

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST MARY

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*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 Albert **920-604-1260**.

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*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 is open: Tuesday.- Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.
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, January 18 - Bishop Ricken
Friday, January 21 - + Deceased members of the
Leffler & Rochon families.
Saturday, January 22 - + Edith Stankovsky
Sunday, January 23 - + Janet Kelley

Ministry Schedule Jan. 22/23

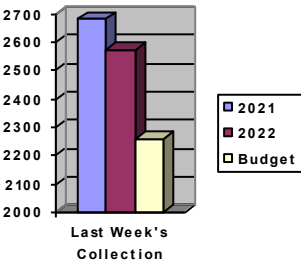
Saturday

Sacristan - Francie Freeberg
Eucharistic Minister - not at this time
Lector - Carla Kramer
Servers - open
Ushers - Ron Van Wychen, & Mark Kramer

Sunday

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
Eucharistic Minister - not at this time
Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
Servers - open
Ushers - Jay Glime, Mike Lemanski & Dan Jazinski
Money counters - Jay & Lori Glime

Church/Office Cleaning - Done, thank you!



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| Sun. General Collection | Loose...\$85.00 | Envelope...\$770.00 | Total...\$855.00 |
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Thank you to everyone who stayed after Mass last Sunday to help take down the Christmas decorations and prepare for Ordinary Time. Many hands made much lighter work and all planning/organizing ahead made it feel like Mary Kay was here with us!



Please continue to pray for our students and sponsors who are journeying in faith together as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring.

Jacob Smith Sponsor, Laura Hultstrand
Caitlyn Kelley Sponsor, Becky Kelley
Crystal Leffler Sponsor, Beanie Leffler
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ST. VINCENT de PAUL REFLECTION:

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of this love and so we also can respond in faith and trust. *As you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.*

Hiring: Our St. Vincent de Paul of Florence is hiring a Maintenance/Warehouse worker for 20-24 hours per week. If you interested or know anyone, applications are available at 400 Central Ave. Florence, WI.

Financial Statements for 2021 are available in the entry way for pick up for all those who contributed \$100 or more. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or if your donations were under \$100 and you would like a statement.

We are in need of sacristan's for weekend Masses.

What does that include you wonder?
Our Sacristans unlock the church doors, turn on the lights, light the candles, prepare the altar before Mass, remove all vessels and clean them after Mass. It is a wonderful opportunity to gain knowledge and deepen your faith. Please contact the office or Fr. Albert if you are interested.



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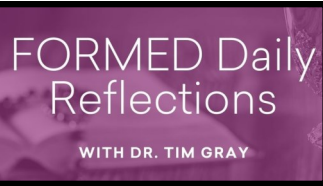
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Bulletin Connection - Today's Gospel is John's account of Jesus' first great "sign": the transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. For the churches of the East, the miracle at Cana is the fourth great event of their celebration of the Lord's Epiphany or manifestation to the world (the first three: his birth at Bethlehem, the adoration of the magi and his baptism at the Jordan by John). Cana evokes two important Scriptural symbols that point to the Messiahship of Jesus: First, wine in abundance was considered a sign for Israel of the Messianic age to come (one example is Isaiah 54: 5-14, Reading 4 for the Easter Vigil). The water in the six large stone jars used for the ritual washings mandated by the first covenant law is transformed by Jesus into Messianic wine, prefiguring the new covenant to be sealed in Jesus' blood (which we celebrate in the wine of the Eucharist).

Second, the limitless love of God for his people is described throughout Scripture in terms of marriage. Today's first reading from Isaiah is a beautiful example of this tradition. It is the strongest (yet still far from perfect) image we have to understand the depth of God's love for his holy people. The evangelist John pulls together these two power Messianic symbols of wine and marriage together to introduce the public ministry of Jesus, the promised Messiah and bridegroom. A final note: In verse 4 of today's Gospel, Jesus is not as brusque toward his mother as he sounds to us in the English translation of the text. The address "Woman" was a common courteous form of address in Jesus' time. We do not have in modern English an equivalent of this idiomatic expression. - Deacon Jerry Cross

St. Mary's Woman's Group is starting up again and they are planning to watch the movie 'The Chosen' with discussion to follow. The meeting date and time is still being worked out and will be announced soon!

Want to learn more about your Catholic Faith? Check out **FORMED**, an educational and informational website that gives you access to a wide variety of



Catholic movies, books, devotionals and CDs for children and adults. To register, go to stmaryflorence.formed.org. There is also an app available! **Amazing, Spiritual & Interesting**

Our **January Prayer Line** is available in the entryway. If you have anyone you would like added or removed please contact the office.

Prayer is Powerful!