

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 01/27 5:30 p.m. +Alice Westman
Offered by Joe and Sue Mills

Thursday 01/29 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 01/30 8:30 a.m. +Yvonne Van Pembrook
Offered by Bob, Mary and Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 01/31 6:00 p.m. +Arlene Dott
Offered by Stephen and Candace Dott

Sunday 02/01 8:30 a.m. +Albert Rouse
Offered by David and Marie Rouse

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 31

Sacristan - Tanya Parker
Eucharistic Minister - Derek Parker
Lector - Evan Parker
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, February 01

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams
Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski
Money Counters - Dorothy Vayda & Maggie
Schalow

01/17 Sat. Coll.	Loose.. ...\$5.00	Envelope.....\$265.00	Total.....\$270.00
01/18 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$213.00	Envelope.....\$315.00	Total.....\$528.00
	Misc....\$250.00	Electronic....\$110.00	Total.....\$360.00
Total Collections			\$1,158.00

Budget: \$1,800.00 2025: \$956.00

Fr. Soja’s Nursing Home Visits

Fr. Soja visits the Florence Health Services (Nursing Home) each Friday at 10 a.m. Mass is held the first Friday of the Month with Communion given every Friday.

Office Hours

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 8:30-2:30 p.m.

The office is closed on Wednesdays unless there is a conflict. Thank you for your support!!!

Looking Ahead...

The Bishop’s Appeal Kickoff Weekend for 2026 will begin on **February 7th and 8th, 2026**. Watch for posters throughout the parish and information in the bulletin promoting the upcoming Bishop’s Appeal.

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

Salvation Army November Bell Ringing: Thank you to the following bell ringers during the November Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Steve Dott, Ann Leschke, Clara McLain, Jean Fornetti, Rich Kahlman, and JoJo Vasquez. Volunteering your time is a blessing to our community!

Annual Contribution Tax Forms: Tax forms for Annual Contributions are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued support to St. Mary’s Parish!

Marriage Retreat: Lakeshore Retrouvaille, a Catholic-based marriage program, has helped tens of thousands of couples. The confidential program starts with a weekend retreat March 13-15, 2026, at the Green Lake Conference Center. Visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call (920) 288-2043. Retrouvaille offers a faith-based solution, and the program is open to all husbands and wives, regardless of church affiliation. Financial assistance is available.

Thank you from Larry and Barb Neuens: Thank you for all your prayers and support for our great-grandchildren during their recent illness. Your prayers are a huge blessing, and we’re grateful for your faithfulness.

Volunteer Thank You: Thank you to all of our volunteers involved in the various ministries here at St. Mary’s! Know your witness to the love of Christ and service of others does not go unnoticed! We appreciate you and hold you in prayer! If you are interested in volunteering for any ministries, please contact the parish office. Your prayerful consideration is truly appreciated.

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



Friends, the word of God this weekend highlights the messianic days, given by Isaiah in the eighth century B.C. It describes the new era of liberty and joy, which the future Messiah will usher in. The Gospel, quoting the same passage of the prophet Isaiah, presents Jesus as the Light. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscurity in which he is enclosed.

The light becomes an efficacious means to express God’s involvement in human history. God manifests Himself as ‘The Light’ that disperses the darkness. The light illuminates, encircles, defines things, emphasizes the colors and gives depth to space. The light heartens and comforts: to be in an enlightened place helps us to accept reality for what it is and makes one feel happier, more certain and protected. In our second reading, St. Paul corrects the Corinthians for the pride that was causing them to form factions and divisions. Led by the Holy Spirit St. Paul challenges them to return to the centrality of faith in Christ the true light.

In God’s light everything assumes a new significance, its authentic and definitive meaning. Joy and happiness that became real in Jesus’ presence. This dynamic is expressed through Jesus’ call of the first Apostles. He chooses them with an unequivocal call, ‘Follow Me’. At the Last Supper, the end of His earthly life, Jesus reminds His disciples ‘you did not choose me, no, I chose you’ (Jn 15:16). This Gospel invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on God’s original and absolutely free choice by the working/help of the Holy Spirit.

Let us ask the Lord, for us and the whole Church, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts to Christ as the only Light to follow. Invoking the Holy Spirit, let us share this light with others as Bishop Ricken invites all the baptized to share Jesus 2026. Bishop David Ricken’s Pastoral Invitation to Share Jesus 2026: <http://dioc.io/sent>

Fr. Soja

“Jesus always hears our prayers, and He will act in our lives.”

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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.

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