

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

Tues. 7/30 5:30 p.m. For the People

Thurs. 8/1 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8/2 8:30 a.m. + Bridget King

Offered by Bob, Mary and Tommy Podnar

Friday 8/2 10:10am Florence Health Service
Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 8/3 6:00 p.m. + Alexander Sisto

Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Sunday 8/4 8:30 a.m. + Jim Brandt

Offered by Tom Brandt

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 3rd

Sacristan - Dan Throm
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Throm
 Lector - Bill Degroot
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

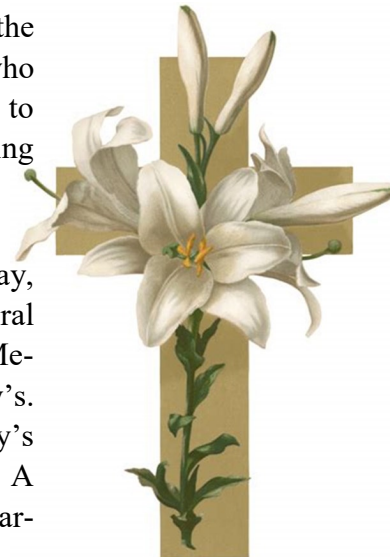
Sunday, August 4th

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry
 Eucharistic Ministers - Derek Parker
 Lector - Debbie Zelten
 Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski
 Money Counters -
 Jerry Divine & Dorothy Vayda

7/20 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$82.00	Envelope....\$155.00	Total.....\$237.00
7/21 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$568.00	Envelope....\$255.00	Total.....\$823.00
	Electronic..\$40.00	Other...\$355.00	Total.....\$395.00
		Total Collections	\$1455.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 2,300.00	

Our Deepest Condolences to all of the family and friends of **Gary Steber**, who passed away recently. May we continue to keep Gary and all his family in loving prayer during this difficult time.

Visitation for Gary was held on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Jacobs-Lundholm Funeral Home in Florence, WI, followed by a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. @ St. Mary’s. Burial is to take place in the St. Mary’s Cemetery in Commonwealth, WI. A luncheon followed the services at the parish hall.



Grant eternal life to our brother, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Let the angels welcome him into Paradise and help us comfort each other with the assurance of our faith.

May he rest in peace.

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thank You!

We would like to thank all the kitchen workers and anyone that brought a dish for the funeral luncheons for **Bridget King** and **Gary Steber**. You will find your food dishes in the parish hall. Our deepest condolences to their families and friends.

Thank you to our parishioners and guests who generously donated to the **Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi** for our second collection last weekend. The total amount raised was **\$1,397.00** for their cause!

The King family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Fr. Soja, to the ladies who brought dishes for the luncheon and to the ladies who set up, served and cleaned up after the luncheon.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. -1 Chronicles 16:34

Thank you to the Salvation Army Bell ringers: Steve Dott, Yvonne Leslie, and Dorothy Vayda for Christmas in July Wed. July 3rd, 2024. We raised **\$328.35!**

Raising Vocations for Tomorrow, Help them say Yes!: As friends and followers of Jesus, we need to accompany our young men and women as they discover Jesus and consider a vocation to religious life. In one week, you can do just that by supporting the Raising Vocations Collection! Watch your mailboxes for more details. Your gift will benefit ministries that journey with young people to help them discover Christ and say “yes” to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. This work happens through youth conferences, campus ministry, youth and young adult ministry, and much more. Because of you, we can support our youth and help them hear the call God has for them. Thank you for your generosity! To make your gift today, visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give or call Tammy anz at 920-272-8123.

Prayer is Powerful!

If you have any additions to the prayer line for August, please contact the parish office.

On Tuesday July 23rd, a funeral mass was held at St. Stanislaus, followed by the burial for **Lorraine Marciulionis**, at Goodman Cemetery. Lorraine used to be a member of St. Mary’s. May we continue to pray for our sister in Christ, as she finds eternal rest.



Friends, the readings of this weekend focus on God’s care and our unity in faith. It highlights God’s love and our call to live in harmony with each other. Elisha’s miracle of feeding a hundred people with twenty loaves shows that God can provide even when it seems impossible. In the

Gospel he feeds thousands with five loaves and two fish. The man who brought loaves to Elisha and the boy who gave his bread and fish to Jesus shows the power of generosity. Their acts of sharing were used by God to bless many others. Both the first reading and the Gospel focus on miracles of abundance. These miracles remind us that with God, there is always enough.

The multiplication of Loaves shows how God cares for all our needs both physical and spiritual. It teaches that even small offerings can have a big impact when given to God. Pope Francis said, it would be good to ask ourselves every day: “What do I bring to Jesus today?”. He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things.

In our second reading today, Paul calls us to be humble, gentle, and patient. This means putting others first. When we live this way, we reflect God’s love to the world. Storms and high tides of life can scare us when our focus is deflected from Jesus to self. Paul urges the Ephesians to live in unity, showing love and patience. He emphasizes that we are one body in Christ, sharing one faith and one baptism. Jesus feeding the crowd with bread hints at how Jesus will later give Himself as the Bread of Life for all. He feeds us with His heart, the seat of love and unity. Eucharist reminds us that God keeps His promises and is always there for us.

~ Fr. Soja

Fr. Soja will be away **Monday Aug. 5th - Thursday Aug. 29th**. There will be no weekday masses or Eucharistic adoration, **except for August 15th @ 5:30pm** which is a *Holy Day of Obligation. It is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Our guest priests and schedule are found below:

Saturday Evening @ 6pm, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24 - Fr. Dan Dapaah

***Thursday Evening @ 5:30pm**, 8/15 - Fr. Mark McQuestion

Sunday Morning @ 8:30am, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25 - Fr. Peter Fosu

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Knights of Columbus
 Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.
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