

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, 08/18, 5:30 p.m. + Janet and Ed Kelley
Offered by Bob, Mary and Tommy Podnar

Thursday, 08/20, 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration.

Friday, 08/21, 8:30 a.m. + Joanne Taff
Offered by Simone Kriegl

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 08/22, 6:00 p.m. +Gloria Merhalski
Offered by Joanie Richtig

Sunday, 08/23 8:30 a.m. + Martha Leffler
Offered by Fred and Karen Leffler

+ Deceased, Tg. Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all masses.

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 08/22

Sacristan - Jo Vasquez

Eucharistic Minister - Jo Vasquez

Lector - Jean Fornetti

Lead Usher - *Volunteer Needed*

Sunday, 08/23

Sacristan - Al and MaryKay Williams

Eucharistic Minister - Dan Jazinski

Lector - Kathy Jazinski

Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski

Money Counters - Dan and Kathy Jazinski

08/08 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$159.00	Envelope.....\$715.00	Total.....\$874.00
08/09 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$297.00	Envelope.....\$390.00	Total.....\$687.00
	Misc...\$250.00	Electronic.....\$140.00	Total.....\$390.00
Total Collections:			\$1,951.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$2,075.00

In Honor of the Holy Spirit...

The Gift of Piety provides our hearts with childlike affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect for His sake persons and things consecrated to Him, as well as those vested with His authority: His Blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church, the Pope, our parents and superiors, and our country and its rulers. Those filled with the gift of Piety find the practice of religion not a burdensome duty but a delightful service.

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart, enkindle within it a sincere love of God. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.” Amen

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is now under the age of 18 by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer,
PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND
THEN THE DIOCESE.

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult,
please contact:

Office of Safe Environment - Diocese of Green Bay

Phone: 920-272-8174 or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

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

Raising Vocations 2026 Collection: We are seeing Jesus enter the lives of so many young men and women on their faith journey. Our parish has raised \$40.00 so far towards the Collection. Let us see if we can increase our support of this important mission of the Diocese of Green Bay. If you haven’t made a gift, please consider making one today. Together, we can help young men and women say “yes” to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Make your gift today by mailing in your pledge card, visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give or call Tammy Danz at 920-272-8123.



Traveling Rosary for Vocations: Thursday, August 20; 1:00 – 2:30 PM at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Green Bay; 2270 S. Oneida St. 54304. All women and Men are invited.

The Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a prayer event for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. The agenda includes song, rosary, litany for vocations, and Fr. Matt Simonar as our speaker. A reception will close out the event. [Registration is not needed.](#) [For more info call](#) 920-323-3243 or visit www.gbdcw.org.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the August 6th Pastoral Council meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Copies of the Pastoral Council and Finance Council Meeting Minutes are available upon request. Please contact the Parish Office.

Finance Council: The Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20th, at 5:45 p.m.

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.

Bible Study: Would anyone be interested in forming a Bible study or prayer group for the fall and winter? Please contact the parish office or Carla Kramer (715-616-2060) to share your interest and preferences.



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, some prayers seem to disappear into silence. We ask for healing. We pray for a loved one. We plead for peace in a troubled family or hope in a difficult time. Yet heaven seems quiet. We wonder if anyone is listening to it.

The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel must have felt that way. She was an outsider, a Gentile in a world where she had little reason to expect a hearing from a Jewish rabbi. Yet she approached Jesus with a mother's desperate plea for her daughter. At first, Jesus said nothing. Even the disciples wanted to send her away. Still, she remained. She uttered one of the simplest and most heartfelt prayers in all of Scripture: "*Lord, help me.*" She refused to let silence become despair. Then came the words that changed everything: "*O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.*"

This is the only person in Matthew's Gospel whose faith Jesus calls *great*. It is not one of the apostles. It is not one of the religious leaders. It is not even someone from the house of Israel. It is a foreign woman whose only claim is her unwavering trust in God's mercy. The other readings help us understand why this story matters. Isaiah envisions a day when foreigners will be welcomed on God's holy mountain. Saint Paul rejoices that God's saving love reaches beyond every boundary. Together they proclaim what the Gospel reveals: God's mercy is never confined by the walls we build. Perhaps that is the invitation for us today.

There will be moments when our prayers seem to meet only silence. We may wonder whether God has turned away or whether our hopes have gone unheard. The Canaanite woman reminds us not to mistake silence for absence. She continues to trust. She continues to ask. She refuses to walk away. Maybe that is what great faith looks like. Not a faith that never struggles. Not a faith that always understands. But a faith that continues to pray, with quiet confidence and enduring hope: "*Lord, help me.*"

Fr. Soja

Current Bishop’s Appeal Total: \$8,875.00

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

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