

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 01/20 5:30 p.m. +Jaxen Pagel
Offered by Heather Roberts

Thursday 01/22 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 01/23 8:30 a.m. +Horst Teichert
Offered by Bob, Mary and Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 01/24 6:00 p.m. +Fr. Mark Beard
Offered by Heather Roberts

Sunday 01/25 8:30 a.m. +Jane and Red Leffler
Offered by Fred and Karen Leffler

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 24

Sacristan - Clara McLain
Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain
Lector - Bill DeGroot
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, January 25

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister - Dan Jazinski
Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski
Money Counters - Dan and Kathy Jazinski

01/10 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$30.00	Envelope.....\$310.00	Total.....\$340.00
01/11 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$352.00	Envelope.....\$555.00	Total.....\$907.00
		Electronic....\$190.00	Total.....\$190.00
		Total Collections	\$1,437.00

Budget: \$1,800.00 2025: \$1,089.53

Fr. Soja’s Nursing Home Visits

Fr. Soja visits the Florence Health Services (Nursing Home) each Friday at 10 a.m. Mass is held the first Friday of the Month with Communion given every Friday.

Meetings and Office Hours

Finance Council Meeting - Thursday, January 22nd @ 5:45 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 8:30-2:30 p.m.
The office is closed on Wednesdays unless there is a conflict. Thank you for your support!!!

Eucharistic Adoration - Thursday 4:30 p.m.

Bishop Ricken cannot emphasize strongly enough the importance of Eucharistic Adoration. In a world filled with noise and distraction, we need time to rest in the silence of Christ’s Eucharistic presence, allowing His gaze of love to transform our hearts. If we truly desire to Share Jesus with others, we must first spend time with Him, adoring and receiving the gift of His abiding presence in our lives. We leave Adoration ready to share the grace and encounter we have received.

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Ellamae “Sis” Herman, 93, of Florence, WI, who passed away Thursday, January 8, 2026, at Marshfield Medical Center-Dickinson, Iron Mountain, MI. May we continue to keep Sis and her family in loving prayer during this difficult time.

There will be no funeral service. Instead, a Gathering of Remembrance for family and friends will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s Parish Hall in Florence, WI. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society of Florence, WI, in Sis’s memory.

Grant eternal life to our sister, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Let the angels welcome her into Paradise and help us comfort each other with the assurance of our faith. May she rest in peace.



Thank You from Sally Vanden Heuvel and Family: We would like to thank everyone who brought food and helped in any way with the funeral lunch for Eugene “Gene” Vanden Heuvel. The table decorations were beautiful, and the food was awesome. Thank you again!

Sincerely, Sally Vanden Heuvel and Family

Volunteer Thank You: Thank you to all of our volunteers involved in the various ministries here at St. Mary’s! Know your witness to the love of Christ and service of others does not go unnoticed! We appreciate you and hold you in prayer! If you are interested in volunteering for any ministries, please contact the parish office. Your prayerful consideration is truly appreciated.

Snow Shoveling: We continue to need volunteers for snow shoveling for the remainder of the winter! Please contact the parish office if you are willing and able! Your help would be GREATLY appreciated!!!



Friends, John the Baptist introduced Jesus as the “Lamb of God”, and it is the most meaningful title given to Jesus in the Bible. It sums up the love, the sacrifice, and the triumph of Christ. This historical event in Christ’s life invites us to live and die like the Lamb of God. Live like a lamb by: leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obedient to the Christ’s commandment of love; appreciating the loving Providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd in His Church; eating the Body and drinking the Blood of the Good Shepherd, thus deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through the Holy Bible, the Sacraments and our prayers.

Die like a sacrificial lamb by; the sacrificial sharing our blessings of health, wealth, and talents with others in the family, parish, and community; bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain, and suffering; offering our sufferings for the salvation of souls, in reparation for our sins and those of the whole world.

Today’s Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means that we need to grow in Faith so that we can become effective witnesses for him. Bearing witness to Christ is an active, not passive, lifetime enterprise. One cannot be a disciple of Jesus at a distance, any more than one can be a distant lover. We are invited to “Come and see.” The essence of our witnessing is to state what we have seen and believed and then to invite others to “come and see” Jesus for themselves and, so, become disciples with us. If we are not willing to invite others into this experience, what does that say about our experiences with Christ and with our Church?

Fr. Soja

I HAVE A DREAM

4th Annual Martin Luther King

Community Celebration

2:00 P.M., Jan. 18th, 2026

First Presbyterian Church

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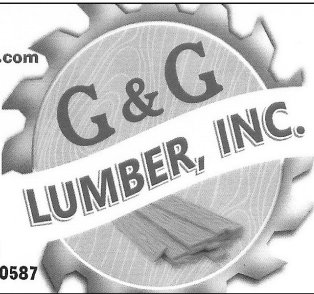


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Local Council#2847 meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.
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