

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 11/25 5:30 p.m. +Beth Remitz
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Thursday 11/27 No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 11/28 8:30 a.m. + Richard Meyers
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 11/29 6:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday 11/30 8:30 a.m. Feast of the Miraculous Medal
Offered by St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 29

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

Sunday, November 30

Sacristan - Dorothy Vayda
Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot
Lector - Bill DeGroot
Lead Usher - Jerry Divine
Money Counters - Jerry Divine & Dorothy Vayda

11/15 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$276.00	Envelope.....\$120.00	Total.....\$396.00
11/16 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$192.00	Envelope.....\$450.00	Total.....\$642.00
		Electronic.....\$110.00	Total.....\$110.00
Total Collections			\$1,148.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2024: \$1,747.00	

2025 Holiday and Holy Day Mass Times

Wednesday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Eve
Goodman 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Day
Armstrong Creek 9:00 a.m.
Florence NO MASS

Monday, December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Florence 8:30 a.m.
Armstrong Creek 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
Armstrong Creek 4:00 p.m.
Florence 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day
Florence 8:30 a.m.
Goodman 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve
Florence 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 1 - New Year’s Day
Armstrong Creek 9:00 a.m.
Florence 5:30 p.m.

(The Office will have limited hours from Dec.23-Jan. 2 but will reopen with regular business hours on Tues., Jan. 6th.)



ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Annual Hunters’ Bake Sale: Thank you to all who donated, sold and baked for the Hunter’s Bake Sale this past weekend! You are truly appreciated!

The Giving Tree: Let us all open our hearts and make the Giving Tree a success! Everyone is encouraged to participate! Children can learn to share their Christmas with others who are less fortunate than themselves. Please reach up, take an ornament from the tree and make someone’s Christmas brighter by returning the gift to the parish, unwrapped with the tag attached by **December 7th**. Thank you for showing that **“Jesus is the Reason for the Season”!**



Thank You: Thank you to all who volunteered for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Pat’s Foods on Thursday, 11/20! Your time to help those less fortunate is greatly appreciated!

November Church Cleaning: We offer a heartfelt “Thank You” to Beanie Leffler and Rosie Peters for volunteering to clean the Church during the month of November. We are grateful for your dedication!

American Red Cross Volunteers: Within Florence County, the American Red Cross only has a few disaster volunteers who most often respond to home fires. Having individuals trained and able to respond to an emergency is key! Please check out the flyer at the back of the church if you’re interested in being able to help friends, families and neighbors strengthen our community!

Parish Volunteer Opportunities: As some of our beloved “snowbirds” prepare to fly south, we are in *urgent* need of volunteers to help with our regular ministries especially on the following days:

Sacristan: Wed.,12/31 (5:30 p.m.), Thurs., 01/01 (5:30).

Eucharistic Minister: Wed.,12/31 (5:30 p.m.), Thurs., 01/01 (5:30).

Lector: Mon, 12/8 (8:30 a.m.), Wed., 12/31 (5:30 p.m.), & Thurs., 01/01 (5:30 p.m.).

Money Counters on Sunday or Monday: 12/07 or 12/08.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



Friends, today the Church’s liturgical year comes to end with the feast of Christ the King, so the readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in Glory. This year marks the one-hundredth anniversary of Pope Pius XI’s 1925 institution of today’s Feast of Christ the King with the proclamation, “*Pax Christi in regno Christi*” (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ).

This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to him every day, accept him as our God, Savior and King and allow him to rule our lives. We surrender our lives to Jesus when we give priority to his teaching in our daily choices, especially in moral decisions. We should not exclude Christ our King from any area of our personal or family lives. In other words, Christ must be in full charge of our lives, and we must give him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart, and our free will. Christianity has triumphed by the power of the cross and triumphed even over the greatest power that the ancient world had known, the Roman Empire.

Jesus declared that he came not to be served but to serve and showed us the spirit of service by washing the feet of his disciples. We become Jesus’ followers when we recognize his presence in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast, and the marginalized in the society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God’s love and salvation, gave us his new commandment of love: “Love one another as I have loved you” (Jn 15:12), and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loved.

Safe Hunting and Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Fr. Soja

Prayer for our Catholic Community:

God our Father, you never cease to seek out your children—the lonely, the frightened, the hurt and the lost. We pray for all our parishioners who are missing from our parish community and Eucharistic celebrations. Through the intercession of Mary, our patron Saint, please pave the way for conversations and invitations that welcome them back to the Catholic Church and our Parish Community. We trust in your love and mercy for every one of your children.

Amen.



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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.

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