

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY

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*Live the Gospel! Whatever it takes.*

\*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 Lou **715-528-3310**.

\*Questions regarding religious education and registration can be addressed to Carolyn Lemanski **715-528-3008**

\*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: Monday– Thursday 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.  
Friday - 8:30 a.m.

1st Fri. 10:00 a.m. Florence Health Services

**Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses**

**Holy Hour** on 1st Thursday - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

*Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Benediction.*

Other Thurs. Reconciliation/private prayer *\*we will begin praying the Rosary for all priests at 5:00 pm\**

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, Dec. 6 - Bill Cerwin (living)  
Friday, Dec 9 - + Tom Stumpf  
Saturday, Dec 10 - + Cliff McLain  
Sunday, Dec 11 - For the People

**Ministry Schedule Dec. 10 & 11**

**Saturday**

Sacristan - Brant & Cindy Brolin  
Lector - Evan Parker  
Servers - open  
Ushers – Open - volunteers appreciated

**Sunday**

Sacristan - Roy Rietz  
Eucharistic Minister - Roy Rietz  
Lector - Kathy Jazinski  
Servers - open  
Ushers - Lead usher - Mike Lemanski

Money counters - Kathy & Dan Jazinski

Church/Office Cleaning - Done!

Thank you!



This Advent Season please follow along with the booklet in your pews and participate in our Advent Candle lighting.

The First Advent Candle - Hope

**The Second Advent Candle - Love**

The Third Advent Candle - Joy

The Fourth Advent Candle - Peace

***Advent Food for Thought***

**Advent asks us:** Are we prepared to be awed? Are we prepared for love to triumph? Are we prepared for God's peace and joy to walk alongside us and come to life within us? If not, get ready! Advent is here!

**Daily Practice:** Be someone's unexpected sunrise today. With a smile in your eyes and joy on your face, make a call, send a note, or write a post that simply says, “I see Christ coming alive through you!”

**Advent Prayer:** Loving Creator, make me an instrument of your surprise. Open within me a desire to delight others with your unexpected joy.

**Fr. Lou and Fr. Praveen** will be offering an opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas**. Wednesday, Dec. 7th 4:00 - 5:00 pm for the younger R.E. students and **5:30 – 6:30 pm for high school students and all adults**.

A Huge THANK YOU!!! from Sarah and Ben. The care packages we sent for Veteran's Day were received and they along with their crew members are **very grateful**. They will send their personal thank you soon.

December 9th is the 20th anniversary of Fr. Lou’s Priestly Ordination. God Bless you for your many years of service Fr. Lou.



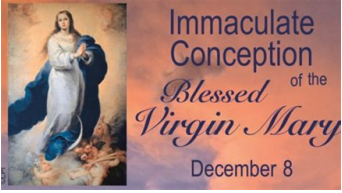
**Thank you** to the Knights of Columbus for your generous annual support of St. Mary’s!

Beginning Thursday, **Dec. 8th we will be praying the rosary for all priests at 5:00 pm**, during our weekly Adoration time (4:30 - 5:30 pm) on all weeks except the first Thursdays. All are welcome to join us!

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*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**Holy Day Mass is on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 6:00 pm**



and at 9:00 AM at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Armstrong Creek. We will be offering a **soup supper after our 6:00 pm Mass** for all who would like to join us. Thank you!



**Flowers** are always a welcome part of our Christmas decorations. We will be taking a **special collection this weekend for Christmas flowers**. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, place an envelope or check marked “FLOWERS” in the collection basket in the church entryway or use the designated envelope in your offertory box. **Thank you from the Arts and Environment committee.**

The Giving Tree . . . The spirit of Christmas comes to us by sharing our blessings with those in need. Bring joy to a child’s heart this Christmas season by taking a gift tag off of the tree displayed in the church entryway, and by kindly returning your **unwrapped** gift with the tag attached by **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**. As always, thank you for your generous support of this program!!



**Share in the Care. . .** Next weekend, **December 11th & 12th**, our parish will take a Retirement Collection to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups, or just to one. Please use the specially marked envelopes found in your pews.

*Volunteer Snow Shovelers needed please contact Julie!!*

***Christmas Mass Schedule***

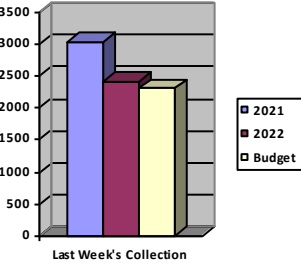
December 24<sup>th</sup> : 4:00 pm at Goodman/St. Joan of Ark  
and 6:00 pm at Florence/St. Mary’s

December 25<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am at Florence/St. Mary’s and  
10:30 am at Armstrong Creek/ St. Stanislaus Kostka



December 18th after Mass will be our Annual Children’s Christmas Program.

Following the program all are invited to assist in decorating the church along with a cinnamon bun social in the parish hall!



<b>Sat. General Collection</b>	Loose...\$12700	Envelope...\$265.00	Total...\$392.00
<b>Sun. General Collection</b>	Loose...\$168.00	Envelope...\$678.00	Total...\$846.00
<b>Electronic Transfer</b>	General...\$1,165.00		Total...\$1,165.00
<b>Total General Collections</b>			<b>\$2,403.00</b>

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