

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 03/03 5:30 p.m. +Ellamae “Sis” Herman
Offered by St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday 03/05 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 03/06 8:30 a.m. +Ed and Janet Kelley
Offered by Bob, Mary and Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 03/07 6:00 p.m. +Carol Bowman
Offered by Lee and Sue Mattson

Sunday 03/08 8:30 a.m. +Alice Gardner
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

+ Deceased, Tg. Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all masses.

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 07

Sacristan - Clara McLain
 Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain
 Lector - Missy Roberts
 Lead Usher - Needed

Sunday, March 08

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams
 Eucharistic Minister - Dan Jazinski
 Lector - Kathy Jazinski
 Lead Usher - Jay Glime
 Money Counters - Jay and Lori Glime

02/21 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$138.00	Envelope.....\$210.00	Total.....\$348.00
02/22 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$210.00	Envelope.....\$220.00	Total.....\$430.00
	Misc.\$1,250.00	Electronic.....\$40.00	Total....\$1,290.00
Total Collections			\$2,068.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$2,935.00

Looking Ahead...

Finance Council Meeting: Thursday, March 19th, 5:45 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday, March 26th, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday (04/02/26) - No Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Mary’s.

6:00 p.m. Mass - Armstrong Creek

Good Friday (04/03/26) - 12:00 p.m. Mass - St. Mary’s in Florence.

3:00 p.m. Mass - Goodman

Holy Saturday (04/04/26) - No Mass at St. Mary’s in Florence.

8:00 p.m. - Armstrong Creek

Easter Sunday (04/05/26) - 8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Mary’s in Florence.

10:30 a.m. Mass - Goodman

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Friends, The Second Sunday of Lent focuses on the Transfiguration of Jesus – when human nature meets God, when the temporal meets the eternal. For the disciples, this experience strengthened their faith and prepared them for the suffering and death their Master would soon endure. For us, it serves as a glimpse of the resurrection glory that awaits us at the end of our own life’s journey.

In the First Reading from Genesis, God says to Abram: Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you. God calls Abram out of what is familiar and comfortable and into an unknown future, promising blessing and greatness. Faith begins with trust. In the Second Letter to Timothy, we hear: He saved us and called us to a holy life through Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality. God calls us not because of our merits, but because of his grace. Finally, in the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain. They encounter Moses and Elijah, and God speaks: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. The disciples fall to the ground in fear. But Jesus touches them and says, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” Jesus radiated light. The man, Jesus, with whom his disciples were familiar, was transfigured, revealing his identity as the Light. His divinity shone forth.

The readings invite us to work, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to transform and renew our lives, so that we may radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord by our Spirit-filled lives. Let us climb the mountain to face challenges, fear, and self-examination and discover who Jesus truly is. We may feel unworthy or afraid in God’s presence, but Jesus meets us in our humanity, touches us, and invites us to rise. This Lent, let us allow ourselves to be transformed by Christ. How? God gives us the answer in three simple words: “Listen to him.”

Fr. Soja

Bishop’s Appeal: As we continue towards St. Mary’s goal of \$8,880.00 for the 2026 Bishop’s Appeal, thank you to those who have already contributed. If you are still considering a donation, please prayerfully consider making a contribution as even a small gift makes an impact and helps us bring Christ’s light to others. To support the 2026 Bishop’s Appeal, use the pledge card mailed to your home or one from the back of the church, or visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping St. Mary’s Parish shine Christ’s light this Lent.

Does the Bishop's Appeal Pay the Bishop's Salary or Any Legal Settlements?

The Bishop's Appeal is an annual campaign that supports the ministries of the Diocese. It does not pay the Bishop's salary and has never been used to pay any legal settlements. The Bishop’s Appeal provides support to diocesan ministries reaching out to thousands of people each year. These ministries include Catholic Charities, Catholic schools, and On Mission, to name a few.

Pastoral Council: St. Mary’s Pastoral Council is in need of new members. The Council meets every other month, so that is only 6 meetings per year. Please prayerfully consider joining the Pastoral Council to help with pastoral planning, identifying needs, and setting goals to foster growth and spiritual well-being at St. Mary’s. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be said after Friday masses during Lent. This practice fosters deep meditation on Christ’s sacrifice and provides strength for personal daily struggles.

Solemn Novena: The 139th annual Solemn Novena in Honor of St. Joseph will be held March 11-19, 2026, at the National Shrine of St. Joseph located at 123 Grant St., DePere, on the campus of St. Norbert College. You can read the flyer at the back of the church if you are interested.



Our Current Bishop’s Appeal Total

\$1,185.00

Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:

\$8,880.00

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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.

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