

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. 2/18 5:30pm For the People

Thurs. 2/20 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Fri. 2/21 8:30am For the People

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 2/22 6:00pm +Harvey & Beverly Crevier
Offered by Missy Roberts & Family

Sun. 2/23 8:30am +Willard & Marcella Meverden
Offered by Bill & Trudy DeGroot

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 22nd

Sacristan - Volunteer Needed
 Eucharistic Minister - Volunteer Needed
 Lector - Dorothy Vayda
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, February 23rd

Sacristan - Clara McLain
 Eucharistic Ministers - Sally Neuens
 Lector - Kathy Jazinski
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski



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02/08 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$57.00	Envelope.....\$390.00	Total.....\$447.00
02/09 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$56.00	Envelope....\$440.00	Total...\$496.00
Bishop's Appeal:	Electronic.....\$190.00	Misc....\$25.00	Total...\$715.00
			\$500.00
		Total Collection:	\$1,658.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$1,539.00	

Lent



As the Season of Lent approaches, we have the opportunity to participate in some self-reflection in our own hearts...

- ◆ How are we preparing to follow **Jesus** more closely this Lent?
- ◆ Is it in fasting? Spending more time in prayer?
- ◆ Are we being called to sacrifice something in our lives keeping us from the all-encompassing love of God?
- ◆ Or are we called to do something *more* for the Lord?

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.
 Blessed are you who are now hungry, you will be satisfied.
 Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.
 Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.
 Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!
 Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.
 For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.
 But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
 Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry.
 Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.
 Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.” -Luke 6:17, 20-26

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME!

- ◆ A special thank you to our volunteer snow shovelers the past few weeks!



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

How much of my gift actually goes to support people in need?

Annually, 91-93% of your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay. That is 91¢-93¢ of every \$1.00!
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Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

- ◆ **Wed. 3/5 @ 3:30pm - Goodman, St. Joan’s**
- ◆ **Wed. 3/5 @ 5:30pm - Florence, St. Mary’s**

Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **Mass Intentions:** Mass is a beautiful prayer offering; one of the most powerful prayers we have. On behalf of loved ones; in thanksgiving for the living and in repose of the souls of the deceased. Please contact the office to schedule them.
- ◆ **Eucharistic Adoration is held on Thursdays @ 4:30pm:** Come and join us, letting Jesus gaze upon you with His infinite love and mercy. He is waiting for YOU! Thursdays @ 4:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration.



Friends, the readings for this weekend delve into several profound themes that resonate with our daily lives. The themes include Purity and Impurity, Compassion and Healing, Holiness in Everyday Actions, and Imitation of Christ. The book of Leviticus discusses the laws concerning

leprosy, a condition that rendered individuals ritually unclean. This theme explores the notions of purity and impurity, not just in a physical sense but also spiritually and morally, inviting reflection on what constitutes purity in our lives today. The afflicted are required to live apart, signifying not just physical separation but a profound social and communal isolation. This theme invites us to reflect on the importance of community and the effects of isolation, as well as our responsibility towards those who are marginalized or ostracized.

Jesus’ compassionate response to the leper, contrary to the social norms of his time, emphasizes the theme of divine compassion and healing. It challenges us to consider how we extend compassion and healing to those in need, breaking beyond societal barriers. This allows believers to engage with the world without being overwhelmed by its temptations, suggesting that holiness, like Jesus’ powerful purity, enables Christians to positively influence the world rather than withdraw from it. Jesus touched the leper, a sign of identification with the leper in feelings of unworthiness and sin. Once healed by Jesus, we are compelled to share our story of transformation. The courage and worshipful approach of the leper towards Jesus, acknowledges Jesus’ sovereignty and the mystery of His healings. True evangelization springs from personal experience of Jesus’ healing power.

Paul’s exhortation to do everything for the glory of God, even in mundane activities like eating and drinking, brings forward the theme of finding and honoring the sacred in everyday life. It prompts us to consider how our daily actions can reflect our faith and contribute to the common good. Paul’s invitation to imitate him as he imitates Christ underscores the theme of discipleship and the call to live in a way that is reflective of Jesus’ teachings and example, emphasizing the Christian call to holiness through following Christ.

~ Fr. Soja

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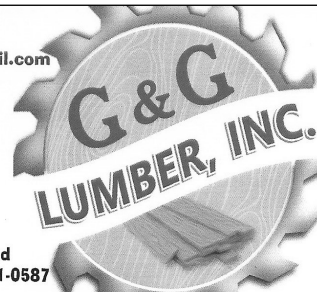
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