

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, 08/25, 5:30 p.m. + Edwin Kelley
Offered by Todd and Tricia Moreaux

Thursday, 08/27, 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration.

Friday, 08/28, 8:30 a.m. + David Heikkinen
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 08/29, 6:00 p.m. +Frank “Skip” Bilsky
Offered by Brant and Cindy Brolin

Sunday, 08/30 8:30 a.m. Anniversary: Norb and Kay Zelten
Offered by Dan and Kathy Jazinski

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 08/29

Sacristan - Tanya Parker
Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm
Lector - Evan Parker
Lead Usher - ***Volunteer Needed***

Sunday, 08/30

Sacristan - Al and MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister - Sally Neuens
Lector - Al Williams
Lead Usher - ***Volunteer Needed***
Money Counters - Dorothy Vayda and Maggie Schalow

08/15 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$83.00	Envelope.....\$90.00	Total.....\$173.00
08/16 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$365.00	Envelope....\$1,120.00	Total.....\$1,485.00
Electronic.....\$110.00			Total.....\$110.00
Total Collections:			\$1,768.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$1,361.00

In Honor of the Holy Spirit...

By the **Gift of Fortitude**, the soul is strengthened against natural fear and supported to the end in the performance of duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy that moves it to undertake, without hesitancy, the most arduous tasks, to face dangers, to extinguish the love for human respect and to endure, without complaint even a slow martyrdom of lifelong tribulation.

“Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.” Amen

Pastoral Visit:

Bishop Ricken made a pastoral visit recently to Menasha and the Fox Valley after a devastating EF3 tornado tore through the area. He experienced remarkable hope, love, and faith as he witnessed volunteers showing up to help from near and far. A powerful reminder still stands tall over a broken city: "The sun still rises. The cross still stands."

Bible Study: Would anyone be interested in forming a Bible study or prayer group for the fall and winter? Please contact the parish office or Carla Kramer (715-616-2060) to share your interest and preferences.



For assistance, contact Catholic Charities
920-272-2224 | charlthugh@phdnc.org

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



Our Deepest Condolences go out to the family and friends of James “Jim” Joseph Kunz who passed away peacefully at his home on April 13, 2026, surrounded by loved ones after a brief illness. James was born on September 18, 1940 in Ironwood, Michigan. May we continue to keep James and his family in loving prayer during this difficult time. A Memorial Service is scheduled on Friday, August 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jacobs Funeral Home in Florence. Fr. Soja Joseph will officiate.

Our Future Priests and Religious Need Your Help: Thank you to those who have participated in the Raising Vocations Collection! Nearly 500 high school students from our diocese attended Steubenville Youth Conferences this summer to discover Jesus and hear God’s call to the priesthood and religious life. So far, St. Mary’s has contributed \$1,100 to the collection. Every gift makes an impact in the formation of hundreds of young men and women throughout Northeastern Wisconsin as they say “yes” to vocations to the priesthood or religious life. Make your gift today by mailing in your pledge card, visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give or call Tammy Danz at 920-272-8123.

Back to School Blessing: As a new school year approaches, all students, educators, and school personnel are invited to receive a special blessing next weekend at either mass. Families and community members are encouraged to attend and pray together for a grace-filled, safe, and joyful school year ahead!

Cleaning Position Available: St. Mary’s is looking for someone to clean the Rectory twice per month. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 715-528-3310.

Garden Help Needed: St. Mary’s needs a volunteer to help pull weeds along the sidewalk. This would be a one-time commitment of about 1-2 hours. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Thank You!



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

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.

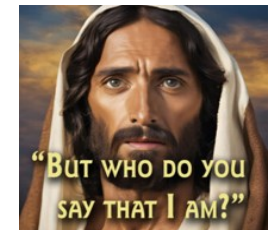


Friends, the Gospel today revolves around two questions. Jesus first asks his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The answers come quickly: John the Baptist. Elijah. Jeremiah. One of the prophets. The voices of the crowd recognize Jesus as someone extraordinary, but they stop short of the truth.

Then Jesus asks a second question. "But who do ***you*** say that I am?" The conversation suddenly becomes personal. Simon Peter answers with words that echo through every generation of believers: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus responds by giving Peter a mission. "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Matthew's Gospel is one of only two places where Jesus speaks the word ***Church*** – the assembly of God's people. Faith is deeply personal, but it is never meant to be lived in isolation. Christ gathers us into a community that proclaims his name, celebrates his presence, and continues his mission in the world. Peter's ministry of leadership remains a visible sign of that unity through the Church and the successor of Peter, the Pope.

Friends, every generation hears the same question that Jesus asked at Caesarea Philippi. Who do ***you*** say that I am? May our answer be more than words. May it be the faith we profess, the life we live, and the communion we share with the Church that continues to bear witness to Christ in every age. God of the Bible loves to dialogue with us. In the silence of our heart let us keep listening and responding to Jesus-the living word, our personal savior.

Fr. Soja



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

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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!



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