

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - ST MARY

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Live the Gospel! Whatever it takes.

*If you are interested in joining our parish, becoming Catholic, marriage prep, baptism prep, confirmation, funerals, returning to the Church, spiritual direction, information on grief support, would like communion brought to you, inquiring about an annulment or have other concerns, contact Father Albert 920-604-1260.

*Questions regarding religious education and registration can be addressed to Carolyn Lemanski 715-528-3008

*Call St. Vincent de Paul Conference for assistance with basic needs: 715-528-2030

*To schedule a Mass intention, volunteer for a parish ministry, rent the parish hall, request a prayer shawl or request prayers, call the parish office. 715-528-3310

Parish Office is open: Monday- Thursday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fr. Albert's Office hours: Tues. & Fri 9-12 noon

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday - 4:30 p.m. 1st Thurs. Holy Hour with
Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Benediction
 Other Thurs. - Reconciliation/private prayer
 Friday - 8:30 a.m.
 1st Fri. 10:00 a.m. Florence Health Services

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 21- NO MASS
 Friday, June 24 - + Helen Podnar
 Saturday, June 25- + Otto Ghere
 Sunday, June 26 - + Kitty Yadro

Ministry Schedule June 25 & 26

Saturday

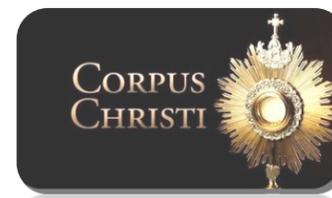
Sacristan - Francie Freeberg
 Eucharistic Minister - Francie Freeberg
 Lector - Deb Zelten
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Andy & William Kelley and Ron Van Wychen

Sunday

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams
 Lector - Al Williams
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Jerry Divine & Mike Lemanski

 Money counters - Dorothy Vayda & Jerry Divine

 Church/Office Cleaning - **Open -Volunteers needed**



Before receiving communion renew your faith in Jesus truly present under the appearances of bread and wine.

Catholics believe that Jesus is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist, and when they approach the altar to receive the bread and wine, they do so to **re-ceive Jesus himself.**

At times this belief can be difficult to comprehend and remains a mystery of the Catholic Church. This is why it is important to regularly affirm our faith in Jesus' Real Presence, especially before receiving him in Holy Communion.

Here is a **prayer** from the early 20th century that can be said before receiving communion to assert your faith that Jesus is truly there under the appearances of bread and wine.

*My good Jesus,
 I believe with a firm and lively faith that in this adorable sacrament are Thy body and blood, soul and divinity.*

I believe that in this consecrated Host I shall receive that same body which was born of the most pure Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, which suffered so many pains and torments for love of me on the Way of the Cross and on Calvary, and which rose gloriously the third day from the dead.

I believe that I shall receive God Himself.

I adore Thee, O my God, as my Creator, my Preserver, my Redeemer, and my Judge, truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

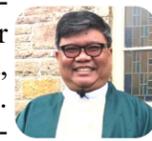
Amen

After Mass on Sunday Father Albert will lead a Eucharistic Procession around the block. All that are able are encouraged to join him.

We are excited to announce we are going to revive our **Annual Harvest Dinner** this fall. Please join the **Hospitality and Outreach Committee** to help with the planning. They are meeting Thursday, June 23rd at 6:30pm in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

Please note the change in office hours.

Bible Background: Body and blood is shorthand for the whole person. Jesus, as mediator of the new covenant relationship with God, offers himself completely as a gift to God. Blood was considered to contain the life-giving power in a body, so to give one's blood was to give one's life. ~ Words of Grace



Food for Thought: "A tree is known by its fruit; a person by their deeds. A good deed is never lost; one who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and one who plants kindness gathers love." ~ St. Basil the Great

Father Albert will be at a Priest Retreat the week of June 20th -23rd. There will be no weekday Mass.



A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who keep St. Mary's looking beautiful inside and out! Since our outreach last year parishioners have stepped forward to be on a contact list and have been wonderful about helping when needed. The **Arts and Environment Committee** is looking for workers that are willing to help on an as needed

bases with no meetings required! Our landscaping is in need of some TLC. It is the first thing visitors see when they visit. Several people have each taken over a section of our gardens by helping with weeding, or are on a call-in list if extra help is needed but we need more help. If you have an idea for something new or is in need of attention please let us know. Please contact Mary Kay at 906-282-4937 or the Parish Office if you or your family are able to assist.



Prayer for Vocations

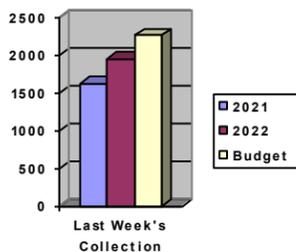
Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the call.

Your son Jesus told us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. We turn to you now and ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to awaken the hearts of those whom you are calling to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Green Bay.



May they hear your call and respond with a profound "yes" just as Mary did when she was asked to become the mother of your son, Jesus. Keep these your sons and daughters always close to you in the Eucharist and protect them from all evil.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sat. General Collection	Loose...\$107.00	Envelope...\$410.00	Total...\$517.00
Sun. General Collection	Loose...\$323.00	Envelope...\$565.00	Total...\$888.00
Electronic Transfer	General...\$625.00		Total...\$625.00
Bishops Appeal	\$12,760.00	Total General Collections	\$2,030.00

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