

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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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday, 10/13, 5:30 p.m. +Roberta Samz
Offered by Mike and Jacqie glime

Thursday, 10/15, 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, 10/16, 8:30 a.m. +Gloria Merhalski
Offered by Mike and Jacqie Glime

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 10/17, 6:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, 10/18 8:30 a.m. +Gloria Merhalski
Offered by Mike and Carolyn Lemanski

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 10/17
Sacristan – Kathy Fabry
Eucharistic Minister – Kathy Fabry
Lector – Jean Fornetti
Lead Usher - **Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, 10/18
Sacristan – Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister – Sally Neuens
Lector – Kathy Jazinski
Lead Usher – Dan Jazinski
Money Counters – Dan and Kathy Jazinski

10/03 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$25.00	Envelope.....\$400.00	Total.....\$425.00
10/04 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$346.00	Envelope.....\$540.00	Total.....\$886.00
Building Fund.....\$25.00	Misc.....\$250.00	Electronic.....\$140.00	Total.....\$415.00
Total Collections			\$1,726.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$1,813.00

Veteran’s Day 2026:

We have not received any Service Members names, so parishioners and students can write letters of appreciation and thank you notes for their service. ***The Service Members do not have to be parish members.*** If you have someone you would like to receive a letter or care package, please contact the Parish Office or Mary Kay Williams at 906-282-4937. ***Thank you and God Bless America and those who serve our Country!***

American Martyrs Catholic Church Annual Fall Festival

Sunday, Oct. 18th, Parish Hall @ 908 W. Sagola St., Kingsford, MI
Featuring... Chicken Dinner with all the Trimmings
Served 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and again from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Adults - \$10 – Children 6-12 - \$5 – Children 5 & Under Free

Medicare Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for Medicare begins on October 15th. For free, unbiased help contact Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Florence County at 715-528-4890 and ask for Cliff Netto, Elder and Disability Benefit Specialist Certified – SHIP Counselor.

Parish Office: *The Parish Office* will be closed on Tuesday afternoon, October 13th, due to the secretaries attending a training.

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

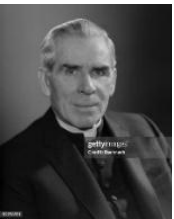
Praying with the Mission Church:

World Mission Sunday and Blessed Fulton Sheen

The beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on September 24th was a great gift to the Church in the United States. While many know him best for his TV presence, books, and charismatic eloquence, he repeatedly said, “My greatest love has always been for the missions of the Church.”

He is the greatest National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the history of the Church, helping raise \$200 million (in today’s money, \$2.1 billion) to support the growth of the Church.

Under his leadership (1950-1966), World Mission Sunday became a defining moment in the life of the Church in the United States. We can surely count on his intercession for World Mission Sunday 2026, which will take place next week on October 18th, as we together reflect upon, pray for and take a collection to support the missions. ***Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us!***



Bishop David Ricken Appoints New President and Rector of The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion

Bishop David Ricken, 12th bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay, has formally announced the appointment of Fr. Francis J. “Rocky” Hoffman as the president and fifth rector of The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, the first and only Church-approved Marian apparition site in the United States.



Friends, food is used in all three readings this week as sign of God’s favor and presence with His people. In both the first reading and the Gospel, the joys of salvation are compared to a great banquet of rich foods, choice wines and a place at the table with our Divine Host. Isaiah provides a breathtaking vision of God’s feast: prepared for everyone. God destroys the barriers that divide us, swallows up death, and wipes away every tear.

In the culture of Jesus’ time, the king who has invited everyone provided what they need to enter the feast. Hence, it is not difficult to recognize why the king would be so upset about seeing this improperly attired man who was so careless, perhaps, that he deliberately refused to wear the clothing that was made freely available.

The word “Church” is derived from the Greek word *ekklesia*, which means those having been called or invited. We are the ones who have responded to Jesus’ invitation. Hence, the first lesson taught by the parable is that God invites everyone, but each of us needs to give God’s invitation priority over every other good and important thing in life. The second lesson for all of us is that it’s not enough just to show up. We must be properly “dressed up.”

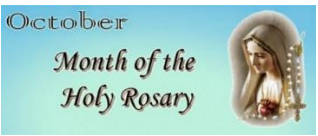
Jesus tells us that accepting the invitation means allowing God’s grace to change us. The wedding garment represents transformation, but we do have to put it on. Putting on the garment is to be clothed in grace completely. We may be thrilled to accept God’s invitation—if we get to decide how we show up. But can we sit at a table with everyone? With people whose lives look very different from ours?

Fr. Soja

October is the “Month of the Holy Rosary”

We will pray the Holy Rosary before both Saturday and Sunday weekend Masses. Thank you to those who will be leading us in prayer!

“The rosary is my favorite prayer. It is marvelous in its simplicity and its depth.” – *Saint John Paul II*



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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.

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