

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. 2/4 5:30pm For the People
 Thurs. 2/6 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration
 Fri. 2/7 8:30am +Pete Podnar
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar
 Fri. 2/7 10:00am @ Florence Health Services

Weekend Masses and Intentions
 Sat. 2/8 6:00pm +Bernie Englebert
Offered by Tina Sauer
 Sun. 2/9 8:30am +Robert Whaley
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar
 + Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving
 Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule
Saturday, February 8th
 Sacristan - Tanya Parker
 Eucharistic Minister - Derek Parker
 Lector - Aubrey Pataconi
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky
Sunday, February 9th
 Sacristan - Clara McLain
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Jazinski
 Lector - Kathy Jazinski
 Lead Usher - Jay Glime
 Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime



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1/25 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$84.00	Envelope.....\$505.00	Total.....\$589.00
1/26 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$433.00	Envelope....\$155.00	Total...\$588.00
Building Fund:	Electronic.....\$1,055.00	Misc....\$43.05	Total...\$1,108.05
	\$10.00		
		Total Collection:	\$2,285.05
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$1,539.00	



Simeon to the Blessed Mother, Mary:
“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed...”
 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Our 2025
 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:
\$9,274.00
 Kickoff Weekend:
Feb. 1 & 2, 2025!

St. Anthony’s CHICKEN & SPAGHETTI DINNER!
 Thursday, February 27!
 St. Anthony’s Church Hall in Niagara
\$14.00 All You Can Eat!
 Children 10 and under eat FREE!
 Serving 4:00-6:30 P.M.
 Take outs available! Cash Bar!
 Baked Chicken, Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD!

♦ A special thank you to the Roberts family for sponsoring the purchase of our 2025 Paschal Candle!



Friends, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Christmas. By bringing Jesus to the Temple, Mary and Joseph followed God’s law faithfully. We look to Mary and Joseph as examples of faith and obedience. They trust-

Why Give to the Bishop’s Appeal?
And the king will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” -Matthew 25:40
 Your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal will help in countless ways. Children and families are able to attend lively, interactive education programs learning the Word of God. A young woman in an abusive relationship is able, through counseling with Catholic Charities, to stand on her own feet. Married couples struggling with infertility are able to become parents through Adoption Services. Your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal makes happy endings possible.
 93% of every dollar raised goes to Diocesan ministries and services here in northeast Wisconsin.
 Make a tremendous difference, and give to the Bishop’s Appeal. How much you give is less important than the spirit in which you give. Even small donations add up to large donations. To make a gift today, contact your parish, visit the Bishop’s Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give, or call Tammy at 920-272-8123.



You're helping young souls build friendships with Jesus through your gift to the Bishop's Appeal.

Notes & Reminders

- ♦ If anyone has a need or interest in gluten-free or Celiac-friendly options for Holy Communion, please let the office know or ask for more information.
- ♦ Per the Diocese, below is the correct mailing address to support the victims/families effected by the California fires. More info can be found on the flyer in the entryway.

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.
 1531 James M. Wood Blvd.
 Los Angeles, CA 90015

ed God’s plan even when it meant difficulty or pain. They show us how to surrender to God’s will with faith. Pope John Paul II designated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord as the Annual World Day of Consecrated Life. So, all our consecrated women and men are invited to return to the beginning, to the very personal early days of the gift of their vocation, recalling, for a moment, the first time you sensed the Lord’s call to you to follow Him with an undivided heart.

This feast celebrates three main ideas. First, Jesus is recognized as the Light of the World, a light for all people. Second, it shows that Jesus came to fulfill the law, not to destroy it. He and His family obeyed the customs of their people. Third, it honors the deep faith of Mary and Joseph, who followed God’s will at every step. In the Gospel of Luke, we read about two holy people, Simeon and Anna, who meet Jesus at the Temple. They have waited their whole lives for this moment. Simeon praises God and calls Jesus a “light for revelation to the Gentiles.” This points to Jesus’ mission to save not only Israel but also all nations.

Today the Church invites us to remember that Jesus brings light to our lives. Like Simeon and Anna, we are called to recognize Jesus in our world. Simeon knew that Jesus was the Savior sent for all people. He told Mary that a sword would pierce her own soul. This meant that Mary would suffer as she witnessed the struggles and suffering of her Son. This prophecy prepared Mary for the difficult road ahead. Anna’s joy and faith show her love for God and her understanding that Jesus would bring salvation. When she saw Him, she began to give thanks to God and spoke about Jesus to everyone around her.


~ Fr. Soja

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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.
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