

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - ST MARY

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Live the Gospel! Whatever it takes.

*If you are interested in joining our parish, becoming Catholic, marriage prep, baptism prep, confirmation, funerals, returning to the Church, spiritual direction, information on grief support, would like communion brought to you, inquiring about an annulment or have other concerns, contact Father Albert 920-604-1260.

*Questions regarding religious education and registration can be addressed to Carolyn Lemanski 715-528-3008

*Call St. Vincent de Paul Conference for assistance with basic needs: 715-528-2030

*To schedule a Mass intention, volunteer for a parish ministry, rent the parish hall, request a prayer shawl or request prayers, call the parish office. 715-528-3310

Parish Office is open: Monday- Thursday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fr. Albert's Office hours: Tues. & Fri 9-12 noon

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. - Canceled this week
 Thursday - 4:30 p.m. 1st Thurs. Holy Hour with
Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Benediction
 Other Thurs. - Reconciliation/private prayer
 Friday - 8:30 a.m.
 1st Fri. 10:00 a.m. Florence Health Services

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 2 - No Mass
 Friday, August 5 - + Mary Dunkes
 Saturday, August 6 - +John Roemer
 Sunday, August 7 - + Janet Kelley

Ministry Schedule Aug. 6 & 7

Saturday

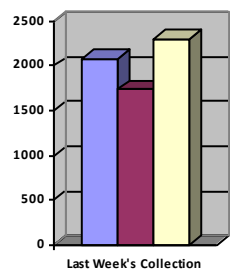
Sacristan - Jessica Frost
 Eucharistic Minister - N/A
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Open - volunteers appreciated

Sunday

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - Roy Rietz
 Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Lead usher - Mike Lemanski


Money counters - Jay & Lori Glime

Church/Office Cleaning - **Open -Volunteers needed**



Sat. General Collection	Loose...\$31.00	Envelope...\$345.00	Total...\$376.00
Sun. General Collection	Loose...\$374.00	Envelope...\$606.00	Total...\$980.00
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Father Albert will be in Green Bay for Shephard School next week. He will be gone August 1, 2, & 3. Our Tuesday Mass at 5:30pm will be canceled. Please pray for Fr. Albert and all the newer priests in the Green Bay Diocese as they continue to learn to lead.



Thursday, August 4th at 4:30 pm
 Please join us for our Holy Hour, which includes *Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Reconciliation*. This will be offered the first Thursday of each month. The following Thursdays we offer confession and silent prayer.

Looking for some meaningful Christian fellowship? *All women are invited* to join our **St. Mary Women's Faith Formation group on Wednesdays @ 6 PM**. No commitment is required. They are watching segments of the movie 'The Chosen' each week with discussion to follow. The Chosen depicts a charismatic fisherman struggling with debt. A troubled woman wrestling with demons. A gifted accountant ostracized from his family and people. See how Jesus reaches each of these and more as He works His first miracles and embarks on His ministry to change the world. See Him through the eyes of those who knew Him. Meetings are in the Parish lounge room.


Save the Date: Knights of Columbus Steak Fry will be held at St. Anthony Hall in Niagara on Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 4-7pm. Offering a complete 8-10oz tenderloin dinner.

August 15th is a Holyday of obligation, **The Feast of the Assumption**. This year it falls on a Monday and will be celebrated at Mass on Sunday. There will be no Mass on Monday, August 15th at St. Mary's.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the call.

Your son Jesus told us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. We turn to you now and ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to awaken the hearts of those whom you are calling to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Green Bay.



May they hear your call and respond with a profound "yes" just as Mary did when she was asked to become the mother of your son, Jesus. Keep these your sons and daughters always close to you in the Eucharist and protect them from all evil.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Food for Thought: "In choosing to be born for us, God chose to be known by us. God therefore reveals himself in this way, in order that this great sacrament of his love may not be an occasion for us of great misunderstanding." ~St. Peter Chrysologus



Bible Background: For biblical people, **mountains** – where heaven and earth touched– were the natural location for meeting with God and thus where Jesus would go to pray. Thus the Jerusalem Temple was built on the highest point in the city (Mount Zion) which could also be identified as God's holy mountain. ~ Words of Grace

The institution of the Eucharist

CCC 1337 The Lord, having loved those who were his own, loved them to the end. Knowing that the hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, in the course of a meal he washed their feet and gave them the commandment of love. In order to leave them a pledge of this love, in order never to depart from his own and to make them sharers in his Passover, he instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his death and Resurrection, and commanded his apostles to celebrate it until his return; "thereby he constituted them priests of the New Testament."

CCC 1338 The three synoptic Gospels and St. Paul have handed on to us the account of the institution of the Eucharist; St. John, for his part, reports the words of Jesus in the synagogue of Capernaum that prepare for the institution of the Eucharist: Christ calls himself the bread of life, come down from heaven.

CCC 1339 Jesus chose the time of Passover to fulfill what he had announced at Capernaum: giving his disciples his Body and his Blood:

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the passover meal for us, that we may eat it...." They went ... and prepared the passover. and when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. and he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."... and he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." and likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood."

1340 By celebrating the Last Supper with his apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus' passing over to his father by his death and Resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the Church in the glory of the kingdom.

~Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)