

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - 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 12/30 5:30 p.m. +Albert Rouse  
*Offered by David and Marie Rouse*

Wednesday 12/31 5:30 p.m.

Thursday 01/01 5:30 p.m.

Friday 01/02 8:30 a.m. +Connie Secrist  
*Offered by Joe and Sue Mills*

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 01/03 6:00 p.m. +Sharon Dougoveto  
*Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer*

Sunday 01/04 8:30 a.m. +Carl Dott  
*Offered by Stephen and Candace Dott*

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 3

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry  
Eucharistic Minister - Kathy Fabry  
Lector - Missy Roberts  
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, January 4

Sacristan - Clara McLain  
Eucharistic Minister - Dan Jazinski  
Lector - Kathy Jazinski  
Lead Usher - Jerry Divine  
Money Counters - Dan and Kathy Jazinski

12/20 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$399.00	Envelope.....\$390.00	Total.....\$789.00
12/21 Sun. Coll.	Loose....\$194.00	Envelope.....\$275.00	Total.....\$469.00
Memorial Funds	Restricted	Electronic.....\$40.00	Total....\$9,840.00
\$800.00	Funds\$8,000.00		
Parish Support	.....\$1,000.00		
Total Collections			\$11,098.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00		

Solemnity of Mary Ministry Schedule

Wednesday, New Year’s Eve

Sacristan - Carla Kramer  
Eucharistic Minister - TBD  
Lector - Carla Kramer  
Lead Usher - TBD

Thursday, New Year’s Day

Sacristan - Carla Kramer  
Eucharistic Minister - TBD  
Lector - Carla Kramer  
Lead Usher - TBD

Upcoming Holy Day

New Year’s Eve - Solemnity of Mary  
Florence at 5:30 p.m.

New Year’s Day - Solemnity of Mary

Armstrong Creek at 9:00 a.m.  
Florence at 5:30 p.m.



Thursday adoration on New Year’s Day is cancelled.

*The Parish Office will be open on Mon., 12/29, and Tues., 12/30.  
Regular business hours from 8:30-2:30 will resume on Monday, Jan. 5th. The  
office will now be open on Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Friday instead of Tues.-  
Friday. The office will be closed on Wednesdays. Thank You!*

*May God Bless you as you enter this new year with peace, joy and love!  
Happy New Year!*

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE FEAST  
OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND  
JOSEPH



The beautiful Christmas Flowers that adorn our  
worship space were donated in Memory of the  
following loved ones:



*Dan Bauer, Cora Bauer, Steve Bauer, Ginny Ehrenreich, Mary Jo  
Bomberg, Paul Bomberg, Bob & Claire Landry, Bob & Jan Dal-  
lapiazza, Deceased Members of the Donaldson and Steber Fam-  
ilies, Mike & Heddy Fornetti, Glenn & Janet Sundquist, Corky  
Miller, Jule & Cleo Glime, Jack & Elaine Rochon, Francis Samz,  
Jim Cominsky, Deceased Members of the Lemanski Family, Caryl  
Novara, Deceased Members of the Podnar and Weber Families,  
and Ed & Marie Vanden Heuvel.*

Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotion booklets for Jan.-  
March, 2026, are available on the entryway tables. Take one as  
you leave today.

Church Cleaning: Thank you to Sue Mills for cleaning our par-  
ish during the month of December. Your efforts are truly appre-  
ciated!

Volunteers Needed: Due to the number of parishioners going  
south for the winter and personal reasons, **we are in need of  
Lectors, Sacristans, and Eucharistic Ministers.** If you are  
interested in any of these ministries, please contact the parish  
office. Even volunteering once a month would be very helpful.  
Your prayerful consideration is truly appreciated.

Snow Shoveling: We need volunteers for snow  
shoveling this winter! Please contact the parish of-  
fice if you are willing and able! Your help would  
be GREATLY appreciated!!!



Friends, on the last Sunday of the year, we cel-  
ebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are  
here to offer all the members of our own fami-  
lies on the altar for God’s blessing. This feast  
reminds us that we are part of a human family  
and at the same time we belong to God’s fami-  
ly, the Church. In both these families, we have  
privileges and responsibilities. In both, we work out our salva-  
tion together as women, men and children living and working in  
love and peace. Hence, let us try our best to make life pleasant  
for other members of our family.

Our first reading is a commentary on the fourth commandment:  
“Honor your father and your mother.” Sirach reminds children  
of their duty to honor their parents – even when it becomes diffi-  
cult. He also mentions the two-fold reward which God promises  
to those who honor their father and mother. The first reward is  
“riches,” and the second, long life: “Whoever reveres his father  
will live a long life.” - Paul, in the letter to the Colossians, advis-  
es us that we should put on love and remain thankful in our rela-  
tionships with one another. Paul teaches that children should  
learn and practice noble qualities like compassion, kindness,  
forgiveness, and sharing in the warmth of the family. In a truly  
holy family all members are respected, cherished, nurtured, and  
supported, united through the bond of love.

Today’s Gospel describes how Joseph and Mary protected the  
Child Jesus from the sword of King Herod by escaping with  
Him to Egypt. The Church encourages us to look to the Family  
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encour-  
agement. Marriage is a sacrament of holiness. Each family is  
called to holiness. By the Sacrament of Matrimony, Jesus sancti-  
fies not only the spouses but also the entire family. See that you  
never convert your family into a courtroom; instead let it be a  
confessional — ready to admit faults and try to correct them, and  
the family becomes heaven. Happy New Year! Fr. Soja

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, you make all things new.  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.  
Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame, so that in our time,

Many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise  
Your glorious name. -Author Unknown




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**Knights of Columbus**  
  
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Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at  
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