

# WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST MARY

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## Live the Gospel! Whatever it takes.

- ◆ If you are interested in joining our parish, becoming Catholic, marriage prep, baptism prep, confirmation, funerals, returning to the Church, spiritual direction, inquiring about an annulment or have other concerns, contact Father Albert at 920-604-1260.
- ◆ Questions regarding religious education and registration can be addressed to Carolyn Lemanski: (715) 528-3008
- ◆ Call St. Vincent de Paul Conference for assistance with basic needs: (715) 528-2030
- ◆ To schedule a Mass intention, volunteer for a parish ministry, rent the parish hall, request a prayer shawl, request prayers, have communion brought to your home or for information on grief support, call the parish office.
- ◆ Office hours: Tuesday.- Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.  
 Thursday - 4:30 p.m. 1st TH Holy Hour  
*Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Benediction*  
 following THs – Reconciliation and private prayer  
 Friday - 8:30 a.m.  
 1st FRI 10:00 a.m.  
 Florence Health Services

### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 9 - No Mass  
 Fri. Nov. 12- No Mass  
 Saturday, Nov, 13- + For the People  
 Sunday, November 14 - + Vance Freeberg

### Ministry Schedule Nov. 13/14

#### Saturday

Sacristan - Paulita Trudell  
 Eucharistic Minister - open  
 Lector - Carla Kramer  
 Servers - open  
 Ushers - Ron VanWychen, Andy Kelley & William Kelley and Mark Kramer

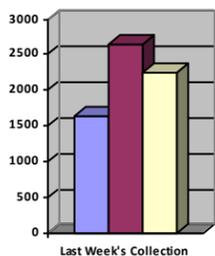
#### Sunday

Sacristan - Roy Rietz  
 Eucharistic Minister - Roy Rietz  
 Lector - Bill DeGroot  
 Servers - open  
 Ushers - Jay Glime, Mike Lemanski, Jerry Divine  
 Money counters - Kathy & Dan Jazinski

Church/Office Cleaning - open

Thank you for your Ministry!

<b>Sat. General Collection</b>	Loose...\$182.00	Envelope...\$245.00	Total...\$427.00
<b>Sun. General Collection</b>	Loose...\$487.00	Envelope...\$677.00	Total...\$1,164.00
<b>Electronic Transfer</b>	General...\$1065.00		Total...\$1,065.00
<b>Total General Collections</b>		<b>\$2,656.00</b>	



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## St. Mary's Cemetery \* All Souls' Day Blessing 2021

### Father Albert's Homily excerpt titled "LOVE The Greatest Commandment"

Whether we study the Old Testament or the New Testament, we will find enshrined in them both the same command of love. And it is only by loving that we fulfill all that the law demands. To do what the law asks and not to love God with our total being, and not to love our neighbor as ourselves is to miss the point of all. St. John of the Cross aptly says, "In the evening of our lives we shall be judged by love."

Saints come in various shapes, sizes, colors and weights and sexes. They come from all the nations of the earth. You have boy saints like Dominic of Guzman, you have girl saints like St. Joan of Arc, You Have men saint like St. Stanislaus of Kostka, and women saints like St. Maria Goretti. You have old saints like St. Francis of Assisi and religious saint like St. Therese of the Child Jesus and St. Anthony of Padua. You have active saints like St. Vincent de Paul, and contemplative saints like St. Teresa of Avila. There are saints who are confessors, others who were pastors like St. John Maria Vianney, saints who are virgins like St. Lucy and others who were martyrs like our own St. Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila and St. Pedro Calungsod. But despite their differences, they have one thing in common; they all excelled in loving God with all their heart, with all their soul, with all their mind and with all their strength, and in loving their fellow human beings as themselves, or, as the Lord Jesus taught us.

We Christians should be experts of love. This after all, is how Jesus wants us to be known as disciples and this is also how we will draw others to Christ. According to Tertullian, an early Christian theologian, the pagans were drawn to Christianity by the example of mutual love among Christians: "See these Christians, how they love one another."

There will be **No Mass** on Tuesday, November 9th and Friday, November 12th. We will not have reconciliation on Thursday, Nov. 11th as *Father Albert will be gone November 8—12. He will be in Florida*

**Vocation Awareness Week: Nov. 7-13, 2021**

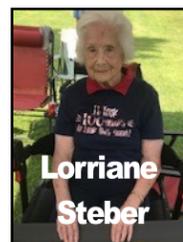
Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the call. Your son Jesus told us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. We turn to you now and ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to awaken the hearts of those whom you are calling to the priesthood in the Diocese of Green Bay. May they hear your call and respond with a profound "yes," just as Mary did when she was asked to become the mother of your son, Jesus. Keep these your sons always close to you in the Eucharist and protect them from all evil. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL REFLECTION:

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."

The Hospitality and Outreach Committee is looking for Bakers then Buyers for our annual deer hunters' weekend **Bake Sale on Nov. 20th & 21st.** Sign up sheets *and pens* are available in the entryway for anyone willing to bring delicious treats. Warm your kitchens and our hearts.

Dear Lord, We respect our veterans, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. Amen



### Desiree Windell and her 7th and 8th Grade Religious Education Class

recently volunteered their time to help rake an elderly neighbor's yard. Part of their religious education focus this year will be on service learning and the importance of serving our community. The students are very eager to perform more community volunteer activities in the future. Front row: Naomi Millan. Second row (L-R): Adriana Thompson, Sophie Martin, Jillian Robinson, Jane Price, Lexie McCoy and Lily Soderberg.



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