

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 9/23 No Daily Mass

Thursday 9/25 No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9/27 No Daily Mass

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 9/27 6:00 p.m. Tg. For the People

Sunday 9/28 8:30 a.m. +Philip Doll
Offered by Stephen and Candace Dott

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 27

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

Sunday, September 28

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams
 Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams
 Lector - Deborah Zelten
 Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski
 Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

9/13 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$58.00	Envelope.....\$375.00	Total.....\$433.00
9/14 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$554.00	Envelope.....\$285.00	Total.....\$839.00
Easter Flowers (2026)\$40.00	Electronic....\$110.00	Total.....\$150.00
Total Collections			\$1,422.00

Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024:	\$913.00
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Update from Fr. Soja and Office Hours

Friends, it is nearly another additional month after my planned holidays. I am still waiting to get my visa stamped. The Diocese of Green Bay had already done the renewal of my visa for another two and a half years. It was only a matter of getting it stamped from India according to earlier practices. My visa stamping application was received in July at the US consulate in New Delhi, and I was supposed to be back to the parish by August. Normally, the visa stamping on the passport was done within 15 working days after receiving the application. However, from September 2nd, the US visa stamping procedures have changed. So in this transition period, the agent whom I contacted, is unable to tell me about how long it would take to get it done according to the new regulations.

One of the agency staff had misunderstood the status update that said documents delivered to address as documents sent from the consulate. I was hoping to get the visa and travel back this week, but it was an earlier update of receiving the document in the US consulate. According to the new visa renewal regulations, the applicant has to attend an interview, and so as of now, I am not yet sure of the exact date of my return. Thank you for your prayers and support! I am praying for you! I miss you and the beautiful Wisconsin weather! - Fr. Soja

Fr. Olsen will be celebrating mass with us both this weekend and next weekend.

There will be limited office hours on Tues./Wed. of this week but will be open from 8:30-2:30 on Thursday and Friday.

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



Friends, the readings this Sunday pertain to the subject of faithful stewardship. They remind us that we are God’s stewards and that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. They challenge us to use our God-given talents and blessings wisely to attain Heavenly bliss.

A Special Thank You to Our Catechists: September 21st is Catechetical Sunday. Our Parish offers sincere and heartfelt gratitude to our catechists, Tanya Parker and Carolyn Lemanski, who are willing to share their time, talent and faith with our children and teens this year. Your generosity and love for the Lord are a true blessing to our Parish Family. Thank You!!!

Update from Brant Brolin: Thank you to all who have been praying for me during my recent surgery. I am doing very well and appreciate your continued kind thoughts and prayers during my recovery.

Arts & Environment: We want to thank all the church decorators who created the beautiful fall decorations inside and outside of St. Mary’s. Your hard work and creativity added so much warmth and beauty to our Parish. Your efforts provide a welcoming reflection of the season’s splendor while filling our hearts with gratitude and joy!

Jubilee Day of Encounter: On **Tuesday**, October 28, priests, deacons, parish & school staff, lay volunteer leaders, council members, trustees, and diocesan employees are invited to gather for a Jubilee Day of Encounter at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. We are honored to welcome Monsignor Michael Clay from the Diocese of Raleigh as our keynote speaker. Registration is now open and will close on Friday, September 26. Please refer to the flyer on the bulletin board at the back of the church for more information.

Living Faith Booklets: Please feel free to take a Living Faith Booklet found on the entryway tables for the Daily Catholic Devotions for the months of October-December, 2025.

Prayer Shawls: If you are seeking comfort for someone you know or for yourself, please stop by the parish Office to choose a prayer shawl. The beautiful shawls were made by Yvonne Podner and Linda Gregg. Thank you to these talented ladies.

St. Mary’s has raised \$7,630.00

towards our goal of \$9,274.00 for the Bishop’s Appeal which wraps up on Sept. 30th. Thank you for your generosity!



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

The parable of the crooked steward or dishonest manager has shocked good Church people for centuries. It appears that Truth Incarnate is praising a crooked business manager for deception, or that He who gave us the commandment, “Thou shalt not steal” is himself praising someone for violating it. St. Augustine said, “I can’t believe that this story came from the lips of our Lord.” Jesus tells a paradoxical story about the steward/manager of the estate of a rich absentee landlord. The steward was an out-and-out rascal, but his boss praised him for his rascality because he acted with foresight. Facing the coming return of his master and an audit of his accounts, the steward cleverly converted the debtors of his master into his own debtors. He bought “friends” with his master’s money and used these “friends” to secure a means of livelihood for the rapidly and certainly approaching point when he would be dismissed for his previous embezzlement.

There are four morals drawn from the story of the unfaithful steward. The parable advises us to take inventory of the resources placed in our charge: time, talents, opportunities, health, intelligence, education, and other advantages. It also challenges us to use these resources wisely, so they will serve for our good in eternity.

Fr. Soja

Priesthood Sunday: September 28th is Priesthood Sunday. We plan to honor Fr. Soja when he returns from India.

Dr. Patrick Richardson: Join Dr. Patrick Richardson on Oct. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish, Iron Mountain. Dr. Richardson is a Catholic psychologist who values authenticity, critical thinking, and the study of the human person. His talk will challenge you to set better goals, leading to a more fulfilling life.

Happy Birthday to Helen Roach who turned 97 years young on Friday, Sept. 19th. Helen is our “Oldest Parishioner”, and we want to wish her a Blessed and Very Special Birthday!!!



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