

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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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 05/26 5:30 p.m. + Gloria Merhalski
Offered by Joanie Richtig

Thursday 05/28 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 05/29 8:30 a.m. + John Holbrook
Offered by Bob, Mary, & Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 05/30 6:00 p.m. + Ed & Janet Kelley
Offered by Bob, Mary, & Tommy Podnar

Sunday 05/31 8:30 a.m. + Eugene Vanden Heuvel
Offered by Dennis & Karen Podnar

+ Deceased, Tg. Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all masses.

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 05/30

Sacristan - Tanya Parker
 Eucharistic Minister - Derek Parker/*Need 1-2 more*
 Lector - Evan Parker
 Lead Usher - *Volunteer Needed*

Sunday, 05/31

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry
 Eucharistic Ministers - Kathy Fabry, Bill DeGroot,
 & Sally Neuens
 Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
 Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski
 Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

05/16 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$109.00	Envelope.....\$340.00	Total.....\$449.00
05/17 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$259.00	Envelope.....\$455.00	Total.....\$714.00
Building Fund:	Misc....\$250.00	Electronic.....\$110.00	Total.....\$385.00
	\$25.00		
		Total Collections	\$1,548.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$1,224.00

Home Missions - Our Own Needs Collection: This weekend, we take up the collection for Home Missions – Our Own Needs collection. This consolidated collection benefits the Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC), Catholic University of America, and Catholic Home Missions dioceses. Your support helps build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States through Catholic media, religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

Our Current Bishop’s Appeal Total

\$7,205.00

Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:

\$8,880.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Volunteers Needed: Our Parish needs Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Money Counters especially for our Saturday evening mass. Please consider serving once a month or as a backup for vacations and illness for either mass. We will gladly train you and assist as needed. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO PENTECOST SUNDAY



Sincere Condolences: St. Mary’s Parish wishes to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Rodger and Marcia Melin on the passing of Rodger’s mother, Vivian Melin, on December 3, 2025. Vivian, age 97, was a life-long resident of Aurora, WI. A Memorial Service was planned for Saturday, May 23rd, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain, MI, with a celebration of life to follow the service. May we continue to keep Vivian and her family in loving prayer.

Treat Enthusiasts Wanted: Our Annual Memorial Day bake sale is this weekend. The proceeds help with needs within our church and towards a \$500.00 scholarship for a graduating senior active in our parish. Thank you for your support and thank you to our talented bakers!!



Florence Memorial Day Services:

Please join us on Memorial Day at St. Mary’s Commonwealth Cemetery at 10:45 a.m., as we honor and remember our fallen service members. *In case of inclement weather, it will be relocated to the Florence Community Center at 10:30 a.m.*

Painter Wanted for Mary Statue: The exterior Mary statue and pedestal in front of the church needs to be painted. The paint and supplies will be provided. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Dina Mia Pizza Fundraiser: Completed forms are due back to the parish office on May 25. The pizza will be available for pickup on Friday, June 19, between 3-6 p.m., in the parish hall. Payment is due at pickup in the form of cash or check.

May is the Month of Mary: Please join us as we pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother after mass on Saturday and Sunday. If you are willing to lead the Rosary, please sign-up on the sheet in the back of church. Thank you!

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, "Pentecost" means "fiftieth" was the second of the three most important of the annual feasts in the Jewish calendar. It occurred seven weeks after Passover and was primarily a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest: the first fruits of the wheat crop were offered to God on that day. Later on, the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai was also commemorated on this feast day. All Jewish men were expected to come to Jerusalem, to the temple, for the feast. Hundreds of Jews from outside of Palestine also came, and the city was usually full to overflowing.

The Christian religion was to be universal, and the gift of tongues showed its universality. The law given by God to Moses was for the Jews only; the new law, given by Christ, and confirmed by the power of the Holy Spirit, was for all men. The vast gathering of Jews from Palestine and from all nations was a very suitable occasion on which to proclaim publicly the message of Christ given through the mouth of St. Peter. Pentecost day is called the "birth-day" of the Church. Today was the day chosen for the opening of this mission of the Apostles. From this day forward they were men dedicated to one purpose and to one purpose only, to bring the good news, the Gospel of Christ, to the world.

St. Paul is emphasizing that these gifts are not given to an individual for his honor or glory but to help to build up the Church. Through the direct reception of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are made active members of the Christian Church, with all the strength and powers necessary to be effective members, on active service daily, true soldiers of Christ. No man is put into military uniform to look after his own interests. We too are not made soldiers of Christ to save our own souls only—we are soldiers in order to help the whole world fight against sin and Godlessness. May the Holy Spirit today fill us with gratitude for all that God has done for us.

Fr. Soja



The Parish office will be closed on Mon., May 25th, for the Memorial Day holiday. Please pray for those who have courageously laid down their lives for our freedom and may their sacrifice inspire us in the selfless love of our Lord.

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