

# 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 02/10 5:30 p.m. +Ellamae “Sis” Herman  
*Offered by Bob, Mary and Tommy Podnar*

Thursday 02/12 No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 02/13 Daily Mass at 8:30 is cancelled.

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 02/14 6:00 p.m. +Delores Zellner  
*Offered by Missy Roberts*

Sunday 02/15 8:30 a.m. +Joan Leffler  
*Offered by Fred and Karen Leffler*

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

## Weekend Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, February 14

Sacristan - Clara McLain  
 Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain  
 Lector - Heather Roberts  
 Lead Usher - Needed

### Sunday, February 15

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams  
 Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams  
 Lector - Al Williams  
 Lead Usher - Jerry Divine  
 Money Counters - Jay and Lori Glime

01/31 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$56.00	Envelope.....\$640.00	Total.....\$696.00
02/01 Sun. Coll.	Loose....\$225.00	Envelope.....\$295.00	Total.....\$520.00
	Misc....\$350.00	Electronic....\$780.00	Total...\$1,130.00
<b>Total Collections</b>			<b>\$2,346.00</b>

Budget: \$1,800.00      2025: \$1,151.00

### Updates, Cancellations and Looking Ahead...

**Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled** on Thursday, Feb. 12th, and Thursday, Feb. 26th.

**Daily Mass is cancelled** on Friday, Feb. 13th.

**Tuesday’s Mass on Feb. 17th** will be at **8:30 a.m.** instead of **5:30 p.m.**

**Ash Wednesday Mass:** 3:45 p.m.—Armstrong Creek

**5:30 p.m.—Florence, St. Mary’s** (Social to follow in Parish Hall.)

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### Holy Week Mass Schedule—St. Mary’s, Florence

**Holy Thursday (04/02/26) - No Eucharistic Adoration**

**Good Friday (04/03/26) - 12:30 p.m. Mass - St. Mary’s in Florence.**

**Holy Saturday (04/04/26) - No Mass at St. Mary’s in Florence.**

**Easter Sunday (04/05/26) - 8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Mary’s in Florence.**

## ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Our Deepest Condolences** to the family and friends of Gloria Jean Merhalski, age 85, of Florence, WI, who passed peacefully into eternal life on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026. May we continue to keep Gloria and her family in loving prayer during this difficult time. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the Jacobs-Lundholm Funeral Home, [Florence, WI](http://www.jacobs-lundholm.com). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, February 13, 2026, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Florence, with Fr. Soja Joseph officiating.

*Grant eternal life to Gloria, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Let the angels welcome her into Paradise and help us comfort each other with the assurance of our faith. May she rest in peace.*



**Bishop’s Appeal:** This weekend kicks off the 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Campaign. **St. Mary’s Goal is \$8,880.00.** *Be the Light* is the theme for this year’s Bishop’s Appeal. Soon you will receive a letter from Bishop David Ricken asking for your support for the Appeal. By contributing, you help our parish

and the Diocese share in the important work of reaching out to those in need. Your generous pledge or gift will help our parish meet its goal. Please read the materials that are enclosed with the letter and return your completed pledge card to the Catholic Foundation. If you do not receive a letter in the mail, please contact our parish office.

**A Special Thank You:** Thank you for your support for the Community Giving Tree. There were 33 families and 80 children who received new toys, clothing and food for Christmas. It does take a village to raise a child or 80 of them. May God Bless You!!! The St. Vincent Society Members

**Christmas Poinsettias:** Our beautiful Christmas poinsettias will be removed after Sunday’s Mass. If you would like to take some home to repot, please let the Parish office, MaryKay Williams, or Karen Podnar know by Wed., 2/11. Thank you again to all who made donations for the flowers and helped make our Parish warm and welcoming!



Friends, February is the month dedicated to the families; we thank God for the gift of all the families in our parish. The feast of St. Blaise is celebrated this week, reminding us that we depend on God for good health and are grateful to God for the same.

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We turn to the intercession of Mary to fortify the families by praying for the Holy Rosary. St. Mother Teresa often said, “Family that prays together stays together”.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Office for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth is hosting a National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 8). It is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme for 2026 is "Men and Women He Created Them: Together with Purpose." The USCCB wants to emphasize the importance of actively nurturing and developing the growth of marriage over time. This sacred week reminds couples that there are challenges in marriage that need to be overcome together. Love evolves and requires intentional daily effort and persistence in life's challenges. In a world where relationships can often feel disposable, we must encourage the prioritization of, and investment in a lasting commitment.

Jesus tells his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.” Disciples are meant to bring flavor, preservation, and light to the world – not for their own glory, but so that others may see their good works and glorify God. Let your light shine, Jesus says – but always in a way that points beyond yourself to the Father.

Fr. Soja

**For Bishop Ricken's February Intention:** For a reclaiming of Sunday as the Lord's Day: May we recognize the importance of Sunday in our lives and the life of our faith community, making it a prioritized time for worship, family, rest, and charity.



Stations of the Cross will be said after Friday masses during Lent. This practice fosters deep meditation on Christ’s sacrifice and provides strength for personal daily struggles.

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**Knights of Columbus**  
 Local Council#2847 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.  
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