

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 5:30 p.m. + Christine Printz

Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Thursday 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:30 a.m. For the People

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. + Bridget King

Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Janet Kelly

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+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 27

Sacristan - Needed

Eucharistic Ministers - Clara McLain

Lector - Bill Degroot

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Money Counters - Jerry Divine &

Dorothy Vayda

Sunday, July 28

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry

Eucharistic Ministers - Sally Neuens

Lector - Kathy Jazinski

Lead Usher - Jerry Divine

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7/13 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$35.00	Envelope....\$175.00	Total.....\$210.00
7/14 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$364.00	Envelope....\$810.00	Total.....\$1174.00
	Electronic &	Other.....\$40.00	Total.....\$1384.00
		Total Collections	\$1424.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 2,300.00	



Parish Pilgrimage to National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion:

Wrapped in the arms of our Blessed Mother Mary are Fr. Soja, Al, Carolyn, Mary Kay, Karen, Yvonne, and Donna.

Polish Heritage Days: Saturday, July 27. Polish Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka with parade to follow. Music from 12:30 – 10 p.m. at Armstrong Creek Pavilion. Admission \$10 (10 & under free) Veterans \$5. Polish food throughout the afternoon. Mark your calendars!

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

We thank Tanya Parker who served the parish as secretary for the last ten months. Your dedication and efficiency as parish secretary is greatly appreciated. God Bless you!

The **2024 Raising Vocations Collection** kickoff weekend begins August 3 & 4 2024. This collection will support ministries that help young people discover Christ and accompany them on their vocation journey. More information will be sent out via the bulletin and announcements.



We are in need of **Volunteer Church Cleaners**. This includes vacuuming the church and office area, wiping down the pews and window ledges and cleaning the doors. This is a 4 week rotation, so it would be 2 hours every other month. September 5 & 19 are open. Please contact Fr. Soja or the parish office if you are able to help. Thank you!

Please check the parish hall for some excellent **Catholic reading** materials to continue your faith growth during the summer. There are instructions for online faith formation learning as well. Don’t forget FORMED online is another great resource. Take some, leave some and spread the Good News!



Friends, the readings of this weekend speak of the idea of God’s desire to shepherd his people. Israel’s Kings served as human shepherds and their task was to care for the people on God’s behalf. There is a warning to the human shepherds, “Woe to the shepherds, who

mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture,” says the Lord. God never abandons his people. He says, “I myself will come and gather them, they shall increase and multiply.” God is going to come as human shepherds failed to lead the people in the right path. “I will raise up a righteous shoot”. After 600 years of this prophecy by Jeremiah, the people saw Jesus the righteous one and they flocked to Him from everywhere. At first the twelve came evocative of the twelve tribes, now a great multitude comes, and His heart is moved. Israel’s vocation is to become a magnet to gather all people.

St. Paul was convinced that the carpenter crucified on the cross could not be the messiah. After his dramatic conversion Paul is preaching to the gentiles that Christ’s sacrifice has brought unity and peace, granting access in one spirit to the Father. Christ is the shepherd and Lord of the whole world. “In Christ Jesus you who were far off have become nearby the blood of Christ. In Jesus the “dividing wall of enmity” is broken down. We need the protection of the sacraments so as not to become victims of enmity. We are called to rejoice, pray and give thanks to God in Christ Jesus for the gift of salvation.

Friends, the church wants to treasure and celebrate the unity and peace that was won by Christ by shedding his blood on the Cross. July 17-21st the church in America gathered in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress. We need to rediscover the beauty of Eucharist through which we can experience the unity and peace that the Good Shepherd came to give his life for. God cares for the sheep of his flock who have been led astray by mortal shepherd kings. The safety and security of the good shepherd when not recognized, we fall into a kingdom of darkness that is active and operates parallel to the kingdom of God.

~ 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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