

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. For the People
Thursday 5:30 p.m. + Steve Walstrom
Offered by Mike & Jacqie Glime
Friday 8:30 a.m. + Janet Kelley
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. For the People
Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Joyce Kowalkowski
Offered by Mike & Carolyn Lemanski
+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving
Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Thursday, May 9

Sacristan & Lector - Carla Kramer

Saturday, May 11

Sacristan - Dan Throm
Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm
Lector - Yvonne Leslie
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, May 12

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
Eucharistic Minister - Roy Rietz
Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
Lead Usher - Jay Glime
Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

Church & Office Cleaning: Sue Mills

Sat. Collection	Loose.....\$65.00	Envelope....\$410.00	Total.....\$475.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$378.00	Envelope....\$291.00	Total.....\$669.00
	Electronic & Other.....\$1,165.00	Total...\$1,165.00	
		Total Collections	\$2,309.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$2,543.00	

Upcoming Masses at St. Mary’s

Thursday, May 9th - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Mass will be held to celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation at 5:30 p.m. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration at 4:30.

Sunday, May 12th - First Communion



May is the Month of Mary: Please join us during the month of May as we pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother after Mass the Saturdays and Sundays of May. If you are willing to help lead the Rosary at either Mass, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Thank you to those who signed up for the beginning of the month!

All are Welcome to a Public Rosary Rally on May 11 at the Florence town park located at 749 Central Avenue at noon. Please join us in reparation for the many insults and sacrileges that offend Our Redeemer Lord and the Queen of Heaven and Earth. Let us pray for peace. The public rally is a rain or shine event.

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



Confirmation Celebration: Confirmation for the Northern Parishes will be held at Crivitz - St. Mary’s Catholic Church on Saturday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. with Bishop Ricken presiding. Please congratulate and pray for our students who chose to establish a deeper relationship with God and become closer to Jesus Christ!

Trent McLain is sponsored by Amanda Wolf.

Alivia Millan is sponsored by Joan Rocque.



First Communion Celebration: Please congratulate and pray for Sunny Burkart and William Vassar as they receive Jesus, in the Eucharist, for the first time. First Communion will be held on Sunday, May 12 at St. Mary’s - Immaculate Conception Church at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Entrust: Disciples on Mission Retreat: During this intensive experience, attendees will receive the vision, formation, and practical knowledge in how to carry out the process of spiritual multiplication. Thanks to the generosity of the Bishop’s Appeal, this retreat is free of charge for staff, volunteers, and parishioners within the Diocese of Green Bay.

If you are interested in attending any of the retreats, please go to the Diocese of Green Bay website and click on the link or contact the parish office. Registration opens two months prior to each retreat. Please note that capacity is limited, and sessions fill up quickly.

May 17-18 | St. Leonard in Laona

May 31-June 1 | St. Peter the Fisherman in Two Rivers

June 9-10 | Stella Maris in Baileys Harbor



Friends, the two most important words in our Gospel today are joy and commandments. “I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete.” And “If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love.” Faith in the indwelling presence of Christ within us frees us from all kinds of inner pressures controlling us. There is joy and freedom in remaining in his love.

Jesus tells them (and us), “I chose you,” “I call you friends.” We can each hear those words as addressed to us. The disciples here represent us all. He has handed over his life for us all. Like St. Paul we can each say that the Son of God *loved me and gave himself for me*. In giving his life for us, Jesus chose us, personally, called each of us his friend. His words are to us, “You are my friends.” The Mass makes present the self-giving death of Jesus in every generation, to every community that gathers for the Breaking of Bread. At Mass we both celebrate the Lord’s choice of us and we renew our choice of him. When we respond to His invitation to *take and eat*, we take Him to heart and renew our choice for Him as our way, our truth and our life.

The Lord’s choice of us seeks and desires our choice of him. Jesus is telling us that true joy is found in him. Do we allow wrong desires to dominate us? Do we remain in his love so as to desire the right thing? Love of Jesus helps us to complete our joy by desiring the right thing.

~ Fr. Soja

Bakers Wanted: We will have our Annual Memorial Day Weekend bake sale May 25 & 26. Please sign-up in the entryway if you are able to help with a delicious treat. The proceeds go toward a scholarship for a graduating senior active at our church. Thank you!!

Cemetery Spring Cleanup: Please remove any old decorations from the cemetery in the coming weeks prior to the Memorial Day holiday. If you have any questions, please find the cemetery rules and regulations under the “More” tab on the St. Mary’s website or contact the parish office. We appreciate your assistance in cleaning up the cemetery!

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