

# 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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*Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...*

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## Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 06/16 Mass Cancelled—Fr. Soja attending a retreat

Thursday 06/18 No Eucharistic Adoration-Fr. Soja attending a retreat

Friday 06/19 8:30 a.m. + Richard Schalow  
*Offered by Maggie Schalow*

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 06/20 6:00 p.m. + Gloria Merhalski  
*Offered by Joanie Richtig*

Sunday 06/21 8:30 a.m. + Ellamae “Sis” Herman  
*Offered by Dennis and Karen Podnar*

+ Deceased, Tg. Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all masses.

## Weekend Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, 06/20

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry  
 Eucharistic Minister - Kathy Fabry  
 Lector - Emma Campain  
 Lead Usher - **Volunteer Needed**

### Sunday, 06/21

Sacristan - Al and MaryKay Williams  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Al Williams  
 Lector - Carolyn Lemanski  
 Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski  
 Money Counters - Jay and Lori Glime

06/06 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$21.00	Envelope.....\$165.00	Total.....\$186.00
06/07 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$278.00	Envelope.....\$475.00	Total.....\$753.00
		Electronic.....\$140.00	Total.....\$140.00
		<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$1,079.00</b>
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$933.00

### Fr. Soja’s Schedule, Cancellations, Meetings, Visiting Priest...

June 15th-18th—Fr. Soja is attending a retreat at Green Lake.  
 June 27th-28th—Fr. Soja will be away for his MCP Appeal.  
 June 29th-July 1st—Fr. Soja will be attending a retreat at St. Norbert’s.  
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 June 16th and June 30th—5:30 Mass is cancelled.  
 June 18th — 4:30 Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled.  
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 June 25th—5:45 p.m. Finance Council Meeting  
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 June 27th—28th Fr. Jude will be celebrating Mass for Fr. Soja and representing his Missionary Cooperative Plan.

**Our Current Bishop’s Appeal Total**

\$8,375.00

**Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:**

\$8,880.00

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*



## ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Friends, [Thomas Aquinas](#) defined piety as the virtue of giving reverence, duty, and devoted love to God, as well as to one's parents and country. The gift of piety is a disposition of the Holy Spirit that inclines us to revere God not just as a Creator or Lord, but to approach Him with tender, filial affection as a loving Father. Just as we owe worship to God, we owe devotion to our parents as the sources of our being. Because one's homeland and fellow citizens nourish and govern us, Aquinas expanded the concept of piety to include patriotism.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 reads “For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.” Myths refer to what is new and exciting, not necessarily the truth. Information technology today has great advantages in satisfying our itching years for what is new/myth. At the same time, it has a great potential, too, to present the truth of the Gospel to honest seekers.

The Gospel today highlights two profound realities: the compassion of Jesus and the mission of the Church. First, Jesus looks at the world not with judgment, but with a shepherd's heart. Second, this compassion translates into immediate action. Jesus does not just look at the suffering; He equips His followers to alleviate it. Let’s anchor our life in the truth of Christ’s mercy and love by the prayer; “O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee. I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen.” Let’s consecrate ourselves and the nation to the Sacred Heart! Fr. Soja

**Dina Mia Pizza Pick-Up:** Pizza orders will be available for pickup on Friday, June 19th, between 3-6 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Payment is due at pickup in the form of cash or check if you have not previously paid. Thank you for your support!!!

**Council Members Needed:** The Pastoral Council and the Finance Council are seeking new members to serve and work collaboratively with Fr. Soja to guide Parish ministries and projects. Both councils meet every other month. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Fr. Soja or the Parish Office. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity!

**Thank You:** We offer a sincere thank you to Sue Mills for cleaning the Parish for the Month of June. Your behind-the-scenes service makes a huge difference to our whole congregation!

**Landscaping Volunteers:** St. Mary’s needs volunteers to:

- *Water flowers weekly and share responsibilities.*
- *Weed the gardens.*
- *Paint the exterior Mary Statue and pedestal in front of the church.*

If you are interested in helping with any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact the Parish Office. Thank You for your support!

**Food Drive:** St. Vincent de Paul of Florence is having a food drive to restock the food pantry. They are handing out bags for you to take home and fill with non-perishable items this weekend. Please return the bags to church on Saturday, June 21st, or drop off the bags at the St. Vincent thrift store on Central Ave. Thank you for helping us feed those in need.



**Traveling Rosary for Vocations: Thursday, June 18; 1:00 – 2:30 PM at Stella Maris Egg Harbor Church; 7710 WI 42, Egg Harbor 54209.** The Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are hosting a prayer event for an increase in priestly and religious. All women and men are invited. The agenda includes song, rosary, and speaker Sister Mother Mary Catherine. We’ll end with a reception. [For more info call 920-323-3243 or visit www.gbdcw.org.](#)

*On June 11, 2026, the U.S. bishops formally consecrated the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus during their Spring Plenary Assembly in Orlando, Florida, as part of the nation’s 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.*



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### 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.

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