

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 10/07 No Daily Mass

Thursday 10/09 No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 10/10 No Daily Mass

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 10/11 6:00 p.m. +Catherine Doll
Offered by Stephen and Candace Dott

Sunday 10/12 8:30 a.m. +Mark Peters and Doris Keehan
Offered by Rosie Peters

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 11

Sacristan - Dan Throm

Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm

Lector - Carla Kramer

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, October 12

Sacristan - Clara McLain

Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot

Lector - Bill DeGroot

Lead Usher - Jerry Divine

Money Counters - Jerry Divine and Dorothy Vayda

9/27 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$146.00	Envelope.....\$120.00	Total.....\$266.00
9/28 Sun. Coll.	Loose....\$398.00	Envelope.....\$515.00	Total.....\$913.00
	Misc....\$200.00	Electronic..\$1,040.00	Total....\$1,240.00
		Total Collections	\$2,419.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024:	\$2,803.00

Fr. Soja’s Update, Visiting Priest and Office Hours

Friends, Greetings, blessings and prayers for the beautiful fall season. My heart and mind are with you all in prayers. I’m hoping to get my interview date soon. There is still no clarity, yet, about the date and time of the interview. A couple days ago, I was told the administrative processing date could be longer than expected. The status of my application has changed today. So, I might get my passport back and the letter for an interview and visa stamping. So, please continue to keep me in your valuable prayers. My prayers and blessings are with you. Thank you. With love, Fr. Soja Joseph

Fr. Andrew Kurz will celebrate mass next weekend. The Parish Office will resume normal office hours this week and will be open on Tuesday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Traveling Rosary for Vocations:



Thursday, October 16; 1:00–2:30 PM at **Stella Maris Baileys Harbor**, 8013 WI 57, WI, 54202. There is a detour on Hwy 57 to Baileys Harbor. Go to 511wi.gov for more information. The Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are hosting a prayer event for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. All women and men are invited. The agenda includes song, rosary, litany for vocations, and a speaker TBA at the event. A reception will conclude in the afternoon. For more Information, call 920-323-3243 or visit www.gbdcw.org/Events. Registration is due by Oct. 10th.

October is the “Month of the Holy Rosary”. We will be praying the Rosary after all weekend masses during the month of October. Thank you to those who will be leading the Holy Rosary.

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

2025 AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Our nation needs public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, Oct. 11, at noon.

Locations and contacts:

QUINNESEC: Corner of Lake St. and Lincoln St.
Contact Marybeth Leslie at (906) 774-1562

IRON MOUNTAIN: Outside of Fornetti Dental Center
100 South Stephenson Avenue
Contact Kelly LeMire at (906) 221-0343

NORWAY: Viking Park, corner of US 2 and Main St.
Contact Michelle Richard (906) 221-0012

World Mission Month: A Call to Hope (Begins 10-5-25)

Each October, the Church invites us to rediscover our missionary vocation. This year, **Pope Leo XIV**, following the inspiration of Pope Francis, calls us to become “Missionaries of Hope Among the People,” inspired by St. Paul’s words: “Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.” (Rom 5:5).

In the 50th anniversary year of *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, we are reminded that “modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers”. Through prayer, sacrifice, and giving, we, too, become witnesses-bringing the hope of Christ to those who long for love, justice, and peace. Let us begin this month with open hearts, ready to respond to the Church’s call to support the **1,124 mission territories** where the Church is young, growing, and often persecuted. Together, may we be bearers of hope where it is needed most.

Koinonia Retreat.... Are you in need of a “Spiritual boost”? Does your life seem to be too busy? What is really the most important thing in my daily life? All good questions that we should ask ourselves. A Koinonia retreat can provide some answers for you. These retreats are approved by your Bishop, and you have probably heard your parish priest giving his approval, too. Attendees can be single or married. The retreat is on Oct. 10-12, 2025, at St. Mary’s Church in Norway, MI. For your application or additional information, please contact your parish office or Larry or Barb Neuens at 715-589-3379. Hope to see you there and may God Bless you!



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

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.



Friends, October is a month when the Church specifically invokes Mary through the prayer of the Rosary. The Rosary is a simple and repetitive prayer that draws us into the mysteries of Christ and His and our Mother, and it is known to be pleasing to Our Lady. On October 11th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Divine Motherhood of Mary. This feast highlights

the unique role of Mary as the Mother of God and emphasizes her singular dignity in the mystery of salvation. Moreover, October 7th is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, which commemorates the victory of the Christian fleet over the Ottoman Turks at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast reminds us of the powerful intercession of Mary and the importance of praying the Rosary for peace and protection.

Friends, the word of God this weekend reminds us to trust God, even when life feels unfair or unclear. The readings speak of faith that waits with hope, worship that listens, and service that does what is needed. Each passage points to a life that relies on God, not on our own strength.

Habakkuk cries out over the violence he sees, but God tells him to wait for His plan. The psalm invites us to worship with open hearts and to listen to the Lord, unlike those who doubted in the desert. Paul encourages Timothy to stay strong in his mission. Jesus teaches that even the smallest faith can do great things. He also reminds His followers that serving God is not about seeking praise. A servant does what is expected. In the same way, Christians should serve God with humility, knowing that they are only doing what they should. A servant’s heart is about serving God and being faithful and doing what is right. True service comes from love and commitment, not from a desire for praise. Just like Jesus says in the Gospel, a servant does not expect thanks. Instead, they serve because it is their role. This helps us remember that faith and service go together.

The readings this weekend call us to keep faith alive and active in both good and bad times. It is a reminder that faith grows when we trust God and serve Him with simple obedience. All the readings this Sunday invite us to live each day in hope, love, and quiet faithfulness.
- Fr. Soja

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.*** Streaming can be done by downloading the Relevant Radio app or go to Relevant-radio.com.

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