

# WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - 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**  
 Tues. 3/18 5:30pm Tg: Anniversary Eric Ristau Family  
*Offered by Rob & Sue Ristau*  
 Thurs. 3/20 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration  
 Fri. 3/21 8:30am +Val Peterson  
*Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar*

**Weekend Masses and Intentions**  
 Sat. 3/22 6:00pm +Philip Doll, Senior  
*Offered by Stephen & Candace Dott*  
 Sun. 3/23 8:30am +Pete Podnar  
*Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar*  
 + Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving  
 Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

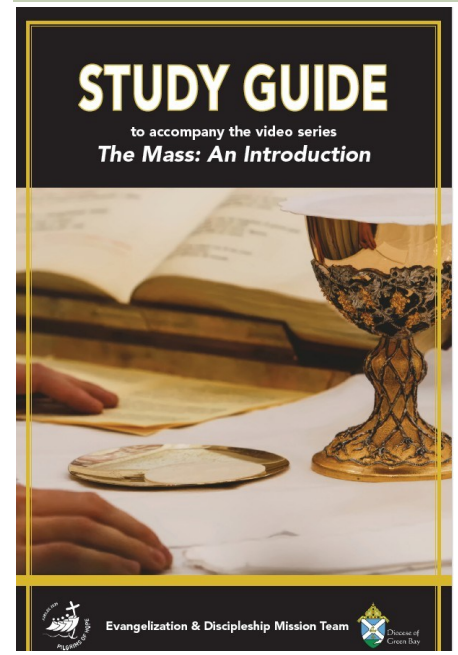
**Ministry Schedule**  
**Saturday, March 22nd**  
 Sacristan - Volunteer Needed  
 Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot  
 Lector - Bill DeGroot  
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky  
**Sunday, March 23rd**  
 Sacristan - Clara McLain  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Sally Neuens  
 Lector - Carolyn Lemanski  
 Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski  
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski



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03/08 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$66.00	Envelope.....\$221.00	Total.....\$287.00
03/09 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$250.00	Envelope....\$185.00	Total...\$435.00
<b>Bishop's Appeal:</b>	<b>Electronic.....\$190.00</b>	<b>Misc.....\$485.00</b>	<b>Total...\$4,260.00</b>
	\$3,585.00		
		<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,982.00</b>
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$1,634.00	



**STUDY GUIDE**  
 to accompany the video series  
**The Mass: An Introduction**

Looking for a way to grow in faith this Lent? Check out our FREE Study Guide on **The Mass: An Introduction!** From the office of Evangelization & Discipleship of the Diocese, we have study guides available! DVDs available to rent out and/or access videos for free via YouTube! There are enough study guides for anyone who wishes to participate! Please take a study guide! Reminder to please see the office to rent out a DVD.  
 A sign up sheet can be found in the entryway next weekend for those interested in forming small groups for **The Mass: An Introduction study guides video series**. More info. coming soon!

**Links to The Mass: An Introduction videos**  
 Intro: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7DCW9YgcVk&t=8s>  
 Part 1: <https://youtu.be/dUMDaY9vttM>  
 Part 2: <https://youtu.be/vNqHYVnKVFk>  
 Part 3: <https://youtu.be/z2LxkE4HyaI>  
 Part 4: <https://youtu.be/IOcsU63tpgM>



**THE BEST TIME YOU WILL SPEND ON EARTH.**

## ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT!

A special thank you to Beanie & Rosie for cleaning during the month of March!

### Notes & Reminders

- ♦ **Mass Intentions:** Mass is a beautiful prayer offering; one of the most powerful prayers we have. Please contact the office to schedule them. Suggested donation \$10.
- ♦ **Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays @ 4:30pm:** Come let Jesus gaze upon you with His infinite love and mercy. He is waiting for YOU!
- ♦ A sign up sheet can be found in the entryway for those interested in the upcoming **Koinonia Retreat** May 30 through June 1 2025. Please sign up and reach out to Larry Neuens via phone/email to confirm your interest/attendance on the retreat. Thank you!
- ♦ We’re *almost halfway* to reaching our Bishop’s Appeal goal! Thank you!

**GB Diocese Council of Catholic Women Convention: The Joy of the Lord is My Strength. Saturday, April 12 at St. John the Baptist Parish, Howard.**  
 All women are invited to this gathering. The day begins with 8:00 AM Registration followed by 8:30 Mass with Fr. Matthew Simonar presiding. Our speakers are Fr. Dave Pleier and Sr. Pam Biehl, OSF. There will also be a Continental Breakfast, luncheon, rosary for vocations, business meeting and an exhibit area with interesting exhibitors available throughout the day. The Green Bay DCCW Service Commission will collect for the *Awaken*, an outreach program to combat Human Trafficking. Registration is \$30 per person or \$125 for a group of five attendees. All registrations are due March 28. To receive a registration form or contact information visit our website at [www.gbdcw.org](http://www.gbdcw.org) and click on the Events tab.



Friends, the Second Sunday of Lent focuses on themes of transformation and faith, often highlighted through the readings. In the first reading from Genesis, we hear about God’s covenant with Abram, promising him descendants as numerous as the stars. This highlights God’s faithfulness and the importance of trust in His promises. The Psalm response, “The Lord is my light and my salvation,” emphasizes trust in God as our protector. The word of God calls us to deepen our faith and trust in God’s promises. It encourages us to listen to Jesus and live as citizens of heaven.

In the second reading from Philippians, Paul talks about pressing on toward the goal for the prize of heavenly life, encouraging believers to stay focused on their spiritual journey. St. Paul urges us to follow his example and live as citizens of heaven. This reminds us to focus on our heavenly home and not just on earthly things. The Gospel reading from Mark recounts the Transfiguration of Jesus, where Peter, James, and John witness Jesus’ divine glory. God the Father tells the disciples to listen to His beloved Son. This moment strengthens our faith and reminds us of Jesus’ divine nature and the fact that our bodies will be glorified like Jesus’ Transfigured body.

The Transfiguration is a pivotal event that reveals Jesus as the fulfillment of God’s promises. Jesus is seen speaking with Moses and Elijah about His upcoming “exodus,” symbolizing His death and resurrection that will liberate all people from sin and death. It also prepares the disciples for the challenges ahead, urging them to remain steadfast in faith, trust in God’s promises, and embrace the transformation that comes through a relationship with Him. The divine voice instructs us to listen to Jesus, the chosen One, promising that if we have faith, we will share in His resurrection and be glorified like Him to live eternally in his kingdom.

~Fr. Soja



*Bringing Hope to the World*  
 Helping Our Youth Discover Jesus

Helping children discover Jesus is one of the most important things we do as Catholics. This happens every day in our parishes and in our Catholic schools.

Your support of the Bishop’s Appeal funds the tools and training for youth ministers and faith formation leaders across northeastern Wisconsin.

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**\$9,274.00**

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**Knights of Columbus**  
 Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.  
 For more information contact: Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379  
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