

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, 09/15, 5:30 p.m. **No Daily Mass**

Thursday, 09/17, **No Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday, 09/18, 8:30 a.m. **No Daily Mass**

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 09/19, 6:00 p.m. +Gloria Merhalski
Offered by Jacki Tomlinson

Sunday, 09/20 8:30 a.m. +Joan Leffler
Offered by Fred and Karen Leffler

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 09/19
Sacristan – Tanya Parker
Eucharistic Minister – Dan Throm
Lector – Evan Parker
Lead Usher - ***Volunteer Needed***

Sunday, 09/20
Sacristan – Kathy Fabry
Eucharistic Minister – Sally Neuens
Lector – Kathy Jazinski
Lead Usher – Dan Jazinski
Money Counters – Dan and Kathy Jazinski

09/05 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$70.00	Envelope.....\$410.00	Total.....\$480.00
09/06 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$1,008.00	Envelope.....\$335.00	Total...\$1,343.00
Building Fund	Misc.....\$250.00	Electronic.....\$140.00	Total.....\$520.00
	\$130.00		
Total Collections			\$2,343.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025: \$2,546.00	

Fr. Soja’s Upcoming Schedule and Visiting Priests:

Fr. Soja will be away on a Holiday from Sept. 7th-Oct. 1st. ***There will be no Daily Masses or Eucharistic Adoration during this time.***

Thank you to Fr. Tim Shillox who is celebrating masses this weekend at all three parishes.

Fr. Mike Betley will be St. Mary’s celebrant for masses the weekends of Sept. 19th - 20th and Sept. 26th - 27th.

Parish Landscaping: Our beautiful flower beds have been groomed. Please help yourself to the pots of free perennials in front of the Church and return the pots after planting if possible. We extend a ***HUGE*** thank you to Debbie Gibson and Kathy Fabry for their hard work. If you would like to donate for future landscaping needs, please place your donation in an envelope labeled Landscaping and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Cleaning Position Available: St. Mary’s ***needs*** someone to clean the Rectory twice per month. ***This is a paid position.*** If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 715-528-3310.

Religious Education: Religious Education classes will begin on Wednesday, September 16th. Please return your registration forms if you have not done so already. ***We also need additional Catechists!*** Please contact the Parish Office if you can help with this important Ministry. Thank you!

**ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Upcoming Wedding: St. Mary’s joyfully announces the upcoming marriage of Logan Doll and Hope Gerend. Please pray for Logan and Hope as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Mary’s on Saturday, September 19, 2026. *“Almighty God, give them your blessing and strengthen their love for each other.”*

St. Vincent de Paul Sunday: Come and celebrate St. Vincent de Paul Sunday by joining us for a ***free*** breakfast at St. Mary’s Catholic Church Hall on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 9:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

New Parish Lending Library: Please feel free to check out St. Mary’s new Lending Library. Simply choose a book, read it, enjoy it, and return it, so others can enjoy it, too. We hope you enjoy this new addition to St. Mary’s Parish.

Koinonia Retreat: Please join us at St. Anne Catholic Church, 221 E Main St., Lena, WI, for an encounter with Christ in community (Koinonia) with thought provoking talks, reflection, Reconciliation and faith-filled Masses. The weekend begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2nd and finishes at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th. A \$60 donation per person or \$100 per couple is requested, but we do have scholarships available for those who need it. For more information and to register, please contact Jeane Blunck at 715-587-4608 or email at blunck.jeane@gmail.com.



Traveling Rosary for Vocations: Thursday, Sept. 17, 1:00 – 2:30 PM at **St Rose Parish, Clintonville, 27 7th St. 54929**. All women and men are invited. The agenda includes song, rosary, and speaker Kellie Zahn R.E Director of St. Rose Parish. For more information call 920-323-3243 or visit www.gbdcw.org.

The Gift of Understanding helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our Catholic faith. By faith we know them, but by Understanding, the truths enter our soul, and we learn to appreciate them. The Gift of Understanding enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed Truths and converts a sterile faith to one rich in meaning.

“Come, O Spirit of Understanding and enlighten my mind that I may know all the mysteries of Salvation. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.” Amen



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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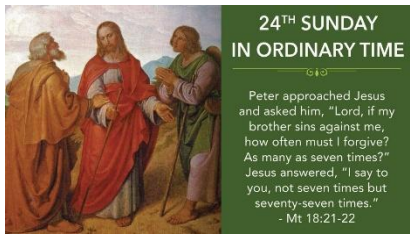


Friends, let me share a few thoughts about dealing with the serious hurts every one of us has suffered. When we are wronged, often we react in one of two ways: either we retaliate, or we retreat into silence and self-pity and wait for the offender to apologize. Unforgiveness has a health dimension, because gnawing consequences of unforgiveness can negatively affect the health of mind and body. It also has social consequences. It affects families and communities. In the words of George Hebert, “He who cannot forgive burns the bridge over which he himself must pass.”

Resentment is like taking poison and waiting for the other person to die. Payback seems so natural, but it is not only ineffective; it is also counterproductive. In weighty situations, forgiveness is not instantaneous; it is a process. We need to realize our own sinfulness. You and I are not perfect people. How can we hold another to perfection? We need to bring the situation to God, to pray during the process, this may sound like simplistic piety, but we who have been there and done this know its value. For God, forgiveness is total and is not measured. Let’s hear what Jesus taught, “You have heard the commandment, ‘an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,’” but I say to you forgive; he replaced this Law with the law of love.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus makes his point so strongly that he does something very unusual: he tells us the fearsome consequences of unforgiveness. He taught: “With the measure you measure, it will be measured to you.” The tragedy in today’s Gospel is that the unforgiving servant never really experienced in his heart the forgiveness the king had granted him. In our heart we receive God's mercy and offer that mercy to others. That is a heart-transforming dynamic. Forgiveness is a spiritual example of “use it [God’s mercy] or lose it” [God’s mercy]. Please invite one or more persons to the church next week. Let everyone encounter Christ's mercy in the Eucharist.

Fr. Soja



Current Bishop’s Appeal Total: \$9,480.00

Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal: \$8,880.00

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