

# WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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## Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. For the People  
 Thursday 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
 Friday 8:30 a.m. In Honor of Bill & Trudy DeGroot’s 50th Wedding Anniversary

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. For the People  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Dominic Jazinski  
*Offered by Dan & Kathy Jazinski*

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, May 25

Sacristan - Dan Thom  
 Eucharistic Minister - Dan Thom  
 Lector - Yvonne Leslie  
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

### Sunday, May 26

Sacristan - Roy Rietz  
 Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot  
 Lector - Bill DeGroot  
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski  
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski

Church & Office Cleaning: Beanie Leffler & Rosie Peters

<b>Sat. Collection</b>	Loose....\$31.00	Envelope....\$320.00	Total.....\$351.00
<b>Sun. Collection</b>	Loose...\$241.00	Envelope....\$525.00	Total.....\$766.00
	<b>Electronic &amp; Other.....\$290.00</b>	<b>Total.....\$290.00</b>	
<b>Budget:</b>	\$2,028.00	2023: \$960.00	



**BEST WISHES!!**

**Congratulations to Our 2024 Graduates on Baccalaureate Sunday from Your St. Mary’s family!!** For years, William Kelley was our consistent, go-to altar server and you’d always see him helping out with various activities. Lucy Reubens was an altar server and taught religious ed for our 2nd graders and First Communicants this year. Jackson Robinson was an altar server as well.

Thank you seniors for your service at St. Mary’s!! May God bless you and watch over you, and all the Florence graduates, on their future endeavors!!

**Bakers and Treat Enthusiasts Wanted:** We will have our annual bake sale next weekend. If you are able to bring in a delicious treat, please sign up in the entryway or feel free to bring something in on Saturday or Sunday. All proceeds go toward a scholarship for a graduating senior from St. Mary’s. Thank you for your assistance, so we can continue with the scholarship funded by our Hospitality & Outreach Committee.

**Volunteers Needed:** Please contact the Parish Office if you can help water the plants a few times a week this summer. Thank you!

## ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO PENTECOST



Friends, the season of Easter concludes with today’s celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The church is to proclaim the truth. Truth is obvious and simple that we don’t take note of it. The Holy Spirit inspires us to believe in the truth, and the truth is nothing but Jesus is the son of God. The truth doesn’t need to be either exaggerated or diluted.

**Second Collection for Home Missions:** The annual collection for Home Missions - Our Own Needs will take place this weekend. The collection supports the Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communications & Evangelization, Catholic Home Missions, and the Catholic University of America.

**Thank You Winter Volunteers:** As we move into the summer months, we’d like to thank Jeff Koehn, Hannah and Carolyn Lemanski, all our ushers, the Parker Family, and all the volunteers who stepped in to keep the sidewalks clean of ice and snow. You are all appreciated!!



**Congratulations to Bill & Trudy DeGroot on Their 50th Wedding Anniversary!!** We give thanks for the blessing that God has given you through your beautiful marriage and family. We are blessed here at St. Mary’s to have you as part of our parish family. Happy Anniversary!!

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church’s sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Jesus said, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (Jn 16:33). Jesus warned his disciples and us that we would not find peace in this world. But we will find peace in the abiding presence of Jesus within us. “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” (Jn 15:11). Obviously, we have to look at Jesus for peace and joy.

~ Fr. Soja

**Holy Communion to the Homebound:** If you are interested in becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion to the homebound, you are required to take a course offered by the Office of Divine Worship of the Diocese of Green Bay. Workshops focus on training those who already serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion as well as those who wish to begin in this volunteer ministry outside of church. To register or see locations and dates, visit [Summer Workshops – Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion \(gbdioc.org\)](http://SummerWorkshops-ExtraordinaryMinistersofHolyCommunion(gbdioc.org)).

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