

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST MARY

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Live the Gospel! Whatever it takes.

- ◆ If you are interested in joining our parish, becoming Catholic, marriage prep, baptism prep, confirmation, funerals, returning to the Church, spiritual direction, inquiring about an annulment or have other concerns, contact Father Albert at 920-604-1260.
- ◆ Questions regarding religious education and registration can be addressed to Carolyn Lemanski: (715) 528-3008
- ◆ Call St. Vincent de Paul Conference for assistance with basic needs: (715) 528-2030
- ◆ To schedule a Mass intention, volunteer for a parish ministry, rent the parish hall, request a prayer shawl, request prayers, have communion brought to your home or for information on grief support, call the parish office.
- ◆ Office hours: Tuesday.- Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday - 4:30 p.m. 1st TH Holy Hour
Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Benediction
 following THs – Reconciliation and private prayer
 Friday - 8:30 a.m.
 1st FRI 10:00 a.m.
 Florence Health Services

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 16 - + Deceased members of Herman Meyers Family
 Fri. Nov. 19- + Janet Kelley
 Saturday, Nov, 20- + Craig Haevers
 Sunday, November 21 - + Larry Dzekute

Ministry Schedule Nov. 20/21

Saturday

Sacristan - Francie Freeberg
 Eucharistic Minister - Francie Freeberg
 Lector - Francie Freeberg
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Ron VanWychen, Andy Kelley & William Kelley and Mark Kramer

Sunday

Sacristan - Jessica Frost
 Eucharistic Minister - Sally Neuens
 Lector - Debbie Zelten
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Jerry Divine
 Money counters - Kathy Jazinski & Jerry Divine

Church/Office Cleaning - Trudy Rochon and Terri Koehn
 Parish Hall Cleaning - Bill DeGroot & Tonya Parker



Father Albert cooked a Filipino dish, Pancit Bihon for our Religious Ed students.

Giving Tree . . . The spirit of Christmas comes to us by sharing our blessings with those in need. Last year, 48 families (109 children) received items from the annual St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree program. Bring joy to a child's heart this Christmas season by taking a gift tag off of the tree displayed in the church entryway, and by kindly returning your **unwrapped** gift with the tag attached by **Sunday, December 5th**. "Angel" tags are for toys, and "dove" tags are for clothing. As always, thank you for your generous support of this program and know that through your participation, you share the true meaning of Christmas with those less fortunate!



THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, we welcome **Daisy Lyn** into our faith community. May Daisy come to know and understand the love of the Lord and grow in faith. Parents Sadie Burkart and Nate Howard.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL REFLECTION:

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future hold no fear for us.

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The Hospitality and Outreach Committee is looking for Bakers then Buyers for our annual deer hunters' weekend **Bake Sale on Nov. 20th & 21st**. Sign up sheets are available in the entryway for anyone willing to bring delicious treats. Warm your kitchens and our hearts.

Bulletin Connection -We face economic and environmental disasters of our own making that call for the wisdom and foresight of God's vision: to realize that we hold the power to redeem our deeply divided world and restore our broken earth if we embrace the Gospel spirit of humility, selflessness and generosity. The unsettling images Jesus articulates in today's Gospel confronts us with the reality that the things we treasure – our careers, our portfolios, our status, our bodies – will one day be no more and that our separation from them will be bitter. The "signs" that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel are all around us; the "fig tree" grows and blossoms in the lives of every one of us. With eyes and hearts of faith, we can recognize such "signs" of God's love in our midst. The Gospel fig tree challenges us to listen beyond mere words, to look deeper than the surface, to realize the presence of God in times and places when and where God seems to be absent. Change – sometimes frightening, often traumatic, seldom easy – is part of that journey for all of us. But when our "heavens and earths" pass away, the promise of the life of God and the values of the Gospel remain constant. -Deacon Jerry

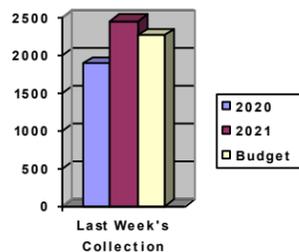


FLOWERS are always a welcome part of our Christmas decorations. **A special collection will be taking place the weekend of December 4th and 5th, for Christmas flowers.** If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, simply place an envelope or check marked "FLOWERS" in the collection basket in the church entryway or kindly use the designated envelope in your offertory box.

Vocation Awareness Week: Nov. 7-13, 2021

Prayer for our seminarians and Kairos men:

Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the call. Your son Jesus told us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. We turn to you now and ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to awaken the hearts of those whom you are calling to the priesthood in the Diocese of Green Bay. May they hear your call and respond with a profound "yes," just as Mary did when she was asked to become the mother of your son, Jesus. Keep these your sons always close to you in the Eucharist and protect them from all evil. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Sat. General Collection	Loose...\$216.00	Envelope...\$466.00	Total...\$682.00
Sun. General Collection	Loose...\$427.00	Envelope...\$716.00	Total...\$1,143.00
Electronic Transfer	General...\$625.00		Total...\$625.00
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