

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S
Parish Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Visit us on the web at **www.stmaryflorence.org**
Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday, 09/29, 5:30 p.m. **No Daily Mass**

Thursday, 10/01, **No Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday, 10/02, 8:30 a.m. +Leonard & Carol Zaleski
Offered by Matt McCarthy

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 10/03, 6:00 p.m. +Frank “Skip” Bilsky
Offered by St. Mary’s Parishioners

Sunday, 10/04 8:30 a.m. +Vance Freeberg and +Jim Johnson
Offered by Frances Freeberg Johnson

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 10/03
Sacristan – Dan Throm
Eucharistic Minister – Dan Throm
Lector – Missy Roberts
Lead Usher - ***Volunteer Needed***

Sunday, 10/04
Sacristan – Al and MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister – Al Williams
Lector – Kathy Jazinski
Lead Usher – Dan Jazinski
Money Counters – Dan and Kathy Jazinski

09/19 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$126.00	Envelope.....\$320.00	Total.....\$446.00
09/20 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$238.00	Envelope.....\$585.00	Total.....\$823.00
Rel. Ed.	\$40.00	Misc.....\$250.00	Electronic.....\$110.00
Build.Fund	\$100.00		Total.....\$500.00
Total Collections			\$1,769.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$1,295.00

Fr. Soja’s Upcoming Schedule and Visiting Priests:

Fr. Soja plans to return to Florence on October 1st. ***There will be 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass on Friday, October 2nd, unless there is a delay with his return.***

Thank you, Fr. Mike Betley, for celebrating Mass again this weekend at all three parishes. We are blessed you have returned to the Florence area and St. Mary’s Parish!

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.

Living Faith Booklets: Please feel free to take a Living Faith Booklet found on the entryway tables for the Daily Catholic Devotions for the months of October-December 2026.

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

Refrigerator Needed: St. Vinnie’s is looking for a working refrigerator for someone. If anyone has one that they would like to donate, please call Dorothy Vayda at 715-528-3068.

In Need of Catechists: Please consider volunteering with our Religious Education Program. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

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

Priesthood Sunday: Today is Priesthood Sunday. Thank you, Fr. Soja, for your dedication to our community, your faithful service and the joy you bring to our spiritual journey! We look forward to your return from your trip.

Thank you, Fr. Mike, for your dedication as you celebrate Mass with us while Fr. Soja is away. We are truly blessed to have you back in the Florence community! Happy Priesthood Sunday!

Mothers Club Meeting: Mothers are warmly invited to gather for Faith, Friendship and Fellowship on Tuesday, September 29th at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of American Martyrs Church. We would love to see you there!

Morning of Reflection: The GBDCCW are hosting a Morning of Reflection: ***Steeped in God’s Grace:*** Saturday, October 24; 8:30 AM – 12 Noon, at the Norbertine Spirituality Center. Sister Laura Zelten OSF will lead the morning reflection. *Admission is \$25 per person. Registration deadline is October 7. For a registration form go to www.gbdccw.org. For more info call 920-619-5731.*

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.

Thank You: We offer a sincere Thank You to Beanie Leffler and Rosie Peters for giving their time and energy to clean our Parish during the month of September. We are truly grateful for your effort to make our worship space welcoming for all!

October is the “Month of the Holy Rosary”. We will pray the Rosary before Sunday’s Mass beginning at 8:10 a.m., and we welcome anyone to lead the Rosary on Saturday as well.



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.

Lead with faith ~ Protect your family ~ Serve others ~ Defend your values



Friends, in today’s Gospel Jesus tells us that if we believe in and live His teachings, we will enter the Kingdom of God. Francis de Sales notes: Jesus comes to teach us what we ought to do to love divinely. He confounds a culture that leads us to pursue false goals, a culture that never ceases to say, “How happy are the wealthy!” For Jesus, the blessed are they who conduct themselves in this life with trust in God. They will win perpetual peace and tranquility. They hear the word of God, keep it and profit by it.

There are two reasons why people do not profit from the word of God. First, they may indeed hear it and be interiorly moved by it. Yet, they postpone acting on it until tomorrow. Our life is the today in which we are living. Who can promise themselves tomorrow? Our life consists of this present moment in which we are living. We can only assure ourselves of this moment that we now enjoy however brief it may be.

Second, some people have a great deal of knowledge. They amass all sorts of spiritual advice and information but never put it into practice. We only learn the teachings of Jesus well when they become a part of our daily living. To live Jesus, we must allow ourselves to let go of our disordered emotions, habits, and affections.

We need to let Jesus in the Eucharist transform our emotions and affections so that they help us to become a divinely loving person. We do this by our constant union with the Eucharistic Lord within us. Do not trouble yourself with anything else, except to follow Jesus’ teachings. Trust in the goodness of God, who will surely provide all that you need to enter the Kingdom of God.
Fr. Soja

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen





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