

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 5:30 p.m. For the deceased members of the Urban & Rudawski Families
 Thursday 4:30-5:30 Eucharistic Adoration
 Friday 8:30 a.m. For the People
 Friday 10:00 a.m. At Florence Health Services

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. + Mike Johnson
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Bernie Englebert
 + Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 3

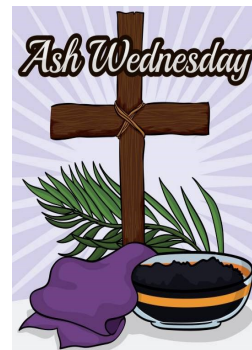
Sacristan - Brant & Cindy Brolin
 Eucharistic Minister - Volunteer if needed
 Lector - Yvonne Leslie
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, February 4

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - Derek Parker
 Lector - Kathy Jazinski
 Lead Usher - Jerry Divine
 Money Counters - Dorothy Vayda & Jerry Divine
 Church Cleaners - Trudy Rochon & Terri Koehn

Sat. Collection	Loose.....\$25.00	Envelope....\$260.00	Total...\$285.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$212.00	Envelope....\$235.00	Total....\$447.00
	Electronic & Other.....\$60.00		Total.....\$60.00
	Total Collections		\$792.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,955.00	

We will be celebrating the Blessing of Throats in observance of the Feast Day of St. Blaise at Mass Saturday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 4th. All are welcome to receive this blessing.



Ash Wednesday will be here before we know it. Any old palms may be brought in and placed in the basket in the church entryway.

There will be a light soup and sandwich gathering after 5:30 Mass in the St. Mary’s parish hall on Ash Wednesday. If you are able to provide a soup or sandwiches, please contact Tanya Parker or Carolyn Lemanski. All are invited to join us for food and fellowship.

Tell Jesus you love Him. For the first time since 1945, Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day fall on the same day. As you’re out and about and see Valentine’s décor, think of the love Jesus showed us by His sacrifice on the cross. We can do the same by giving thanks to Him, and show our love for Him by going to church on Ash Wednesday. We can sacrifice the chocolates and sweets for one day....as hard as it can be.

Reminder for Weekday Masses: If school is canceled due to weather conditions, there will be no Mass or Eucharistic Adoration that day.

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



A heartfelt thank you to Fr. Soja who will be celebrating one year with us on February 1st. Your faithful ministry, service, and leadership to the parishioners of St. Mary’s is greatly appreciated.

We are grateful you opened yourself up to change and all the great things Northeast Wisconsin has to offer! Many blessings for health and happiness always.

Our beautiful baptismal font is here. Thank you to the Nick Baumgart and Anne Leschke Family, and all others that contributed, for their generous donations.



The font is in honor of all mothers.



2024 BISHOP’S APPEAL

our children, young adults, families, and neighbors here in Northeastern Wisconsin.

If you don’t receive a letter from the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay at your home, there are pledge cards available in the entryway. We ask that you prayerfully consider making any gift you can. Please know how much we appreciate all that you do for St. Mary’s and beyond. Our goal this year is \$9,696.

God blesses us greatly, and we can never outgive God. One wonderful way to support the mission of the Church is by giving to the Bishop’s Appeal.

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Friends, the gospel of today reveals the terrifying authority of Jesus. Jesus commands the evil spirit to come out and the evil spirits realize that Jesus has come to destroy them. They claim to know Jesus as the “Holy one of God!” The people in the synagogue are astonished to notice the authority of Jesus that surpasses the authority of scribes, who were the custodians of the scriptures. The scribes made their references to the authority of Moses which came directly from God. Moses was an intermediary between God and God’s people. Moses in today’s reading reminds the people that they requested the establishment of this role because they feared direct interaction with God (Deut. 5:22-27). The people pledged obedience to the supreme authority of Moses who received the Law/word directly from God. God said to Moses, “Would that they might always be of such a mind, to fear me and to keep all my commandments! Then they and their descendants would prosper forever.” (Deut. 5:29)

Today’s Gospel must be understood in the context of the one Moses said, “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up; to him you shall listen.” (Deut. 18: 15). It is an indication of the establishment of a permanent channel of communication between God and his people. God continues to communicate himself to his people by giving us the word of God incarnate. Because Jesus is the fullness of God’s message to us, we need to be attuned to how Jesus communicates himself to us on a continual basis: through Scripture and most importantly in the Eucharist. The readings of this week invites us to surrender to the authority of Jesus the Holy One of God. St. Paul states that one should be free of anxieties to be able to listen to the word of God in obedience. Let us live the Gospel, the source of strength and prosperity.

~ Fr. Soja

St. Mary’s Annual Contribution Statements were mailed this week. Please contact the office if you did not receive yours or have any questions. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Cathedral Book & Gift of Green Bay is offering a free Catholic Kids Story Hour on Saturday February 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Come hear a story read by our guest reader: Most Reverend Bishop David Ricken. All are welcome to join us at 131 S. Madison Street in Green Bay.

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