

# WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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## Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday \* No Mass \*  
 Thursday 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased  
 Members of the Kramer Family  
*Offered by Mark & Carla Kramer*  
 Friday 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 8:00 p.m. For the People  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Lyle Vanden Heuvel  
*Offered by Mike & Carolyn Lemanski*  
 + Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving  
 Confessions available a half hour before all Masses

<b>Sat. Collection</b>	Loose....\$108.00	Envelope.....\$280.00	Total.....\$388.00
<b>Sun. Collection</b>	Loose....\$100.00	Envelope....\$375.00	Total.....\$475.00
<b>Flowers.....\$75.00</b>	<b>Electronic &amp; Other.....\$120.00</b>	<b>Total.....\$195.00</b>	
World’s Poor.\$40.00	(not included in total)	<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$1058.00</b>
<b>Budget:</b>	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,210.00	



The Office Will be closed March 25 - April 1

Have a Blessed Holy Week  
 & a Happy Easter!

## Holy Week Ministry Schedule

### Holy Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Yvonne Leslie  
 Sacristan: Yvonne Leslie  
 Eucharistic Minister: Clara McLain

### Good Friday, March 29 at 12:00 p.m.

Lectors: Carolyn Lemanski & Bill DeGroot  
 Sacristan: Roy Rietz  
 Eucharistic Minister: Dan Jazinski

### Holy Saturday Vigil, March 30 at 8:00 p.m.

Lectors: Carolyn Lemanski, Yvonne Leslie & Dorothy Vayda  
 Sacristan: Yvonne Leslie  
 Eucharistic Minister: Volunteer if needed  
 Church Cleaning: Sue Mills & Aubrey

### Easter at 8:30 a.m. with Fr. Mark McQuesten

Lector: Bill DeGroot  
 Sacristan: Roy Rietz  
 Eucharistic Minister: Sally Neuens  
 Usher: Jerry Divine  
 Money Counters: Jerry Divine & Dave Zelten

You will find the Holy Week schedule for the three sister parishes on our St. Mary’s website homepage.

Thank you!!

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## ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**Good Friday Holy Land Collection:** Franciscan priests and brothers are the custodians of the Christian sites in the Holy Land and they are counting on our financial help to assist them. When you donate to the Good Friday Collection, you help to ensure that Christianity will remain in the Holy Land for years to come. Last year’s collection provided support to 29 parishes, 4 homes for orphans, and helped keep 16 schools open. Will you help maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land?



**The Easter Flowers** that will be arriving Holy Week were donated in Memory or Honor of the following loved ones: In Memory of Leo Herman; Janet Kelley and Pete Podnar; Norman, Joan & Denise Meyers; Art, Helen & Dick LaFave; Glenn & Janet Sundquist and Mike & Heddy Fornetti; Jim Brandt and Joe Kennedy; the Johnson-Miller Family; the Steber Family and Nault Family; John Roach; the Podnar & Weber Family; Julie Meyers; Tim Touchett; Francis Samz, Jim Cominsky, Jule & Cleo Glime, Jack & Elaine Rochon; Cory Ehlert and Lane Ehlert; Caryl Novara; Anna Kelley and Donald Kensik; Janet Kelley, Inga Carlson, Anna Kelley, Julie Meyers and Peggy Jensen; Jeremy Donaldson, Julie Meyers, Whitney Gregg, Deceased Members of the Steber Family, and Deceased Members of the Donaldson Family; In Honor of the Jazinski Family.

**Money Counters Needed:** We are in need of volunteers to help add the weekend collections. This is usually done Sunday after Mass but Mondays would work if more convenient. At this time we only have three sets of two counters, and a few more volunteers will help with absences and scheduling. We would be happy to find a counting partner for you, if needed.

Please contact the office for more information or if you are interested. We appreciate your consideration.

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Friends, we are in Holy Week, the week that changed the world. Palm Sunday recalls the time Jesus last entered Jerusalem. It commemorates Jesus’ riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, as the crowds waved palm branches, threw cloaks on the path in front of him and shouted praises. Jerusalem would have been buzzing with

stories of Jesus that year – the preacher and teacher who taught with authority, cared for people who were marginalized and outcast, healed miraculously, challenged the hypocrisy of some religious teachers, claimed he was fulfilling prophecies and that he was the Son of God.

Holy Monday and Tuesday were days of intense work and travel for Jesus: preaching, healing, and verbal clashes with the authorities. Holy Wednesday is known as Spy Wednesday, it marks the plot by Judas to betray Jesus to the religious authorities. Holy Thursday is sometimes known as the Last Supper or Maundy Thursday. It commemorates the final meal Jesus ate with his closest disciples. Prior to the meal, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet – a job the lowliest servant would usually do. He was teaching them that leadership consists of humility and love. Jesus said, “I longed to eat this Passover with you.” It is on the Jewish feast of Passover that Jesus chose to establish the new covenant of love, the Eucharist and priesthood.

Good Friday commemorates a sad and dark day, full of hardship and hopelessness. Jesus experienced fear and anxiety about what lay before him, but he knew that his mission was to suffer and experience all of God’s wrath as a substitute for what humankind deserves. God is loving, but also a God of justice. But in this moment of suffering and struggle, Jesus prayed to God, his Heavenly Father, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” Instead of stopping Jesus’ suffering, God gave Jesus the strength to endure the path to the cross. This was part of God’s greater plan of redemption for the world, a glimpse of how much God was prepared to go in saving us.

Holy Saturday is also known as the Great Sabbath, Easter Eve, Joyous Saturday and more. It marks a day of anticipation, meditation, and reflection on victory over death and sin. Freedom is not free; the price is paid by Jesus who is the way, truth, and life. We wonder why a person who went about doing only good work was crucified. It is a week we spend time in silence to be with Jesus. He wants to bestow his abundant graces to those who choose to simply remain with him.

~ Fr. Soja