WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY'S

Parish Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes…

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday, 11/10, 5:30 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Ken Johnson Family
Offered by JoJo and Jesus Vasquez

Thurs., 11/12, Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled

Friday, 11/13, 8:30 a.m. For the People

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 11/14, 6:00 p.m. +Frank "Skip" Bilsky
Offered by Rob and Sue Ristau

Sunday, 11/15 8:30 a.m. +Gloria Merhalski
Offered by Jackie Tomlinson

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 11/14
Sacristan – Tanya Parker
Eucharistic Minister – ***Volunteer Needed***
Lector – Evan Parker
Lead Usher - ***Volunteer Needed***

Sunday, 11/15
Sacristan – Kathy Fabry
Eucharistic Minister – Kathy Fabry
Lector – Bill DeGroot
Lead Usher – Jay Glime
Money Counters – Jay and Lori Glime

10/31 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....$55.00	Envelope.....$390.00	Total.....$445.00
11/01 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....$419.00	Envelope.....$795.00	Total....$1,214.00
	Misc.....$250.00	Electronic.....$780.00	Total....$1,030.00
		Total Collections	**$2,689.00**
Budget:	$1,800.00	2025: $2,190.00	

2026 Holiday and Holy Day Mass Times

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day
Goodman 9:00 a.m. Mass
Florence **No Eucharistic Adoration**
Tuesday, December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Goodman 9:00 a.m. Mass
Florence **5:30 p.m. Mass**
Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
Goodman 4:00 p.m. Mass
Florence **6:00 p.m. Mass**
Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day
Florence **8:30 a.m. Mass**
Armstrong Creek 10:30 a.m. Mass
Thursday, December 31 – New Year's Eve
Florence **5:30 p.m. Mass (No Euch. Adoration)**
Friday, January 1, 2027 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Florence **8:30 a.m. Mass**
Armstrong Creek 10:30 a.m. Mass

(The Parish Office will be closed on Nov. 26th-27th to celebrate and thank our Lord for His many blessings. Happy Thanksgiving!)

(In honor of Christ's birth and to foster time with family and friends, the office will also be closed Dec. 24th – Jan. 1st and will reopen on Monday, January 4th, 2027. Merry Christmas!)

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ST. MARY'S WELCOMES YOU TO THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Annual Hunter's Bake Sale will be held opening weekend of rifle season, November 21st and 22nd. There are sign-up sheets on the entryway tables or feel free to bring something on that weekend. Proceeds will be used for the needs of our Parish. Thank you for your support!



"In gratitude for their courage, sacrifice, and dedication to protecting our freedoms, ***we invite all military veterans to join us for a special blessing at this weekend's masses***. We want to acknowledge your service to our country and lift all veterans and their families up in prayer!"



Medicare Open Enrollment: Open Enrollment for Medicare continues through Dec. 7th. For free, unbiased help contact Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Florence County at 715-528-4890.



Paid Position: Sidewalk Snow Removal
As the winter months approach, St. Mary's is seeking a reliable person to clear snow and ice from our church sidewalks and entryways this winter. ***This is a paid position!*** Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Bell Ringers are needed at Pat's Foods on Friday, Nov. 20th, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Please sign up on the church entryway tables if you are available.

How does one become a saint? Join Deacon Terry Saunders on Nov. 22nd at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Queen of Peace Parish, Kingsford, MI, for an inspirational evening of saints, miracles, healings, and fellowship. This night is for everyone and will raise awareness of the importance of being a true disciple for Christ our King!



Friends, the reading of this weekend urges us to seek wisdom diligently, to protect our soul from attack, slavery and death. We are called to be in the light of Christ, keep the light of Christ burning within us through constant infilling of the Holy Spirit. The church awaits the second coming of Christ and our waiting for the coming of the Lord is never passive. Being ready and prepared means living out the present moment to the fullest.

St. Paul says that we are to avoid everything in our daily lives that is not worthy of the gospel of Jesus. We are to live a life worthy of the calling and vocation that God has given to each one of us. Let us get ready and be prepared with all our heart, strength and mind! Pope Francis urged us to pray to God to pour out His mercy on the world. He also asks us to pray; "God almighty through the Blood of Christ, destroy the devil, disable and paralyze the traps of those who are manipulating the whole world". The same prayer is to be done addressing the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to St. Michael the Archangel and added to that 3 Our Fathers and 3 Hail Mary's.

The parable of wise virgins teaches us that we cannot borrow a prayer life at the last moment, nor can we borrow the sainthood or good works of others. Although we can pray from wherever we are, it is desirable that we frequent the church and before the tabernacle where Christ is really and truly present to us and to our prayers. Prayer is not an end in itself, but it is only a foundation on which we build a life of diligent preparation for the eternal feast.

Fr. Soja

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Celebration Dinner: The Pastoral Council is planning a Celebration Dinner for January 10th, 2027, for all parishioners! Please save the date as we will continue to celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season together!

Mother's Club Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th / 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m./ Basement of American Martyrs Church, Kingsford, MI. This is a welcoming evening for ***all*** mothers to grow in faith and community!

Finance Council Meeting: The Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 11th, at 6:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus
Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Monday 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.
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