

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 * 8:30 a.m. For the People
 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. For the People
 Thursday 4:30-5:30 Eucharistic Adoration
 Friday 8:30 a.m. + Deceased members
 of the Urban & Rudawski Families

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Tg Brynn Bartel
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Pete Podnar
 + Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Wednesday, February 14

Sacristan - Yvonne Leslie
 Eucharistic Minister - Derek Parker
 Lector - Religious Ed Students
 Altar Servers - Religious Ed Students

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - Dan Jazinski
 Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
 Lead Usher - Jay Glime
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski

Sat. Collection	Loose.....\$29.00	Envelope....\$305.00	Total...\$334.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$207.00	Envelope....\$590.00	Total....\$797.00
Flowers	\$35.00	Electronic & Other.....	\$110.00 Total...\$145.00
		Total Collections	\$1,276 .00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,436.00	

Mass & Lent Updates

* Tuesday, February 13 5:30 p.m. mass will be held at 8:30 a.m.*

Ash Wednesday

Armstrong Creek - St. Stanislaus at 9 a.m.
 Florence - St. Mary’s at 5:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. before 5:30 p.m. Mass
 Fridays at 9:00 a.m. after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Confessions

February 21 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for RE Students
 Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays: half an hour
 before Mass starts.

*Lent is a time for us to empty ourselves of worldly distractions
 and allow God to fill us with His love, His grace, and His peace.*

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

**** The office will be closed Friday, February 16th. ****

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



There will be a light soup and sandwich gathering in the St. Mary’s parish hall after the 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass.

If you are able to help, please contact the office or Carolyn Lemanski. All are invited to join us for food and fellowship.

Goodman St. Joan of Arc will be having a Fat Tuesday soup and sandwich meal with desserts on February 13th at 5 p.m. in the St. Joan of Arc basement. All are welcome to attend. If you’d like to bring a dish or dessert to pass around, please contact Dolores Raboin at 715-336-2776.

Niagara’s St. Anthony Church is having a fish fry on Friday, February 23rd and March 15th from 4-7 p.m. It is \$20 per person and all you can eat! 10 and under are free.

Please see the flyer in the entryway for more details.



the envelopes, simply place an envelope or check marked “flowers” in the weekend collection. We will have envelopes available that weekend if needed.

Bishop’s Appeal...If you’ve been supported by the Bishop’s Appeal, and would like to give a 3-4 minute testimonial at Mass, please contact the office. Another option would be to write a short paragraph for the bulletin.

You should’ve received your Bishop’s Appeal pledge form in the mail. If you didn’t, we have extra in the back of church. Please send all donations directly to the Catholic Foundation. Thank you for your support!!



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Friends, Lent is a time of homecoming. We begin the holy season of Lent this week on Ash Wednesday, the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. Fasting and abstinence is obligatory on Ash Wednesday. Fasting: it is a sign of repentance and helps us embody our spiritual hunger for Christ. Fasting helps us to practice

self-denial, a discipline that helps us to strengthen our will and unite our will to the will of God rather than surrendering our will to every temptation and temporary emotions. Prayer: it is a great time to begin a renewed commitment to prayer. Lenten prayers can include saying the Rosary, the *Lectio Divina*/reading Scripture or making the Way of the Cross. In prayer, consider listening/reading the daily Gospel or engaging in discerning what you’d like to focus on in your relationship with Christ this Lent. Almsgiving: it is the third pillar of Lenten observance. We practice love for the poor which is true charity by sharing our resources with the needy. It helps us to die to ‘self’ so that Christ may live in us.

The ashes symbolize our mortality. They are a physical reminder that our bodies will decay, our journey here is only a preparation for eternity. It is a time to recognize the wonderful gift of life God has given us. God is Holy. There is nothing unholy in God, to establish a relationship with God we need to be holy. The leper in the Gospel of today is a symbol of sin or unholy nature of every human being, separated from the society, the synagogue. Jesus touched him and healed him, restored his status in the society. He was made holy to approach the synagogue and have a relationship with God. Let us respond to the loving and gentle invitation of Christ to restore our friendship with God. Jesus said, “And for their sake I sanctify myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth” (Jn 17:19). Jesus is holy, there is no need for sanctifying himself. So here sanctify means set apart/consecrate. Let us make this Lent a time set apart for God!

~ Fr. Soja

Help Wanted...We are looking for volunteers to join the cleaning crew for the church and office area. We are also in need of helpers to clean the parish hall and restrooms.

Lectors are needed for the Easter Vigil Mass and other Masses to cover absences. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact the office. We appreciate your consideration.

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