

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

Tues. 3/4 5:30pm For the People
 Wed. 3/5 5:30pm + In Thanksgiving of the Religious Ed Students
 Thurs. 3/6 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration
 Fri. 3/7 8:30am For the People
 Fri. 3/7 10am @ Florence Health Services

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 3/8 6:00pm +Harvey & Beverly Crevier
Offered by Missy Roberts & Family
 Sun. 3/9 8:30am +Mary Jo Bomberg
Offered by Mary Kay & Al Williams
 + Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving
 Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 8th

Sacristan - Heather Roberts
 Eucharistic Minister - Volunteer Needed
 Lector - Missy Roberts
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, March 9th

Sacristan - Clara McLain
 Eucharistic Ministers - Bill DeGroot
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Lead Usher - Jay Glime
 Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime



02/22 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$66.00	Envelope.....\$65.00	Total.....\$131.00
02/23 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$409.00	Envelope....\$355.00	Total...\$764.00
Bishop’s Appeal:	Electronic.....\$40.00	Misc....\$1,100.00	Total...\$2,935.00
\$1,785.00	Building Fund...\$10.00		
		Total Collection:	\$3,830.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$1,634.00	



Our Deepest Condolences to all of the family and friends of **Corrine “Corky” Miller**, 89, who passed away Friday February 21, 2025 @ St. Mary’s Hospital in Green Bay . May we continue to keep Corky and all her family in loving prayer during this difficult time. She was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Keyes Lake Association and worked on the Florence elections. Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm on Wednesday, March 5th at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon at the funeral home with Fr. Soja Joseph officiating. A private burial will be at Quinnesec Cemetery.

Our Deepest Condolences to all of the family and friends of **Mary Grabski**, 84, of Florence, Wisconsin and Gulf Shores, Alabama, who passed away on February 23, 2025, at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. May we continue to keep Mary and all her family in loving prayer during this difficult time.



Mary had very strong religious beliefs and was raised as a devout Catholic. She attended Sunday and Holy day masses regularly, donated food and baked goods at church social events and served as a communion minister for many years. She was a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Florence, WI and Saint Margaret Catholic Church of Scotland in Foley, AL. The family has chosen Jacobs-Lundholm Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Florence to honor Mary's legacy of life.

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

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME!

A special message from Brant Brolin:

Thank you everyone for your prayers for me while I was having my surgery. All went well, and I am at home recovering. Thank you, may God bless all of you.

Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **Mass Intentions:** Mass is a beautiful prayer offering; one of the most powerful prayers we have. Please contact the office to schedule mass intentions. Suggested donation \$10.
- ◆ **Eucharistic Adoration is held on Thursdays @ 4:30pm:** Come and join us, letting Jesus gaze upon you with His infinite love and mercy. He is waiting for YOU!
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday Supper**— following the 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass @ Florence on March 5th, 2025. All are welcome to attend! Please join us for fellowship and sharing a meal to kick off our Lenten journey together! Sign up in the entryway.
- ◆ **Our Holy Week Mass Schedule** is posted in the entryway!
- ◆ The **Gold Slips for April thru June** are available on the entryway tables. Please return by March 9th. Thank you!
- ◆ We are in need of a **Eucharistic Minister** for the Ash Wednesday mass. Please contact the office if interested.



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

- ◆ **Wed. 3/5 @ 3:30pm - Goodman, St. Joan’s**
- ◆ **Wed. 3/5 @ 5:30pm - Florence, St. Mary’s**

You're Making A Difference Here at Home!

Including Florence, WI
 Do you ever wonder what impact SVdP has in our Council Area? The answer is a lot! Here are some figures from the 22/23 Marquette Diocesan Council Conference Reports:

Visits to Neighbors in Need: 11,318

Housing Assistance/Eviction Prevention: \$191,551

Financial Aid: \$836,269

Total Hours of Service: 41,245

Our 2025 Bishop’s Appeal Goal: **\$9,274.00**



Friends, the readings this weekend offer rich themes for reflection, often focusing on trust in God, the condition of the heart, and the fruits of our words and actions. Here are a few points to ponder:

The Heart Speaks Through the Mouth – In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that a good tree bears good fruit and that "from the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks." A well-tended mind produces good speech and reveals a person’s character. What do your words reveal about the state of your heart? Are they filled with kindness, truth, and encouragement?

Avoiding Hypocrisy – Jesus warns against focusing on the faults of others while ignoring our own. Do you spend more time judging others or working on your own spiritual growth? How can you cultivate a more humble and compassionate heart?

Trusting in God’s Strength – The First Reading compares a person’s true nature to the refining of metal. It is an insight into speech as a test in time of tribulation that can result in losing one’s friends and one’s integrity. How do you respond when tested by challenges? Do you trust in God’s grace to strengthen and purify you?

Standing Firm in Faith – The Second Reading reminds us of our victory through Christ: victory over sin and death and hope in eternal life. “Resurrection of Jesus” is central to the preaching and teaching of St. Paul. Do you let fear and discouragement shake your faith, or do you remain steadfast in the Lord?

Bearing Good Fruit – What "fruit" are you producing in your life? Are your actions leading others closer to God? How can you become more intentional in sharing love, mercy, and truth? Be rooted in a relationship with the living God who sees our actions, hears our prayers and rewards us for every act of kindness.

We begin the Holy season of lent this week. The ash on our foreheads is a sign of repentance and a reminder that we belong to God. The Three Pillars of Lent are 1. Prayer: Talking to God and listening. During Lent, prayer takes on a special meaning because it’s a time of repentance, renewal, and drawing closer to God. 2. Fasting: Giving up something to focus on God. 3. Almsgiving: Helping others and showing kindness. May we, during this Season of Lent, rediscover the beauty of the Sacrament of Healing (confession), allowing the Lord to erase our sins, to heal our hearts, and to reveal his compassionate mercy and friendship.

~Fr. Soja

“...For every tree is known by its own fruit.....for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” -Luke 6:39-45



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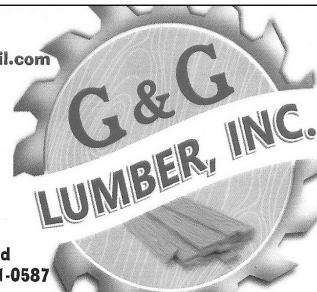
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Knights of Columbus

Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara. For more information contact: Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379

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