

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 03/17 5:30 p.m. + Patrick Leffler
Offered by Fred & Karen Leffler

Thursday 03/19 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 03/20 8:30 a.m. + Edwin Kelley
Offered by Jean & Joe Fornetti

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 03/21 6:00 p.m. + Sis Herman
Offered by Barb Podnar

Sunday 03/22 8:30 a.m. + Greg Heyboer
Offered by Mark & Carla Kramer

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 21

Sacristan - Tanya Parker
 Eucharistic Minister - Derek Parker
 Lector - Evan Parker
 Lead Usher - Volunteer Needed

Sunday, March 22

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry
 Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Lead Usher - Jerry Divine
 Money Counters - Dorothy Vayda & Jerry Divine

**** We are in need of a 2nd lector for Saturday, ****
March 28 for Palm Sunday.

03/07 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$67.00	Envelope.....\$270.00	Total.....\$337.00
03/08 Sun. Coll.	Loose..\$475.00	Envelope.....\$375.00	Total.....\$850.00
		Misc & Electronic....\$440.00	
		Easter Flowers:.....\$135.00	Total.....\$575.00
		Total Collections	\$1,762.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$1,397.00



Lent & Holy Week Schedule



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 9:00 a.m., after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday, April 2

No Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary’s in Florence
 6:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Armstrong Creek

Good Friday, April 3

12:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s in Florence
 3:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc in Goodman

Holy Saturday, April 4

No Mass at St. Mary’s in Florence
 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Armstrong Creek

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s in Florence
 10:30 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc in Goodman

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Friends, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday, meaning “let us rejoice.” The Church invites us to pause and rejoice, recognizing God’s mercy and responding by living simply, loving deeply, and giving freely as we continue our journey toward Easter. Jesus reveals himself as the Son of God,

often referring to himself as the “Son of Man,” a title drawn from the Book of Daniel.

The story opens with a familiar human instinct: the rush to judgment. The disciples assume that the man’s blindness must be the result of sin. Jesus corrects them decisively. Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so the works of God might be made visible through him... I am the light of the world. Jesus then heals the man, sends him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. The miracle itself is only the beginning. What follows is a long and revealing drama in which neighbors, and then the Pharisees, interrogate the man. Ironically, those who claim to see most clearly – the religious authorities – prove themselves blind, missing God’s saving work in their midst. Fear robs joy. Never be stuck in the past, be ready for transformation.

The First Reading from 1 Samuel reinforces this teaching. God chooses the young shepherd David, not for his appearance, but for his heart. This choice naturally leads us to Psalm 23, reminding us that the Lord is our shepherd who guides, protects, and strengthens us. Today’s message is deeply encouraging. Christ is our light, opening our eyes and sustaining us when faith brings misunderstanding or opposition. The man who believed in Jesus receives sight and is disowned by parents, interrogated by friends and religious leaders. Finally sent out from the synagogue. For all who bear the name Christian – this is truly a reason to rejoice because your faith in Jesus is worth more than whatever you have and whatever you lose. Never stop telling what Jesus has done for you.

Fr. Soja



World’s Poor Collection: This weekend we take up our World’s Poor Collection benefiting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services, Peter’s Pence, and the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your support of this collection provides relief for struggling communities, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection and sharing Christ’s love with others.

Men, Women & Children Welcome: In memory of Christ’s final night, Fr. Soja invites four parishioners from St. Mary’s to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday, at St. Stanislaus in Armstrong Creek. If you would like to participate in this ritual of how we are to serve one another in love, an example set by Jesus when he washed His disciples’ feet, please contact the parish office or Fr. Soja.

Bishop’s Appeal: As we continue towards St. Mary’s goal of \$8,880.00 for the 2026 Bishop’s Appeal, thank you to those who have already contributed. If you are still considering a donation, please prayerfully consider making a contribution as even a small gift makes an impact and helps us bring Christ’s light to others. To support the 2026 Bishop’s Appeal, use the pledge card mailed to your home or one from the back of the church. You can also go to the Catholic Foundation’s website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping St. Mary’s Parish shine Christ’s light this Lent.

Meetings: Finance Council Meeting: 3/19, 5:45 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting: 3/26, 6:00 p.m.

Cancellations: There is no Eucharistic Adoration on **Thur., April 23rd.**

If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, daily morning mass will be cancelled, too.

Knights of Columbus

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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Our Current Bishop’s Appeal Total
 \$3,160.00

Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:
 \$8,880.00



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