

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday, 09/08, 5:30 p.m. **No Daily Mass**

Thursday, 09/10, **No Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday, 09/11, 8:30 a.m. **No Daily Mass**

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 09/12, 6:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, 09/13 8:30 a.m. +Eugene Vanden Heuvel
Offered by the Vanden Heuvel Family

+ Deceased, Tg. Thanksgiving
Confession available 30 minutes before all masses.

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 09/12
Sacristan – Kathy Fabry
Eucharistic Minister – Kathy Fabry
Lector – Bill DeGroot
Lead Usher - ***Volunteer Needed***

Sunday, 09/13
Sacristan – Clara McLain
Eucharistic Minister – Clara McLain
Lector – Carolyn Lemanski
Lead Usher – Mike Lemanski
Money Counters – Dorothy Vayda and Maggie Schalow

08/29 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$76.75	Envelope.....\$335.00	Total.....\$411.75
08/30 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$133.00	Envelope.....\$905.00	Total...\$1,038.00
Misc....\$120.00	A&E- Flowers..\$100.00	Electronic.....\$780.00	Total...\$1,000.00
Total Collections			\$2,449.75
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025: \$2,460.00	

Fr. Soja’s Upcoming Schedule and Visiting Priests:

Fr. Soja will be away on a Holiday from Sept. 7th-Oct. 1st. There will be no Daily Masses or Eucharistic Adoration during that time.

Fr. Tim Shillox will be St. Mary’s celebrant for masses the weekend of Sept. 12th-13th.

Fr. Mike Betley will be St. Mary’s celebrant for masses the weekends of Sept. 19th - 20th and Sept. 26th - 27th.

Parish Landscaping: Our beautiful flower beds are being groomed over the next few weeks. Please help yourself to the pots of free perennials in front of the Church and return the pots after planting if possible. We extend a HUGE thank you to Debbie Gibson and Kathy Fabry for their hard work. If you would like to donate for future landscaping needs, please place your donation in an envelope labeled Landscaping and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Gold Slips: Please return your Gold Slips for Oct.-Dec. by September 13th. Thank you to all who give your time and talents to our parish ministries. Your faithful service brings God’s love to life in our community every single week!

Cleaning Position Available: St. Mary’s is looking for someone to clean the Rectory twice per month. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 715-528-3310.

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Upcoming Wedding: St. Mary’s joyfully announces the upcoming marriage of Logan Doll and Hope Gerend. Please pray for Logan and Hope as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Mary’s on Saturday, September 19, 2026. *“Almighty God, give them your blessing and strengthen their love for each other.”*

New Parish Lending Library: Please feel free to check out St. Mary’s new Lending Library. Simply choose a book, read it, enjoy it, and return it, so others can enjoy it, too. We hope you enjoy this new addition to St. Mary’s Parish.

Koinonia Retreat: Please join us at St. Anne Catholic Church, 221 E Main St., Lena, WI, for an encounter with Christ in community (Koinonia) with thought provoking talks, reflection, Reconciliation and faith-filled masses. Come and experience the Dying and Rising of Christ in a real and powerful way. This event will guide you on your faith journey through the loving heart of Jesus, priests and lay people. The weekend begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2nd and finishes at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th. A \$60 donation per person or \$100 per couple is requested, but we do have scholarships available for those who need it. For more information and to register, please contact Jeane Blunck at 715-587-4608 or email at blunck.jeane@gmail.com.



Traveling Rosary for Vocations: Thursday, Sept. 17, 1:00 – 2:30 PM at **St Rose Parish, Clintonville, 27 7th St. 54929**. All women and men are invited. The agenda includes song, rosary, and speaker Kellie Zahn R.E Director of St. Rose Parish. We close with a reception. Registration is not needed. For more info call 920-323-3243 or visit www.gbdcw.org.

Recent Collections: Thank you to all who have donated and prayed for the Raising Vocations Collection, the Bishop’s Appeal, and Building Fund over the past several months. St. Mary’s collected \$1,200 for the Raising Vocations Collection. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and generosity!

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed on Mon., 9/7, in recognition of the Labor Day Holiday. The Office will be open on Tues., Thurs., and Fri. from 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. this week.



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.

Lead with faith ~ Protect your family ~ Serve others ~ Defend your values



Friends, September is the month dedicated to meditating on the Sorrows of our Blessed Mother. The changing seasons also reflect transitions in life as fall is in the air. The changing seasons and the changing times in our lives, in turn, remind us of the heights of joy and depths of sorrow experienced by the Blessed Virgin Mary. She walks with us in moments of suffering. She intercedes with her Son and the Father. During our pain, we can find strength in Mary.

In our Gospel today, Jesus outlines a four-step process to win back an offender. First, a one-to-one approach. If that doesn't work, engage a few people — which entails the risk that they may not share your point of view and therefore implies that you, too, may be called to a new attitude, not just the other person. If there is no resolution with a few, then ask the "church," the gathered community in prayer has to enter into the process. Finally, if that doesn't work, treat the offender as a gentile or tax collector.

Jesus described his mission as one of inviting sinners into the fold. By the time Matthew wrote his Gospel, gentiles were joining the Christian community; they were the primary recipients of Paul's ministry. Thus, to treat people like gentiles or tax collectors meant that the community regarded them as people to be invited in. Even if their previous way of acting was not within community values, they were invited into communion to share communal life.

Jesus was famous for his preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, so much so that he expected his disciples to be like them. In this teaching, he calls disciples to heroic greatness. He tells them that when someone hurts you, cheats or steals from you, ruins your reputation, or undermines or betrays the community, your vocation mandates you to try to win that person back. He invites us to do the same. This is the paschal mystery, the call to give ourselves for others, to act in memory of Jesus by being the least, working on behalf of those who do harm and offering forgiveness. It's a solid and demanding path to expanding communion in our world.
Happy Labor Day!!

Fr. Soja



Happy Birthday to Fr. Soja, who celebrates his birthday on September 7th. We hope he has a wonderful birthday while he is away on his Holiday.

Current Bishop’s Appeal Total: \$9,480.00

Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal: \$8,880.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!



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