

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

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

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. + Don Gardner & Robert Kramer

Offered by Mark & Carla Kramer

Thursday * No Eucharistic Adoration *

Friday 8:30 a.m. + Janet Kelly

Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Dianne Haberkorn

Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confessions available a half hour before all Masses.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 23 Palm Sunday

Sacristan - Dan Throm

Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm

Lector - Yvonne Leslie & Karen Harrison

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday

Sacristan - Roy Rietz

Eucharistic Minister - Dan Jazinski

Lector - Kathy Jazinski & Bill DeGroot

Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski

Money Counters - Dorothy Vayda & Jerry

Divine

Thank you to all our volunteers!!

Lent & Holy Week Schedule



Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. before 5:30 p.m. Mass

Fridays at 9:00 a.m. after 8:30 a.m. Mass

No Eucharist Adoration

March 21 & 28 (Holy Thursday Mass at 6 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 26

No 5:30 p.m. Mass

Holy Thursday, March 28

6:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s in Florence

Good Friday, March 29

12:00 noon at St. Mary’s in Florence

3:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Armstrong Creek

Holy Saturday, March 30

11:00 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Armstrong Creek

for Blessing of the Baskets

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass at St. Mary’s in Florence

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s in Florence

with Fr. Mark McQuesten

8:30 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc in Goodman

10:30 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Armstrong Creek

**** The office will be closed March 25 - April 1 ****

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Happy Feast!!! St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. St. Patrick’s Day 2024 will take place this Sunday. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick’s Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

Happy Feast!!! Saint Joseph’s Day, also called the Feast of Saint Joseph or the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, is in Western Christianity the principal feast day of Saint Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary and legal father of Jesus Christ, celebrated on March 19.

Helping Christians in the Holy Land: With the outbreak of war in Israel, the Christians there and throughout the Holy Land rely heavily on our help. It is with funds from the Good Friday collection that the Franciscan Custody provides presence, care and service to the people who are living under war in the land of Christ. You can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters who live, work, and are struggling to survive in the land where Jesus walked on this earth. Please plan now and make your donation on Good Friday to this vitally important work.

The World’s Poor Collection: St. Mary’s raised \$356.00 for the World’s Poor. Thank you for your generous donations to help those in need here and abroad.

Money Counters Needed: We are in need of volunteers to help count the weekend collections. This is usually done Sunday after Mass but Mondays would work if more convenient. Please contact the office for more information or if you are interested. Instructions will be given.

Thank You Note to our Shawl Ministry Members:

How lovely and meaningful is the prayer shawl gifted to me.

Thank you,

Joan Rocque and the Family of George Rocque

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Live the Gospel!
Whatever It Takes



Friends, the highlight for this week is the transformative nature of faith, the fulfillment of God's promises, and the path to eternal life through sacrifice and obedience. In the Gospel of today when some Greeks wanted to see Jesus as told by Philip, now for the first time Jesus says, “The hour has come for the son of man to be Glorified.” The paradox to Glory comes immediately as Jesus says, “I am troubled now.” “Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” “And when I am lifted up from the earth. I will draw everyone to myself.”

The first reading from Jeremiah speaks of a new covenant that God will establish with His people. Unlike the old covenant, which was external and often broken, this new covenant will be written on their hearts, symbolizing an intimate and unbreakable relationship with God. The second reading from Hebrews presents Jesus as the model of obedience and submission to God's will, even in the face of suffering. It highlights the idea that true obedience to God leads to wisdom and fulfillment of God's plan for salvation.

The Gospel according to John introduces the metaphor of a grain of wheat that must die to produce life, illustrating the necessary passage through death to reach the fullness of life. This theme is central to the Lenten journey, pointing towards Jesus' death and resurrection as the path to new life for all believers. His death and resurrection offer salvation to all who believe in Him, transcending cultural and religious boundaries. However, we are to overcome challenges in understanding and accepting the mysteries of faith, as well as the assurance that God's plan is being fulfilled through Jesus. Through faith in Jesus, God offers reconciliation and eternal life, it is unconditional and unmerited. The question is are you willing to reconcile with God?

~ Fr. Soja

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of a mattress and box spring for a senior: Please contact Dorothy Vayda at 715-528-3068 if you have one available or call the office.

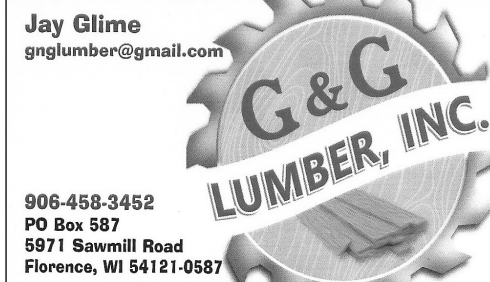
Sat. Collection	Loose.....\$3.00	Envelope.....\$265.00	Total.....\$268.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$166.00	Envelope....\$310.00	Total.....\$476.00
Flower....\$10.00	Electronic & Other.....\$310.00	Total.....\$320.00	
		Total Collections	\$1064.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023:	\$1,158.00



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