

# 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, information on grief support, would like communion brought to you, inquiring about an annulment or have other concerns, contact Father Soja 920-445-4560.

\*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 or request prayers, call the parish office. 715-528-3310

**\*\*Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.\*\***

### Weekend Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.  
 Friday - 8:30 a.m.

1st Fri. 10:00 a.m. Florence Health Services  
 Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

**Holy Hour** on 1st Thursday - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Benediction.  
 Other Thurs. Reconciliation/private prayer \*we will begin praying the Rosary for all priests at 5:00 pm\*

### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 2 - Tg Kathleen Kusmitch  
 Friday, May 5 - Tg Kathleen Kusmitch  
 Saturday, May 6 - + Bob Giombetti  
 Sunday, May 7 - + Zoey Williams

+ deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

### Ministry Schedule May 6 & 7

#### Saturday

Sacristan - Dan Throm  
 Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm  
 Lector - Yvonne Leslie  
 Servers - open  
 Ushers - Open - volunteers appreciated

#### Sunday

Sacristan - Roy Rietz  
 Eucharistic Minister -  
 Lector - Bill DeGroot  
 Servers - open  
 Ushers - Lead usher - Dan Jazinski

Money counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski  
 Church/Office Cleaning - Done!

Thank you!

Jacobs-Lundholm  
 Funeral Home &  
 Crematory  
 Perry J. Jacobs  
 715-528-3241

### El Capitan

—SUPPER CLUB—

Italian cuisine—steaks—seafood  
 699 US Hwy 2, Spread Eagle, WI  
 P 715-696-3493  
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<b>Sat. Collection</b>	Loose...\$74.00	Envelope...\$505.00	Total...\$579.00
<b>Sun. Collection</b>	Loose...\$131.00	Envelope...\$375.00	Total...\$506.00
		Other.....\$160.00	Total...\$160.00
<b>Holy Land coll</b>	<b>\$255.00</b>	<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$1,245.00</b>
Budget:	\$2300.00	2022:	\$1,054.00

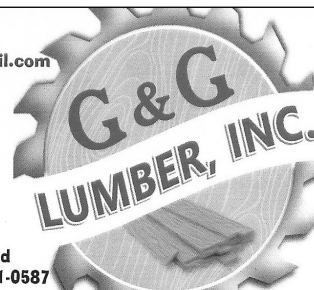
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## ST. MARY'S WELCOMES YOU TO THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 30, 2023

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Please make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and deceased. Encourage your children, grandchildren, students and friends to be open if God calls them to the priesthood or religious life; that they will respond generously in serving God's people.

#### Prayer for Vocations

*Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the call. Your son Jesus told us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. We turn to you now and ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to awaken the hearts of those whom you are calling to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Green Bay.*

*May they hear your call and respond with a profound "yes" just as Mary did when she was asked to become the mother of your son, Jesus.*

*Keep these your sons and daughters always close to you in the Eucharist and protect them from all evil.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

St. Mary's will be celebrating **Confirmation on Sunday, May 7th at 9:00 AM** at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Niagara with all the northern parishes and **with Bishop Ricken presiding.** All are invited to attend.



**William Kelley**, sponsor D'Nelle Kelley

**Breyson Kelley**, sponsor Blake McLain

**Lucy Reubens**, sponsor Lori Weinfurter

**Jackson Robinson**, sponsor Becky Kelley

**Thursday, May 4th, 4:30 - 5:30 pm** Join us for our **Holy Hour**, which includes *Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Reconciliation.* The following Thursdays we offer confession and silent prayer.



Sharing the light of Christ! Bishop's Appeal 2023

**Our 2023 Goal is \$10,226 We have raised \$8,990**

Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin. To make a gift today, envelopes are in the pews and entryway, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give), or call Tammy Danz toll-free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8123. We



**kindly ask that all donations be mailed directly to the diocese at PO Box 23001, Green Bay, WI, 54305-3001. (Checks payable to CF/Bishop's Appeal).** Thank you!



Friends, we have the good shepherd Sunday on 30<sup>th</sup> of April. It is the vocation Sunday. Vocation to priestly and religious life. We have a shortage of vocation apparently. As Bp. Ricken does not agree with this statement. He says we have a shortage of "yesses". God is generous, he never abandons his church. Calling takes place, it continues to happen. But it is tough to hear in the noisy world of technology. We need a spirit of prayer in homes and in the parish to hear it.

The church has a solution to this problem. It is to draw closer to Mary. Praying the Rosary is growing closer to God through Mary. Religious processions we take out in public is a means of witnessing to the neighbors that –we are alive, we are here, we are proud of Jesus Christ and we are proud of our faith. It might help a neighbor to connect the dots. When we say 'yes' to the Lord, we are saying yes to the open heart of Jesus, from which living water flows. We give life to the world, we participate in liberating the world by saying 'yes' to the Lord. We have spiritual wounds as well as spiritual hunger. The good shepherd leads His sheep out to heal, feed and to liberate. Well, matrimony too is a call from God. Bp. Ricken strongly recommends that we read the Sunday Gospel ahead of time to hear the voice of the divine shepherd. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice and they follow me". ~Fr. Soja

Printed copies of Fr. Soja's homily are available in the back.



We are looking for help with the flower beds... Can you offer a few hours to assist us in keeping the Church property looking fresh and lovely. Spring is coming... See Mary Kay Williams for details or contact the parish office.

Please remove any old decorations from the cemetery in the coming weeks prior to the Memorial Day holiday. To obtain more rules & regulations for St. Mary's Cemetery, please visit our website or contact the parish office. *Thank you for keeping our cemetery a sacred place.*



**Thank you** to all who participated in the **Lenten CRS Rice Bowl project.** Please turn all bowls into the office this week.

Last week Father Soja reminded us that the month of May is dedicated to Mother Mary and praying the Rosary, and that prayers work wonders. We have so many things to pray for within our Parish, our community, our country, and the world. With this in mind, please join us during the month of May as we pray the Rosary before Mass. Starting next weekend, we will be praying the Rosary a half hour before Mass. If you are willing to help lead the Rosary at either Mass, please contact the parish office. Praying the Rosary has changed the world.