

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, inquiring about an annulment or have other concerns, contact Father Albert at 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, request prayers, have communion brought to your home or for information on grief support, call the parish office.
- ♦ Office hours: Tuesday.- Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - NO MASS this week
 Thursday - 4:30 p.m. 1st TH Holy Hour
Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Benediction
 following THs – Reconciliation and private prayer
 Friday - 8:30 a.m.
 1st FRI 10:00 a.m.
 Florence Health Services

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 5 – NO MASS
 Fri. October 8 - + Alfonso Rodriguez Montoya
 Saturday, October 9 - + Sheldon Burkart
 Sunday, October 10 - + For the People

Ministry Schedule Oct. 9/10

Saturday

Sacristan - Francie Freeberg
 Eucharistic Minister - Francie Freeberg
 Lector - Debbie Zelten
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Ron VanWychen, Andy Kelley & William Kelley

Sunday

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - Sally Neuens
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Mike Lemanski, Jay Glime, Dan Jazinski
 Money counters - Jay & Lori Glime

Church/Office Cleaning - Beanie Leffler & Rosie Peters

Thank you for your Ministry!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL REFLECTION:



In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Let the Children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." As you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are bringing love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold.

Please call the store at 715-528-4720 to volunteer.

Father Albert will be at the 2021 Clergy Congress October 4-6. There will be no Mass on Tues. Oct. 5.

Religious Ed for 9-12 grades will begin on Wednesday, October 6th.

Congratulations to Eddie and Cassie Mills who were recently married at St. Mary!



CEMETERY DECORATIONS . . . We ask that any old decorations be removed from St. Mary's Cemetery by Friday, October 15th, 2021. Please be considerate by kindly discarding your old decorations at home and *not* placing them over the fence or by the cemetery shed. To obtain more rules and regulations for St. Mary's Cemetery, please visit our website at www.stmaryflorence.org

Women's Day of Reflection

Saturday, October 16, 2021 9a.m. – 3p.m.
 @ St. Joseph Catholic Church in Crandon.
 Please contact our parish office for more information.

Monthly Prayer Line... Copies of the Prayer Line for October are available in the church entryway. If you have someone you would like added or removed from the list please contact the parish office.

Arts and Environment Committee Meeting... Wednesday, October 6 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

The committee is in need of your help. Meetings are optional. The duties are divided into: seasonal decorations to the Worship Space; the Parish Hall; changing Alter clothes and wall hangings; and seasonal landscaping. Many hands lessen the workload. Make it a new family tradition. Please prayerfully consider what you can do. *We are the Church!* Please contact Mary Kay Williams 906-282-4937, Barb Kensik 906-239-9714 or the Parish Office for more info or to volunteer.

Father Albert's Homily Excerpts...Feasts of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Archangels. John 1:47-51 "Access Road"

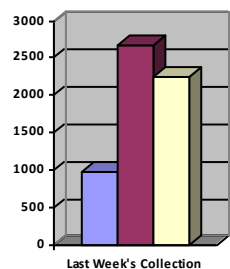
The story of Jacob's dream has a context, the narrator tells us Jacob could not avoid crossing path, again with his strange brother Issau, he was of course terrified about the thought itself of meeting his brother again, because their conflict to each other remained unresolved. You remember the story in Genesis He had stolen his brother birth right, the blessing that supposed to go Issau as the real first born, after that act of deception his brother swore to kill him, if ever they cross paths again, Jacob run away and not in this particular chapter 28 of Genesis he could avoid bumping his brother again and it is in this kind of situation, he find himself the night before falling asleep, and God speaks to him in his dream, He had a vision of a stairway to Heaven, it is a reassuring dream actually, it foretold the reconciliation that is about to happen between him and his brother and sure enough the following day when he wakes up all it takes is a little gesture of humility and goodwill that will open an access road, an access to his brother forgiving hearts having the way to their reconciliation, in short Jacob had discovered the access road not just between himself and his brother but also between heaven and earth, between God and humankind and it will define the meaning of the whole nation of Israel, that will come from Jacob.

In his dream he also saw Angels, Angels ascending and descending on the stairway. Of course, our Gospel identify the stairway as the Son of Man, the Son of God becomes the Son of Man becomes the connection, the covenant. It is the good analogy that defines the biblical function of the angels. Their main task is to open access road where there are barriers, to make a way for God when there is a dead end. Dead end could be a metaphor for seemingly no way-out situation that can be caused by many things, misunderstanding of course are among them. Misunderstanding that alienate people from each other.

The Role of the Angel Gabriel as an Archangel was to facilitate understanding, to dispel doubts, to clear out the doubts of unknowing and to open the lines of communications, he announces the goodness and this is what he is doing in the Old Testament when Daniel was unable to understand what he is reading from the scriptures, it is the Angel Gabriel who comes in, to enlighten him and this is also what Gabriel did to Mary and Zachariah in the Gospel of St. Luke. I call Gabriel the angel interpreter.

Sometimes the dead end is an illness, a sickness or a decease and then you have agent of healing and wellbeing, he is called Raphael in the book of Tobit in the OT he is the patron of the health care workers, I suggest to our frontline healthcare to be close to Raphael those who serve as instruments of God healing.

And sometimes the Dead End is human arrogance, like when humans are tempted to play God, they end up being expelled from Paradise and the only way for them to regain access is to discover what it really means "to be like God" that is the name of Michael, Mikha'el "who is like God" that is why Michael is the contender of Satan. I hope you can now understand why I call the Archangels, that we celebrate today, facilitators of access, it is what Phillip himself is doing in the Gospel when he met Jesus, he facilitated the encounter between Jesus and Nathanael he becomes an angel himself. I am sure you have also played the angels function in your life many, many times without even realizing it.



Sat. General Collection	Loose...\$240.00	Envelope...\$140.00	Total...\$380.00
Sun. General Collection	Loose...\$361.00	Envelope...\$425.00	Total...\$786.00
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