

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. 4/22 5:30pm +Mary Grabski
Offered by Connie Michleg

Thurs. 4/24 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Fri. 4/25 8:30am Tg: Fr. Ken DeGroot
Offered by Bill & Trudy DeGroot

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 4/26 6:00pm +Carl Dott
Offered by Stephen & Candace Dott

Sun. 4/27 8:30am +Valerie Peterson
Offered by Sue & Joe Mills

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving
Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 26th

Sacristan - Dan Throm

Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Throm

Lector - Evan Parker

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, April 27th—Divine Mercy Sunday

Sacristan - Al & Mary Kay Williams

Eucharistic Ministers - Bill DeGroot

Lector - Bill DeGroot

Lead Usher - Jerry Divine

Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime



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04/19 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$17.00	Envelope...\$415.00	Total.....\$432.00
04/20 Sun. Coll.	Loose....\$213.00	Envelope...\$557.00	Total...\$770.00
	Electronic...\$40.00	Misc....\$70.00	Total...\$110.00
		Total Collection:	\$1,312.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$1,634.00	



Divine Mercy Sunday is April 27th!

Our Lord Jesus said, “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet...Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

Divine Mercy Sunday How-To:

- ◆ Go to Confession (Thurs. 4/24, 4:30pm-5:30pm @ Florence)
- ◆ Attend mass on Divine Mercy Sunday
- ◆ Receive Holy Communion
- ◆ Pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (prayer aid flyers are in the entryway.)



After Sunday Mass on April 27th, we will be reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday!

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO EASTER SUNDAY!

Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **Council Meetings:** Pastoral Council: Thurs. 4/24, Financial Council: Thurs. 5/1
- ◆ **Thank you** to our parishioners that volunteered for the washing of the feet @ Goodman’s Holy Thursday mass!
- ◆ **Koinonia Retreat Applications** are available in the parish office. Details can be found in the entryway.
- ◆ **Jubilee Year of Hope - Pilgrimages:** We have three locations in our Diocese, and surrounding areas! Details can be found on the posters in the entryway.
- ◆ **Catholic Charities** was awarded a grant from Catholic Charities USA to assist those impacted by the recent ice storms. If interested, please see the flyers and application forms at the back of the church.
- ◆ **The Oscar G. Johnson VA** has committed to establishing a Medical Foster Home Program. For more information, please see the flyers in the entryway!
- ◆ **Easter Treats:** From St. Mary’s to our wonderful parishioners, children & adults! Please take a sweet treat to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! Happy Easter!
- ◆ **St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish of Iron Mountain will be celebrating The Feast of Mercy** on Sunday, April 27th (Divine Mercy Sunday) from 1:00pm –3:00p.m. Please see the schedule in the entryway for full details!
- ◆ **Praise & Worship Nite @ St. Mary’s in Florence, Monday April 28th @ 5:30pm** with a small meal/snacks, fellowship and 33 Days Book study/discussion to follow!



◆ **The beautiful Easter flowers** that adorn our worship space were donated in Memory or Honor of the following loved ones: Norb & Ella Bougie, John & Martha Brey, Inga Carlson, Jim Cominsky, Bob & Jan Dallapiazza, the Deceased Members of the Donaldson Family, Mike & Heddy Fornetti, Deceased of Jule Glime Family, Whitney Gregg, Peggy Jensen, Anna Kelley, Janet Kelley, Bob & Claire Landry, Julie Meyers, Caryl Novara, Deceased of Jack Rochon & Family, Francis Samz, Gary Steber, Deceased Members of the Steber Family, Glenn & Janet Sundquist, Tim Touchett, Ed & Marie VandenHeuvel, the Podnar & Weber Family.



Friends, during this sacred week, we acknowledge that the glory of Easter Sunday cannot come without the sacrifice Jesus Christ made on the cross. In His final hours on Earth, Christ willingly endured excruciating pain, torture, and execution on the cross out of a deep and abiding love for all His creation. Through His suffering, we have redemption. Through His death, we are forgiven of our sins. Through His Resurrection, we have hope of eternal life. On Easter morning, the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty, and light prevails over darkness—signaling that death does not have the final word. Happy Easter!!!

St. Peter in Acts 10 says, “God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify to him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” – Firsthand proof of the resurrection.

In order to open us to faith in Jesus’ resurrection, we need to make our own way. It’s decisive to not forget Jesus, to love him passionately and to seek him with all our energies, but not in the world of the dead. The one who lives must be sought where real life is. We need to seek him, not among people who are divided and engaged in sterile battles, empty of Jesus’ love and of Gospel passion, but there where we go about building communities that put Christ in their center because they know that “where two or three gather in his name, there he will be also.”

Truly, “The glory of God is humanity fully alive.” And that glory, if you surrender to Him who died to give it to you, is yours, O child of God. For Christ is truly risen and can be found now in the likes of you and me. But first let us trust in God’s divine mercy poured on to us from the very pierced heart of Christ. God wants us to exercise our free will and make our choices. Can we take responsibility for the choices made in the past? If not let us profit from His mercy while we are still alive...

~Fr. Soja



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

As of 04/15/2025, Our Current
Bishop’s Appeal Total: **\$5,520.00**

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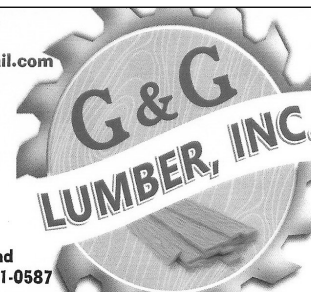
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