

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. In Honor of Rob & Sue Ristau’s 50th Wedding Anniversary
Offered by William & Jenny Arndt
 Thursday 4:30-5:30 Eucharistic Adoration
 Friday 8:30 a.m. + Janet Kelley
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. + Norman & Joan Meyers
Offered by Brant & Cindy Brolin
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Lyle VandenHeuvel
Offered by Mike & Carolyn Lemanski
 + Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 20

Sacristan - Brant & Cindy Brolin
 Eucharistic Minister - Volunteer if needed
 Lector - Yvonne Leslie
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, April 21

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Lead Usher - Jay Glime
 Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

Church & Office Cleaning - Beanie Leffler & Rosie Peters

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Sat. Collection	Loose....\$29.00	Envelope....\$590.00	Total....\$619.00
Sun. Collection	Loose....\$57.00	Envelope....\$770.00	Total.....\$827.00
	Electronic & Other.....	\$310.00	Total.....\$310.00
		Total Collections	\$1756.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,000.00	

* The office will be closed Tuesday, April 16th *

Upcoming Mass Changes

Thursday, April 25 No Eucharistic Adoration
 Friday, April 26 No 8:30 a.m. Mass

Fr. Soja will be away for meetings in Milwaukee April 24-26th.

Parishioner letters from Fr. Soja and Pastoral Council...A letter was sent to active parishioners this week asking if you would like a visit with Fr. Soja at home or at church. They would also like to know if you or your family are interested in having a professional photographer take your picture for a parish directory. The photography companies will not do a directory unless we have a minimum number of people interested. The last one was completed in 2017.

If you did not receive a letter, there are copies in the back of church. Please fill out the form, whether or not you are interested, and leave it in the basket located in the back of church. We appreciate your assistance in this matter!

A huge thank you to our parishioners who step in and help when things go wrong with the plumbing, help with yard work, snow removal, cleaning, ministry, errands, and all the other things that need to be done. If you have a talent you’d like to share, or would like to help in anyway, please contact Fr. Soja or the parish office.

We have someone willing to be a money counter, but they will need a partner. Please contact the office if you are interested. Married couples are also welcome as money counters. Thank you!!

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Missionary Leadership Institute: Imagine what our communities would look like if each parish had a group of parishioners and staff formed and equipped to accompany others and serve as leaders in any ministry.

The Missionary Leadership Institute is designed for a wide variety of parish leaders to: discern their vocation or their particular call to holiness; be formed as leaders who will evangelize and disciple others; serve more effectively as lay ecclesial ministers (parish staff).

Please visit www.gbdioc.org/institute or see the flyers on the entryway tables.

American Martyrs Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 20th. Dinner will be served after the 4:15 p.m. Mass until 7:00 in the church hall. Please see the flyer in the entryway for more details. Bring family and friends for a great evening out!!

Florence St. Vincent de Paul Society Report

In January: 60 families were served through St. Vincent de Paul Activities and 86 people were served from the Pantry/Commodities, 1 person was helped with rent, 1 person helped with utilities, 1 person helped with a gas voucher, and 10 children were helped.

In February: 72 families were served through St. Vincent de Paul Activities and 110 people were served from the Pantry/Commodities, 1 person was helped with rent, 2 people were helped with hospital contracts, and 16 children were helped.

In March: 50 families were served through St. Vincent de Paul Activities, 81 people were served from the Pantry/Commodities, 1 person was helped with rent, 1 person helped with a gas voucher, and 17 children were helped.

St. Vincent de Paul helped 1 family with property taxes.

The store is always in need of assistance. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 715-528-4720.

Thank You St. Vincent de Paul Society!

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Friends, the experience of the disciples to Emmaus reveals our human situation into which Jesus enters again after the resurrection. He joins them in their conversation, accepts their invitation and finally at the breaking of the bread they recognize him. It simply says that no one is so rich to refuse what is offered and no one is so

poor to offer what he has. Imagine Jesus pleading with them to believe him. He invites them to touch him, to give him something to eat, to examine his hands and his feet. Human nature is so fragile and so fickle. Obviously, this is the first time the apostles ever came across a situation like this. We might think that seeing Lazarus, or the daughter of Jairus, or the young man in Naim, getting up and walking after seeming to be dead, should have prepared them for this moment. They had known Jesus on a personal basis and had felt at home in his company. This time things were different.

He had broken free of the constraints of the human body, and there was a unique presence in him that they had never seen before. We cannot grasp the utter transformation they felt, when someone they knew and loved was so utterly transformed, and now has an unearthly aura about him. While they still doubted, they were filled with joy and wonder as Jesus spoke to them about the promises of scripture, and how he had fulfilled them. Then he sent them to continue what he had begun. In the following line, that is not included in today’s gospel, he promises that he will send them the Spirit and they will have a whole new power, when they will share in the new power into which he has now entered.

The risen Lord offers to share his very life with us. Let us be always mindful of the wounds of Christ, the courageous warrior, in deepening our faith. The joy and the renewed confidence and faith in the apostles comes not from trusting in themselves but believing in Christ. Jesus wanted them to look at his wounds, not to forget what has caused them. Imagine our bodies are to be transformed like the body of Christ.

~ Fr. Soja

Diaconate Inquirer Luncheon
 Saturday, April 27, 2024 • 11 a.m.
Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall
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 Questions about being a Deacon?
 Sign up now for an Inquirer Luncheon
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