

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & 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, 10/06, 5:30 p.m. **No Daily Mass**

Thursday, 10/08, 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, 10/09, 8:30 a.m. +Leonard Zellner
Offered by Missy Roberts

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 10/10, 6:00 p.m. +Carolyn Parker
Offered by Derek & Tanya Parker Family

Sunday, 10/11 8:30 a.m. +Ed and Janet Kelley
Offered by Dennis and Karen Podnar

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 10/10
Sacristan – Jo Vasquez
Eucharistic Minister – Jo Vasquez
Lector – Carla Kramer
Lead Usher - **Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, 10/11
Sacristan – Kathy Fabry
Eucharistic Minister – Bill DeGroot
Lector – Bill DeGroot
Lead Usher – Jerry Divine
Money Counters – Jerry Divine and Dorothy Vayda

09/26 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$75.00	Envelope.....\$230.00	Total.....\$305.00
09/27 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$413.00	Envelope.....\$575.00	Total.....\$988.00
		Electronic.....\$780.00	Total.....\$780.00
		Total Collections	\$2,073.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$2,419.00

World Mission Month Begins:

One in Christ, United in Mission

Each October, which is World Mission Month, the Church invites us to reflect upon our missionary vocation. This year’s theme, ***One in Christ, United in Mission***, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ through baptism and how our baptismal missionary identity overflows into the mission of the Church to bring all creatures into communion with God and us.

The highlight of World Mission Month is the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday, which this year will take place on Oct. 18. Pope Leo XIV has stressed how important World Mission Sunday is for the Church. He spent a large part of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru and has noted how dependent he was on the prayers and financial support of the universal Church through World Mission Sunday.

Let us pray this week for those missionaries who bring Christ’s love to far-off places, often at great personal cost and risk. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle a zeal in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.

Cancellation: The Pastoral Care of the Sick meeting scheduled in Lakewood on Oct. 3rd, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. If you have questions, call Lori Paul at 920-272-8318.

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Veteran’s Day 2026: Veteran’s Day is November 11th. Each year St. Mary’s Parish honors Veterans & the Military with a 3-part outreach project that supports men and women who are currently serving at home; those who are currently deployed outside our country; and Veterans that have served in the past.

Part One – Letters of Appreciation/Thank You: We will provide a list in the bulletin so parishioners, students and non-parishioners can write a note letting the Service Member know you care. The Service Members do not have to be a member of our parish. You can send as many letters as you feel called to write.

Part Two – Care Packages. Deployed Duty, Out of the Country: Any service personnel serving outside of the U.S. These service personnel will receive a “Care Package”. A box for each deployed service member will be in the back of Church. A list of suggested “treats” will be posted.

Part Three - All Veterans no longer serving: All Veterans will be honored at Mass on Saturday, November 9th and Sunday November 10th, with a special blessing and thank you.

If you have someone you would like to receive a letter or care package, please contact either the Parish Office or call/text Mary Kay Williams at 906-282-4937 no later than October 10th. Please provide the following: Name, mailing address, branch of the service, if they are deployed, your name and relationship to the service member. We hope that the Veterans/ Service Members will receive letters by Veteran’s Day. Thank you and God Bless America and those who serve our Country.

Living Faith Booklets: Please feel free to take a Living Faith Booklet found on the entryway tables for the Daily Catholic Devotions for the months of October-December.

Refrigerator Needed: St. Vinnie’s is looking for a working refrigerator for someone. If anyone has one that they would like to donate, please call Dorothy Vayda at 715-528-3068

Cleaning Position Available: St. Mary’s *needs* someone to clean the Rectory twice per month. ***This is a paid position.*** If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 715-528-3310.



Friends, if you asked somebody to do something and they didn’t do it, you might give them a second chance. If they fail to do it the second time, your patience might stretch a bit. You just might ask them a third time. But if they failed the third time, you would give up on them. Thankfully, our ways are not God’s ways. God clearly has more patience with us than we have with ourselves and each other.

Jesus tells the chief priest and the elders a parable. The owner of the vineyard sends workers into his vineyard to collect the harvest. It comes as no surprise to us that the owner of the vineyard represents God and his son is Jesus Christ. Also, very clear in the parable, is that those who killed the servants and the owner's son are Scribes, Pharisees and the elders. In doing so they would underline the truth of the parable; and in fact, they will not have long to wait before they do away with Jesus.

The first reading and the gospel this Sunday both use the image of the vineyard. The Gospel speaks to us about the patience and generosity of God. But the first reading is about the wine God planted that yielded wild grapes (disobedience). So, now Jesus, the incarnate son of God, has come as the good wine. I am the wine (the good one), and you are the branches that remain in me, and you will bear much (good) fruit. Unless and until you remain in Him, you will yield the same wild grape.

Through the life, mission, death and resurrection, God offers the chance to reap an endlessly abundant harvest of love, mercy and forgiveness. They are offered to us freely out of love. Like those in the gospel, we must choose freely whether to accept or decline God’s generous offer. We are the tenants today and God has certain expectations of us. Namely how receptive we are to the beloved son of God.

Fr. Soja

Fr. Soja’s Schedule:

Fr. Soja will be attending the Clergy Congress from Oct. 5th – 7th. There will be no 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass on Tuesday, Oct. 6th.

Pastoral Council: The Pastoral Council is scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8th.

October is the “Month of the Holy Rosary”. We will pray the Holy Rosary before Sunday’s Mass beginning at 8:10 a.m., and we welcome anyone to lead the Rosary on Saturday as well.

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Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.

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