

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday * 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving of healing from surgery & recovery
Offered by Dorothy Vayda
 Thursday * No Eucharistic Adoration *
 Friday * No 8:30 a.m. Mass *

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. For the People
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. + David Herrick
Offered by Ann Savino

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 15

Sacristan - Brant & Cindy Brolin
 Eucharistic Ministers - Volunteer if needed
 Lector - Karen Harrison
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, June 16

Sacristan - Al & Mary Kay Williams
 Eucharistic Ministers - Sally Neuens
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Lead Usher - Jay Glime
 Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

Thank you Terri Koehn and Trudy Rochon for cleaning the church and parish office!!

* Please be careful walking to church. *
 People are driving fast and not stopping at the intersection.

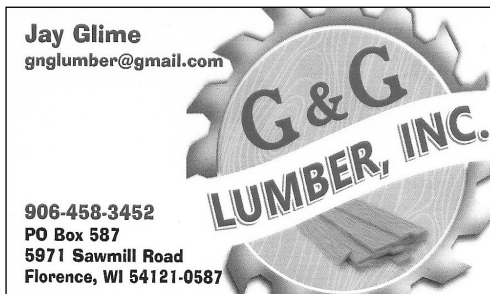


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Sat. Collection	Loose....\$87.00	Envelope....\$555.00	Total.....\$642.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$308.00	Envelope....\$337.00	Total.....\$645.00
Special: \$45.00	Electronic & Other.....\$90.00	Total Collections	\$1,422.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,306.00	

Upcoming Mass Changes

June 15 & 16

Fr. Timothy Shillcox will be our guest celebrant for both Masses.

Baptism of Oliver Perdomo on Saturday, June 15

Parents are Amber Kelley and Osbin Perdomo Rosales

Tuesday, June 18 - No 5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, June 20 - No Eucharistic Adoration

Fr. Soja will be away June 12-20.

The Office will be closed on Friday, June 14th.

The following volunteers are needed urgently:

- Lector for all Saturdays - currently our backups are helping but are often unavailable
- Sacristan for every other Saturday and Sundays
- Church and parish office cleaners - done monthly

We have back-up volunteers if plans change and you are unable to make an assigned date.

Please contact the parish office or fill out a gold sheet, located on the entryway tables, if interested in volunteering or being added as a back-up for vacations or illness. We appreciate your consideration!

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

Message from the Diocese Regarding the Updated Stipend & Stole Fee: The Diocese of Green Bay and our parishes are grateful to all who have generously provided a donation for Masses, funerals, weddings, and Quinceaneras in the past. The donation for these sacraments and services has remained the same for over thirty years throughout the Dioceses of Wisconsin. Recently, when the Bishops of the state of Wisconsin gathered, they decreed that stipends should be adjusted to reflect the current time. The new stipend structure is as follows:


Mass intention/stipend	\$20.00
Funeral Stole Fee	\$75.00
Wedding Stole Fee	\$100.00
Quinceanera Stole Fee	\$100.00

This new fee structure will become effective July 1, 2024. It will **not** be applied retroactively to those who have already paid the appropriate amount from the former fee scale. The new fee structure will be applied to all new requests received as of July 1, 2024. As always, if someone is not able to offer the stipend, the parish is always happy to provide the sacrament or service with no fee. Please know, too, that any stipend money collected goes to the parish in support of its ministry and services provided to the parish community; it does not go personally to the priest.



Congratulations to Lucy Reubens, the recipient of the St. Mary’s \$500 senior scholarship!! Lucy is the daughter of Julius & Andrea Reubens. She attended religious education at St. Mary’s, was an altar server, and taught our religious ed second graders this year.

She will be attending the University of Wisconsin - Madison next year to major in electrical engineering. Congratulations and best wishes Lucy!!



Knights of Columbus
 Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.
 For more information contact:
 Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379
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Friends, the word of God speaks of how evil infiltrated into the world through allurements and empty promises to disobey God. When people are willing to do something beautiful for God, the devil tries to destroy the plan or at least delay it. Jesus said, every sin and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven. But whoever


blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness. It is a conscious attempt to negate and discredit the work of God and a failure to give glory to God in the first place. In the Gospel, we hear even His family members failed to see the power of God at work in Jesus. In contrast, Jesus negates the natural family and affirms the supremacy of God’s family. He is the master of an undivided household, whose family members consist of those who hear him and act on the will of God.

Why is the devil bent on destroying our union with God? It is jealousy because we are the summit of God’s creation, created in His image and likeness. When the opposition is too strong, the tactic is to use proxies to capture the children. The devil is certain that God will go to the extent of sacrificing himself. John the Baptist had identified Jesus as the “mightier” one. Thus, it is clear that Jesus is no minion of Satan. Rather, He is the stronger one who ties up the strong man (Satan) and plunders his house by establishing God’s reign.

St. Faustina speaks of a threefold battle in our faith life. A battle against flesh, world and Satan. The battle has to be fought courageously trusting in Jesus. Today we are better equipped with the Gospel of Jesus to fight the enemy. God does not grant victory without a fight but provides an opportunity to become victorious. St. Paul says, “For our high priest is able to understand our weaknesses. He was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not sin. Let us then feel very sure that we can come before God’s throne where we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it.” (Heb 4: 14-16)

~ Fr. Soja

2024 Bishop’s Appeal: St. Mary’s has raised \$5,705 towards our goal of \$9,696. Thank you to all who have already donated. Whatever funds we don’t raise, will come out of our general church funds, so your help is greatly appreciated.

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