

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & 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

Tuesday, 08/04, 5:30 p.m. + Joanne Taff
Offered by Joe and Sue Mills

Thursday, 08/06, 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration.

Friday, 08/07, 8:30 a.m. + Judy Kopotic
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 08/08, 6:00 p.m. + Gloria Merhalski
Offered by Dennis and Karen Podnar

Sunday, 08/09 8:30 a.m. + David Herrick
Offered by Ann Savino

+ Deceased, Tg. Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all masses.

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 08/08

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry
Eucharistic Minister - Kathy Fabry
Lector - Kathy Jazinski
Lead Usher - *Volunteer Needed*

Sunday, 08/09

Sacristan - Clara McLain
Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot
Lector - Bill DeGroot
Lead Usher - Jay Glime
Money Counters - Jay and Lori Glime

07/25 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$163.00	Envelope.....\$265.00	Total.....\$428.00
07/26 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$377.00	Envelope.....\$395.00	Total.....\$772.00
	Misc... \$100.00	Electronic.....\$780.00	Total.....\$880.00
	Total Collections:		\$2,080.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$2,356.00

Fr. Soja’s Schedule/Visiting Priest:

Thank you to Fr. Eric Olsen for celebrating Mass with us this weekend while Fr. Soja was away for his Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal.

Upcoming Meeting:

Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thurs., August 6th, 2026.

Thank You!

Thank you to Sue Mills for cleaning the Parish during the month of August. Your time and effort keeps St. Mary’s neat and welcoming for all!

In Honor of the Holy Spirit...

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are bestowed on us at baptism, yet, those gifts may remain somewhat dormant, or be only slightly exhibited in our lifetime. What are these gifts? *Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.*

Would you like these gifts to be more evident in your life and in those around you? Let us pray often “Come, Holy Spirit, Come.” Amen.

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

Our Young People Are Counting on You!: A spiritual family needs priests and sisters. That is why the **Raising Vocations Collection** is so important. By now, you most likely received a letter from Bishop Ricken requesting your help in supporting young men and women on their faith journey. Please return your generous contribution to this collection, using the pledge card and return envelope you received in the mail. Your gift will make a huge difference now and for the future of our Church. Thank you for helping these young people today, so they may say “yes” to the Lord! Every gift makes a difference. Friends and followers of Jesus support one another! To make your gift today, visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give or call Tammy Danz at 920-272-8123. Thank you for your generosity!!!

Salvation Army Thank You: The Salvation Army Bell Ringing for “Christmas in July” would like to thank the following people for collecting \$363.00 to help the people in Florence County: Dan & Cindy Throm, Clara McLain, Dan & Diane Doll, Rich Kallmann, and Dorothy Vayda. God Bless you All!

Sacred Heart Parish: Sacred Heart Parish in Aurora, WI, is celebrating 100 years of Faith and Family on Sunday, August 23rd. Come share your family story.



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

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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!



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.

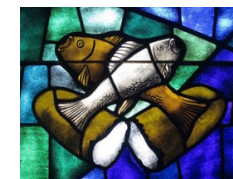
Lead with faith ~ Protect your family ~ Serve others ~ Defend your values



Friends, the passage from Matthew about the multiplication of loaves and fish gives us a lot to chew on. "They all ate and were satisfied." Matthew was writing about a huge crowd of more than 5,000, the Scripture says, and, yet, every single person was there no matter the appetite, the disposition, the need was filled. They were satisfied with what Jesus gave them. This great miracle carries a great message because it's about not only what we want, but what Jesus gives. Significantly, it's also about what we can give because of him. Christ was, in fact, showing us his own way of living and loving.

In a homily last year, Pope Leo declared: "That is how Jesus satisfies the hunger of the crowd: he does what God does, and he teaches us to do the same. The Lord's example is a yardstick that should guide our actions and our service: we are called to share our bread, to multiply hope and to proclaim the coming of God's Kingdom." And it begins, of course, by turning to the one who provides everything. The fact is: in this passage, all who came to Jesus got exactly what they needed. There were even leftovers; "fragments" collected for another time. He gave everyone more than enough. God did it then. He does it now through the Eucharist. God is ready to give us what we need. What are we truly hungering for? What do we crave?

Gospel assures us that the one who satisfies those hungers and fills our wants is Jesus. He feeds us beyond what we can imagine. He makes the impossible possible, satisfies the unsatisfied, refreshes those who are weary and wanting. In giving of himself, Christ challenges us to continue giving of ourselves. How to begin? Listen closely to the first reading, from Isaiah, and you realize it serves as a summons to us all, just like the thousands described in the Gospel. "All you who are thirsty, come to the water! Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life." The Lord will leave us satisfied, but we shouldn't really be satisfied until we have followed his example. How can we multiply what he has given us?



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