

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 05/19 5:30 p.m. Living and Deceased
 Members of the Kramer Family
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Thursday 05/21 * **No Eucharistic Adoration** *

Friday 05/22 8:30 a.m. +Vance Freeberg
Offered by Frances Freeberg Johnson

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 05/23 6:00 p.m. +Gloria Merhalski
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Sunday 05/24 8:30 a.m. +Eugene Vanden Heuvel
Offered by the Vanden Heuvel Family

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 05/23

Sacristan - Jo Vasquez and Jean Fornetti
 Eucharistic Minister - Jo Vasquez/*Need 1-2 more*
 Lector - Jean Fornetti
 Lead Usher - *Volunteer Needed*

Sunday, 05/24

Sacristan - Al and MaryKay Williams
 Eucharistic Ministers - Al Williams, Bill DeGroot,
 Dan Jazinski
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Lead Usher - Jerry Divine
 Money Counters - Jay and Lori Glime

05/09 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$42.00	Envelope.....\$110.00	Total.....\$152.00
05/10 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$583.00	Envelope.....\$480.00	Total.....\$1,063.00
	Misc....\$200.00	Electronic.....\$140.00	Total.....\$340.00
Total Collections			\$1,555.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$3,403.00

Volunteers Needed: Our Parish is in need of volunteers to serve as Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Money Counters. We are especially short-handed for our Saturday evening mass. Please prayerfully consider serving once a month or as a backup for vacations and illness for either mass. We will gladly train you and assist as needed.

Thank you to our Saturday evening parishioners, who continue to help usher as we go without a lead. Your willingness to step-in is greatly appreciated!!

Cemetery Spring Cleanup: Please remove any old decorations from the cemetery in the coming weeks, preferably before the Memorial Day holiday. If you have any questions, please find the cemetery rules and regulations under the “More” tab on the St. Mary’s website. We appreciate your assistance in cleaning up the cemetery and keeping it tidy throughout the year!

Painter Wanted for Mary Statue: Would you like a spring project? The exterior Mary statue and pedestal in front of church needs to be painted. The paint and supplies will be provided. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your consideration!

** No 9:00 a.m. mass in Goodman on Thursday, May 21st **

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Home Missions - Our Own Needs Collection: Next week, we will take up the Home Missions - Our Own Needs collection which supports the Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC), Catholic University of America, and Catholic Home Missions dioceses. This consolidated collection helps the Church evangelize in the US, including here in the Diocese of Green Bay. Your support helps the Church spread the gospel message and form many in their faith.

Memorial Day Weekend Bake Sale: St. Mary’s will be having our annual bake sale next weekend, May 23rd and 24th. If you are able to bring in a delicious treat, please sign up in the entryway or feel free to bring in something that weekend. Thank you for your support!!!

A Special Thank You: We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Beanie Leffler and Rosie Peters for cleaning our parish and office spaces last week. We truly appreciate your time and effort to ensure our parish is a welcoming and tidy place of worship.



May is the Month of Mary: Please join us as we pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother after weekend masses during the month of May. If you are willing to lead the Rosary at either Mass, there is a sign-up sheet in the entryway. Thank you for your consideration as we dedicate the month of May to Mary!

Dina Mia Pizza Fundraiser: If you need additional forms for the pizza fundraiser, there are extra copies in the back of church. Completed forms are due back to the parish office by May 25th. The pizza will be available for pickup on Friday, June 19, between 3-6 p.m., in the parish hall. Payment is due at pickup, and we can only accept cash or checks. Thank you for your support of St. Mary’s!!



Lead with faith ~ Protect your family ~ Serve others ~ Defend your values

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.



Friends, the feast of Ascension highlights two things we still tend to do, and they outline for us our Mission today. “They worshiped, but they doubted.” We worship him, but we doubt. Sure, we do. We hold something back, don’t we? Even in our most devout moments, we don’t always fully give ourselves to the

faith that our life is in his hands and that we have nothing to fear because he is always with us. In fact, we tend to live our day-to-day lives, not like people who fully believe in the resurrection and the hope and joy that it gives, but like people who are unaware that the best is yet to come. Ascension is proof of humanity’s future existence.

The second thing we tend to do is to catch ourselves “standing there looking at the sky.” Jesus will return in glory, but we aren’t supposed to stand flat-footed, waiting for the return. We have a mission. We are called to share the Good News with others to bring others to the saving power of Christ through baptism. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” It takes great grace to be transformed by the Good News, “I am with you always.”

Jesus mentions "greater works," they are realized through evangelization and through the Eucharist, where bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, and in the grace of confession. Jesus promises that whatever is asked in his name—aligned with the Father’s will—will be granted to glorify the Father, positioning Jesus as our advocate seated at the right hand of the Father. The mystery of Ascension helps us, in the same way the disciples were helped, to become agents of salvation, redemption and forgiveness of sins through sharing Jesus.

Fr. Soja

Our Current Bishop’s Appeal Total

\$6,180.00

Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:

\$8,880.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



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