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, 11/17, 5:30 p.m. +Gloria Merhalski
Offered by Joanie Richtig

Thurs., 11/19, 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, 11/20, 8:30 a.m. +Fr. Ken DeGroot
Offered by Bill and Trudy DeGroot

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 11/21, 6:00 p.m. +Laura, Anna, Rose, and Robert Fontecchio
Offered by David DeMuri

Sunday, 11/22 8:30 a.m. +Gladys Olson
Offered by Jean Fornetti

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 11/21
Sacristan – Dan Throm
Eucharistic Ministers – Dan Throm ***(Need 2 More)***
Lector – Jean Fornetti
Lead Usher - ***Volunteer Needed***

Sunday, 11/22
Sacristan – Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Ministers–Al Williams, Dan Jazinski, Sally Neuens
Lector – Kathy Jazinski
Lead Usher – Dan Jazinski
Money Counters – Dan and Kathy Jazinski

11/07 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....$147.00	Envelope.....$585.00	Total.....$732.00
11/08 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....$322.00	Envelope.....$245.00	Total.....$567.00
Building Fund.... $325.00	Misc.....$60.00	Electronic....$140.00	Total...,,,.$525.00
		Total Collections	**$1,824.00**
Budget:	$1,800.00	2025: $1,512.00	

St. Vincent DePaul Activities for the months of: July – September.

	July	Aug.	Sept.
Families served through the Pantry/Commodities	61	58	67
Adults	94	90	98
Children	18	17	14
People Helped with Rent	1	2	3
People Helped with Utilities	0	0	0
Helped with Gas Vouchers	2	2	1
Helped with Prescriptions	0	0	0
Helped with Other Items	1	6	3

Also, 7 Food, Fun and Fitness Scholarships were provided, and 35 families, 49 children received school supplies and shoes to start off the School Year!

If interested in volunteering, please call 715-528-4720. Thank You!

Giving Tree: St. Mary's will sponsor the Giving Tree again this year with gifts to be used as part of the St. Vicent 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 Dec. 6th. Please pray for the child and family with the attached prayer or your own. Anyone unable to shop can choose a donation tag. Because of your generosity, ***we were able to give gifts to 33 families with 80 children*** last year. Thank you for showing that ***"Jesus is the Reason for the Season!"***

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ST. MARY'S WELCOMES YOU TO THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Annual Hunter's Bake Sale will be held next weekend, November 21st and 22nd. Last year we ran low on treats by Sunday's Mass. Therefore, please sign-up on the sheets on the entryway tables to make sure we'll have plenty of goodies for everyone this time around. Proceeds will be used for the needs of our Parish. Thank you for your support!



Paid Position: Sidewalk Snow Removal
St. Mary's continues to seek a reliable person to clear snow and ice from our church sidewalks and entryways this winter. ***This is a paid position with a snowblower and shovels being provided.*** Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Bell Ringers are needed at Pat's Foods on Friday, Nov. 20th, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Please sign up on the church entryway table if you are available.



A new and exciting initiative for our Parish was presented by the program Leaders from the Diocese on Monday here in Florence. This program is "plug and play"; fully developed, creative and interesting format designed to help our Parish grow and flourish and is ***fully funded by our donations to the Bishop's Appeal***. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

How does one become a saint? Join Deacon Terry Saunders on Nov. 22nd at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Queen of Peace Parish, Kingsford, MI, for an inspirational evening of saints, miracles, healings, and fellowship. This night is for everyone and will raise awareness of the importance of being a true disciple for Christ our King!

St. Catherine & 80th Anniversary TWO-WEEK SALE!!!
Nov. 23rd to Dec. 5th at Cathedral Bookstore, 131 S. Madison Street Green Bay, WI 54301.



Friends, we are coming to the end of a liturgical year next Sunday with the feast of Christ the King. In our Gospel today we hear about the parable of the talent. One talent was worth twenty years of a laborer's work, so the third servant in today's Gospel was handed a fortune. By the standards of his world, this servant was cautious and careful. He returned every cent. He stole nothing, and yet, the master calls him "wicked" and "lazy," and he is thrown out into the darkness. The Gospel today is meant to wake us up while there is still time to invest.

Notice when the first two servants return; he does not merely collect his profit. He says, "Come, share your master's joy." This is someone who wants his servants to become partners in his own happiness. The third servant never knew that master. He knew only the one his fear had invented, and fear did what fear always does. It shrank his world to the size of a hole in the ground. We often think of talent as natural abilities. They include those things. So, the question becomes very personal. What have I buried? Maybe it is a faith I received as a child and have kept safe, but never shared with my own children or grandchildren, because I was afraid of saying the wrong thing.

Every Mass is God entrusting the fortune of his Son to people who might fail him, because he trusts us more than we trust ourselves. So, when you receive Communion today, receive it as the faithful servants received their talents: not as something to hide, but as something to spend. May we be people who dig up what fear has buried, so that when the Master returns, we hear those words meant for each of us: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy."

Fr. Soja

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Finance Council Meeting: The Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 17th, at 6:15 p.m.

Heartfelt Thank You: St. Mary's extends our deepest gratitude to Beanie Leffler and Rosie Peters for quietly working behind the scenes during the Month of Nov. to keep our Parish clean and welcoming. Thank you for sharing your time and may God bless you for your service!



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.
For more information contact:
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