’s strength is perfected in our weaknesses. True power is found in acknowledging our weaknesses and relying on God’s grace. He challenges us to embrace our struggles, as they refine us and reveal God’s strength within us. This acceptance transforms us and deepens our connection to God who equips us with necessary graces.

Jesus is rejected by the people in Nazareth because of His humble background. This could be an experience for many teenagers and youth. We reflect on how Jesus handled rejection and what we can learn from His response. It emphasizes that Jesus understands our feelings of rejection and teaches us to respond with grace and move forward, seeking acceptance and support from others. Jesus is only able to heal a few sick people in Nazareth because of their unbelief. Faith in God’s power is important for healing and God’s help. However, the primary purpose of Jesus’ incarnation is not temporary healing and raising the dead who would eventually die again, but to lead mankind to life beyond and joy eternal.

~ Fr. Soja

Volunteers needed: Saturday lectors and Sacristans.

2024 DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY ENCOUNTER
JULY 14, 2024 | 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Holy Family Parish, Brillion

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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.
For more information contact:
Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379
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To click on details for the Diocese of Green Bay youth encounter go to: onmissionmedia.com

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