

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST MARY

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- ♦ 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, December 14 - Bishop Ricken
Fri. December 17- + Tim Leffler
Saturday, Dec. 18 - + Kathleen Kinyon
Sunday, Dec. 19– Bregda, Tony & Peter DeMuri

Ministry Schedule Dec. 18/19

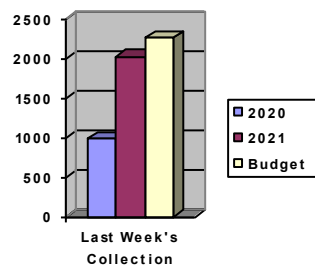
Saturday

Sacristan - Francie Freeberg
Eucharistic Minister - Francie Freeberg
Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
Servers - open
Ushers—open


Sunday

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
Eucharistic Minister - Roy Rietz
Lector - Bill DeGroot
Servers - open
Ushers - Jay Glime, & Jerry Divine
Money counters - Jay & Lori Glime

Church/Office Cleaning - Caitlyn Kelley with Kathy Jazinski



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| Sat. General Collection | Loose...\$88.00 | Envelope...\$455.00 | Total...\$543.00 |
| Sun. General Collection | Loose...\$205.00 | Envelope...\$900.00 | Total...\$1,105.00 |
| Electronic Transfer | General...\$375.00 | | Total...\$375.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$575.00 | Total General Collections | \$2,023.00 |

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - 8:00 pm, Christmas Day 8:00 am.

The Children's program will be on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 12th after 8:30 am Mass.

We are looking for volunteers to stay **after Mass on Sunday, December 19th** to assist with decorating the church. We have leaders and just need some extra hands to lighten the workload. Thank you for considering it.



Our beautiful 2021 Christmas flowers are donated in memory/honor of the following loved ones: Fred Dzekker, Janet Dzekker, Phil Doll, Catherine Doll, John & Leona Bjork, Art & June Marinello, Ralph & Arlene Gaecke, Robert & Justin Bjork, David Miller, the Steber Family, the Nault Family, John A. Roach, the Podnar family, the Weber family, Timothy Touchett, Jason Enders, Bill & Vincenza Worley, Paul Bomberg, Sonny, Ann Bomberg, Jackie Johnson, Jeanne Grise, Jean Miller, Mary Lou Johnson, Alvie Miller, Julie & Cleo Glime, Jack & Elaine Rochon, Francis Samz, Jim Cominsky, Norman & Joan Meyers, Art & Helen LaFave, Donald Podner, the Deceased of the Leffler & Rochon Families.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL REFLECTION:
In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise... *Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessing of Christmas.*

The Little Blue Book Advent and Christmas Seasons 2021-2022 booklets are available in the entryway. Please take one and use the six-minute reflections on the Advent/Christmas season weekday Gospels to enrich your day.



Third Sunday of Advent - "Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament. Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

-Deacon Jerry Cross

During Advent Fr. Albert will be continuing an Advent Recollection on Tuesday, December 14th in the parish hall after Mass from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

Today, through the **Retirement Collection**, we are able to **Share in the Care** of our Retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as the senior priests of our own diocese. Special envelopes are available in the pews and the entryway. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

Prayer is Powerful

Monthly Prayer Line... Copies of the Prayer Line for December are available in the church entryway. If you have someone you would like added or removed from the list please contact the parish office.

Please note: Father Albert's phone number has been used to send out several texts or emails that are not from him. He will not ever ask you for money through a text or email.



We are in need of **sacristan's for weekend & weekday Masses**. Please contact the office or Fr. Albert if you are interested.

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