

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 10/14 No Daily Mass

Thursday 10/16 No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 10/17 No Daily Mass

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 10/18 6:00 p.m. +Carolyn Parker
Offered by the Parker Family

Sunday 10/19 8:30 a.m. +Corky Miller
Offered by Rosie Peters

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 18

Sacristan - Tanya Parker
Eucharistic Minister - Derek Parker
Lector - Evan Parker
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, October 19

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams
Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski
Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

10/04 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$241.00	Envelope.....\$370.00	Total.....\$611.00
10/05 Sun. Coll.	Loose....\$300.00	Envelope.....\$412.00	Total.....\$712.00
	Misc....\$300.00	Electronic....\$190.00	Total.....\$490.00
Total Collections			\$1,813.00

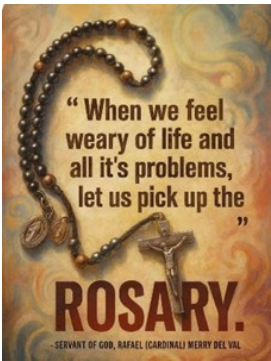
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2024:	\$1,507.00
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Fr. Soja’s Schedule, Visiting Priests and Office Hours

Please continue to pray for Fr. Soja’s safe return from India. We’re hopeful his interview in New Delhi was a success, and he will return soon.

Fr. Andrew Kurz will celebrate mass with us the weekend of Oct. 25-Oct. 26th.

The Parish Office will be open on Tues-Thurs. from 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.



October is the “Month of the Holy Rosary”.

We will pray the Holy Rosary after all week-end masses during the month of October. Thank you to those who will be leading us in prayer.

Of all the prayers, the Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces ... love the Rosary and recite it every day with devotion.

– Saint Pius X

The Rosary is my favorite prayer. A marvelous prayer! Marvelous in its simplicity and its depth.
– Saint John Paul II

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

United in Prayer with the Missions: As World Mission Month continues, we are invited not only to give but to pray for the Church in mission territories. One powerful way to do this is by praying the **World Mission Rosary**, introduced by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in 1951. Each decade is a different color, representing a region of the world. Through our prayers, we unite ourselves with missionaries bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Let us offer our rosaries and Masses this week for those who bring Christ’s love to the margins, often at great personal cost. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of hope in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.

World Mission Sunday: There will be a worldwide collection next weekend for World Mission Sunday, Oct. 19th. Prayerfully consider donating to support the Pope’s missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.



Pope Leo is asking the Church to pick up the Rosary every day in October for peace, and Relevant Radio is answering the call. A simple way to join in and bring your family along is to turn in each evening at 7pm CT on the **Family Rosary Across America**. Make it a daily half hour of peace and unity for your household, our Diocese, and our nation. Streaming can be done by downloading the Relevant Radio app or go to Relevant-radio.com.

Notes and Reminders

Pastoral Council/Finance Council Meeting: A combined meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils is scheduled for Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Fr. Soja will be participating via Zoom.

SVdP Meeting: St. Vincent de Paul conference will meet on Oct. 16th in the Parish Office area from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: As some of our beloved “snowbirds” prepare to fly south, we are in need of volunteers to help with our regular ministries. Please prayerfully consider serving our church family in the coming months. Contact the parish office if you are interested. Your help is greatly appreciated!



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: Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379.

Lead with faith ~ Protect your family ~ Serve others ~ Defend your values



Friends, this Sunday we hear about how Jesus, continuing his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

See how the Samaritan expressed his gratitude: He gave glory to God in a loud voice and fell at Jesus’ feet to thank him. This attitude of praise lies at the heart of every disciple of Christ. Jesus tells the grateful man to GO! Go out and proclaim God’s praise! Why? Because his faith has saved him. His physical healing is only a foretaste of his eternal well-being.

- Fr. Soja

National Mental Health Campaign

The National Catholic Mental Health Campaign (NCMHC) is a year-round initiative as the mental health crisis is a profound challenge to the Church and to society. Catholics can respond with generosity, hope, and compassion to everyone who needs help. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites all people of good will to pray for mental health and wellness with a special nationwide novena which began on World Mental Health Day, October 10th, and continues to the Feast of Saint Luke, Patron of Health Care, on October 18th. See usccb.org/mentalhealth for more information.

October Prayer Line Calendars/Living Faith Booklets: October Prayer Line Calendars and Living Faith Booklets are available on the entryway tables at the back of the church.

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