

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

Tuesday 11/18 8:30 a.m. Mass Tg. Tom & Myrna Heyboer
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Thursday 11/20 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 11/21 8:30 a.m. + Robert & Adeline Kramer
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 11/22 6:00 p.m. + Carol Zaleskie
Offered by Matt McCarthy

Sunday 11/23 8:30 a.m. + Pete Podnar
Offered by Bob, Mary and Tommy Podnar

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 22

Sacristan - Dan Throm
Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm/Need 2 More
Lector - Carla Kramer
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, November 23

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams, Sally Neuens, & Clara McLain
Lector - Kathy Jazinski
Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
Money Counters - Dan and Kathy Jazinski

11/08 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$47.00	Envelope.....\$250.00	Total.....\$297.00
11/09 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$485.00	Envelope.....\$665.00	Total.....\$1,150.00
	Building Fund.....\$25.00	Electronic.....\$40.00	Total.....\$65.00
Total Collections			\$1,512.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2024: \$2,089.00	

During the month of November, we remember in prayer our loved ones who have passed away. There is a book of remembrance near the memorial candles for those who would like to add their dearly departed loved ones’ names.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is now under the age of 18 by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer,

PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:

Office of Safe Environment - Diocese of Green Bay
Phone: 920-272-8174 or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

YOU MATTER TO US
THERE IS HOPE!



ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO
THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Serving Those Who Serve: On behalf of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA (AMS), thanks all who contributed to the National Collection for the AMS last weekend. **St. Mary’s collected \$640.00** toward these Military Services. Thank you for supporting the men and women and their families from our own parish and the diocese who serve and protect this great nation and defend the freedom we hold dear. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!

Breaking Bread Books: We will be replacing the 2025 Missals with 2026 Missals in the pews on Sunday, November 23rd. We would appreciate any help after mass to complete this task. Thank You!!!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Bell Ringers are needed at Pat’s Foods on Thursday, Nov. 20th, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Please sign up in the entryway if you are available.

The Annual Hunters’ Bake Sale will be held next weekend, Nov. 22nd & 23rd. Please sign up in the entryway if you are able to help with a delicious treat or bring one on the day of the sale. Proceeds go toward a scholarship for an active graduating senior at St. Mary’s and needs within the church.

Volunteer Opportunities: As some of our beloved “snowbirds” prepare to fly south, we are in urgent need of volunteers to help with our regular ministries especially on the following days:

Sacristan: Saturday, 11/29.

Eucharistic Minister on Saturday: two for Saturday, 11/22 & one for Saturday, 11/29.

Lector: Mon, 12/8 (8:30), Wed., 12/31 (5:30), & Thurs., 01/01 (5:30 p.m.).

Money Counters on Sunday or Monday: 12/7

Please contact the parish office if you are interested. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



Friends, as we get older, we get a clearer sense that life is short and that each of us will face the moment of death before very long. Last Sunday, we thought about the temple of God which is Holy and finally realized that we are that temple. But how literally do we take what today’s Gospel says about the destruction of the temple? It is hard to know

what to believe about the Last Day. There are sects and groups who claim to know the exact date of the Lord’s coming, and the failure of previous predictions does not appear to unduly discourage them from setting yet another date for Armageddon.

Notice how Jesus warns against believing in such predictions. Even though he himself used the idea of the coming day of judgement as a motive to turn people’s hearts back to God, he also said that “no man knows the date, not even the Son, but the Father only.” However, our first reading says, “The Day of the Lord will bring condemnation or salvation.” His message is to be ever watchful, to let the thought of what is to come be a reminder of the shortness of our present life. However, know that Jesus the good shepherd is relentlessly searching for you and me and ridiculously celebrates our return to Him.

In these last Sundays of our church year, we are meant to look beyond our immediate worries, troubles, interests and largely selfish concerns. The liturgy confronts us with the four last things: death, judgment, heaven and hell. People who never look beyond the immediate here-and-now may resent us talking about these things, but there is nothing morbid about it. If we love God we need not be alarmed, for love casts out fear. But until the day when the Lord calls us, we go on preparing to meet him.

Fr. Soja

Giving Tree: The spirit of Christmas comes to us by sharing our blessings with those in need. Our Church will sponsor the Giving Tree again this year with gifts to be used as part of the St. Vincent Community Christmas program for families in Florence County. For the next few weeks the tree will be present with paper ornaments, **Angels for toys-Doves for clothing.**

We ask that the ornament be taken and the gift returned unwrapped with the paper tag attached by December 7th. The Giving Tree committee is asking that you pray for the child and family with the attached prayer, or you may say your own. There are donation tags for anyone unable to shop.

Because of your generosity, last year we were able to give gifts to 39 families with 101 children. Thank you for showing that **“Jesus is the Reason for the Season”!**


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**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.
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