

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 05/05 5:30 p.m. +Ellamae “Sis” Herman
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Thursday 05/07 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 05/08 Living and Deceased Members of the
 Edwin Kelley Family
Offered by Jo and Jesus Vasquez

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 05/09 +Bob and Claire Landry and De-
 ceased Members of the Landry Family
Offered by Al and MaryKay Williams

Sunday 05/10 8:30 +Deceased Members of the
 Leffler Family
Offered by Fred and Karen Leffler

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 05/09

Sacristan - Al and MaryKay Williams
 Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams
 Lector - Al Williams
 Lead Usher - **Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, 05/10

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry
 Eucharistic Minister - Kathy Fabry
 Lector - Kathy Jazinski
 Lead Usher - Jay Glime
 Money Counters - Jay and Lori Glime

04/25 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$22.00	Envelope.....\$510.00	Total.....\$532.00
04/26 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$197.00	Envelope.....\$780.00	Total.....\$977.00
	Misc.....\$90.00	Electronic....\$880.00	Total.....\$970.00
Total Collections			\$2,479.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$1,936.00

!!! FUNDRAISER !!!



St. Mary’s is having a Pizza Sale Fundraiser to support the needs of our church. It is very simple as each parish family is being asked to purchase or sell a minimum of \$50.00 worth of delicious Dina Mia pizza.

- Order forms are being distributed after masses on May 2nd & 3rd. Additional forms are available in the Parish Office if needed.
- Completed Order forms are **due back to the Parish office by May 25th.**
- Pizza orders will be ready for pick up on **Friday, June 19th, from 3pm - 6pm** in the Parish hall. **Payment is due @ pick-up. We will accept cash or checks. NO CREDIT CARDS.**

We thank you for your support to raise funds for St. Mary’s Parish!

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Friends, nowadays, they say it is almost impossible to get lost. With directional apps and dashboard maps, we simply say an address and are guided step by step to our destination. And yet, we have all had that uneasy moment: the voice leading us down unfamiliar roads, through strange neighborhoods, along a route that doesn’t quite feel right. We begin to wonder: Is this really the way?

At the Last Supper in the Gospel of John, we hear the most intimate words of Jesus. In the light of Easter, these are no longer just farewell words, but words of promise. They lead us toward the Ascension and open our hearts to Pentecost. Jesus speaks of going away, and they do not understand. Thomas speaks for all of us. “Master, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” And Jesus answers not with directions, but with himself. “I am the way and the truth and the life.” This is not a map. It is a relationship. Philip presses further. “Show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” And Jesus replies, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” In Christ, the invisible God becomes visible. The distant becomes near. The unknown becomes known.

The early Church spent hours reflecting on this mystery, seeking words to express what they had come to believe. The Spirit was guiding the community forward. We see this in today’s reading from Acts. As the Church grows, the apostles call forth others – filled with the Spirit and wisdom – to serve. The first deacons help the community remain rooted in both prayer and service. This is the Way of Christ. Not simply a path to follow, but a life to be lived. The Way is embodied in service, unity lived in community. And unlike the uncertain routes of our technology, this Way does not lead us astray. It leads us home – into the very life of the Father. So, as we continue our Easter journey, we are invited to become signs of his presence for others. For the Way is not a set of directions. The Way is a Person.

Fr. Soja

Donation Received: Thank you for the donation of the couch and recliner to St. Vincent de Paul for a neighbor in need. We truly appreciate your generosity!!!

Bishop’s Appeal: Thank you to all who have donated to the 2026 Bishop’s Appeal. St. Mary’s has donated \$6,110.00 towards our goal of \$8,880.00. An April mailing should have arrived at homes last week for families who have made a gift in the past five years but have not made a gift to the 2026 Appeal. Please prayerfully consider donating to the Bishop’s Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as we strive to reach our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal goal. Thank You!

Women’s Day of Reflection: St. Joseph Parish in Crandon is having a Women’s Day of Reflection on Sat., May 9th, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The guest speaker is Sue Ristau, co-founder of My Heavenly Son Foundation. Registration forms can be found in St. Mary’s Parish office or email St. Joseph Catholic Church at stjosephcrandon@gmail.com or call their Parish office at 715-478-3396.



May is the Month of Mary: Please join us as we pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays of May. If you are willing to lead the Rosary at either Mass, please see the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Thank you for your consideration as we dedicate the month of May to Mary!

Volunteers to lead the Rosary thus far are:

- Sunday, May 3rd – MaryKay Williams
- Sunday, May 10th – Julie Maccoux
- Sunday, May 17th – Carolyn Lemanski

Memorial Day Weekend Bake Sale: St. Mary’s will be having a Bake Sale after masses during the weekend of May 23rd and 24th. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the back of church if you are able to provide a delicious treat for the Bake Sale. Thank You for your support!!!

Our Current Bishop’s Appeal Total

\$6,110.00

Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:

\$8,880.00



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