

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 8/5 No Mass

Thursday 8/7 No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8/8 No Mass

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 8/9 6:00 p.m. +Bernie Englebert
Offered by Carole Englebert

Sunday 8/10 8:30 a.m. + David Herrick
Offered by Ann Savino

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 9

Sacristan - Clara McLain
Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain
Lector - Dorothy Vayda
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, August 10

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry
Eucharistic Minister - Sally Neuens
Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski

7/26 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$145.00	Envelope....\$231.00	Total.....\$376.00
7/27 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$445.00	Envelope....\$495.00	Total.....\$940.00
Electronic & Other.....\$1,040.00			Total...\$1,040.00
Total Collections			\$2,356.00

Budget: \$2,028.00 2024: \$5,004.50

Fr. Soja’s Schedule

*Fr. Soja is currently in India and will return on August 21st. There will be no weekday masses or Eucharistic Adoration while he is away except for **Friday, Aug. 15th @ 8:30 a.m.** which is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Fr. James Dillenburg will celebrate mass with us again next weekend.

Fr. Peter Fosu will be at St. Mary’s Aug. 15-17.



Traveling Rosary for Vocations:

Thursday, August 14; 1:00 – 2:30 PM at **St. Michael’s Parish White-law**; 110 West Menasha Avenue 54247. The agenda includes songs, Rosary, speakers from Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc, and closing reception. [For more info call](http://www.gbdcw.org) 920-323-3243 or visit www.gbdcw.org.

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

Raising Vocations Collection Is Counting on You: By now, you most likely received a letter from Bishop Rick-en requesting your help in supporting young men and women on their faith journey. Please return your generous contribution to this collection using the pledge card and return envelope you received in the mail to make a huge difference now—and for the future of our Church. Thank you for helping them today, so they may say “yes” to the Lord! Every gift makes a difference!

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus of Council 1585 from Iron Mountain-Kingsford will conduct a 1st-3rd Degree Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, 8/5, at 6 p.m. in the KC Hall on Breitung Avenue, Kingsford, MI. Candidates can join the council of their choice, IM-K, Niagara, Norway or other. Register online for free at koec.org/join and call Faithful Navigator John Gaudette at 906-282-3382. Also, there will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, 8/16, at the hall. Email jbmotel@gmail.com for registration forms.

Cathedral Book and Gift Grand Reopening: During the week of August 11-16, stop in for a sweet treat, browse for books and gifts, and receive a free gift with your purchase! Located behind St. Francis Xavier Cathedral at 131 S. Madison St. in Green Bay.

Substitute Volunteers: We are in need of sacristans to fill in as needed. Training will be provided. We also need someone to drive to Niagara on Wednesdays between 10:00-4:00 to drop off bookkeeping work. Please contact the Parish office if you can help out. Thank You!

Lectors: We are in need of lectors especially for Saturday’s Mass. Please contact the Parish office if interested.

St. Mary’s has raised \$7,630.00
towards our goal of \$9,274.00.
There are pledge cards available.
Thank you for your support!



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Knights of Columbus

Local Council#2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.
For more information contact:
Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379



Dear Friends, Jesus expects his followers to renounce the ways of the world. The Gospel gives us two stories about people who base their security on wealth. In the story of the rich young man in Luke 18, and in the rich person from today’s Gospel, Jesus points out their possessiveness and their lack of concern for the needy. In contrast, Jesus calls all of us to trust not in our possessions but in God’s providence.

We will understand this parable better if we keep in mind that at the time of Jesus, people lived in immense hardship, under very harsh social and political conditions. Famine or land appropriation were a constant threat for subsistence farmers. They also suffered under excruciating taxation practices. With this background in mind, the landowner who stored his surplus crop, instead of helping to feed and support poorer farmers, would not have won the sympathy of Jesus’ listeners. Jesus is not condemning wealth, or those who work hard to provide for their families. The key point of today’s parable is his introduction: “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” And he concludes with this teaching: “Thus it will be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

In our modern consumerist world, we are constantly bombarded by marketing wizards on TV, the Internet and social media. They dangle over us the products we allegedly need to make our lives complete. The result is that we never quite feel that we have enough. Notice what Saint Paul says in the Second Reading from his Letter to the Colossians. “Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.”

Today’s readings challenge us with this question: What are we living for? What really matters in life? It is only in our relationship with Jesus that we can discover our true self – the person of value that Jesus calls us to be.

~ Fr. Soja

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