

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...

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Weekday Masses and Intentions
 Tues. 4/8 5:30pm +Zowie Dellemann & Owen Vaughn
Offered by Heather Roberts

Thurs. 4/10 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Fri. 4/11 8:30am +Peter Podnar
Offered by Bob, Mary, & Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions
 Sat. 4/12 6:00pm +Tg: Living & Deceased Members of the Miller/Johnson Families
Offered by Jesus & Jo Vasquez

Sun. 4/13 8:30am +Joe & Jane Neuens
 + Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving
 Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

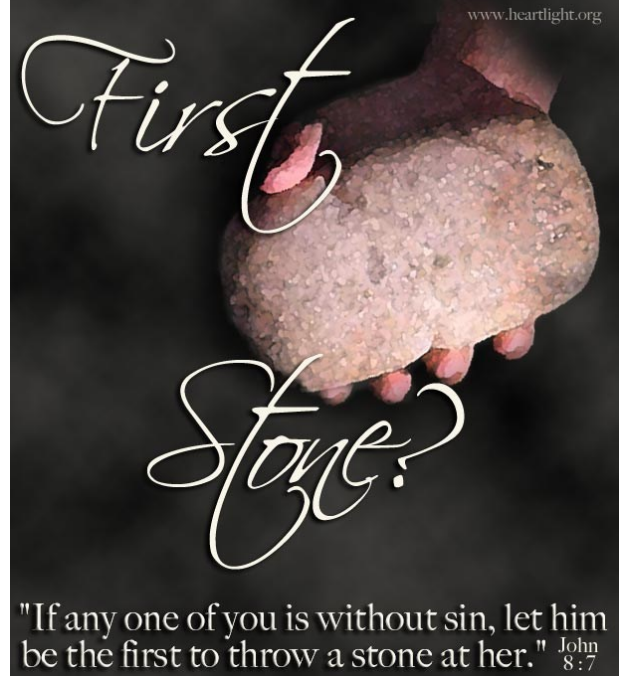
Ministry Schedule
Saturday, April 12th
 Sacristan - Dan Throm
 Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm
 Lectors- Al Williams & Volunteer Needed
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, April 13th (Palm Sunday)
 Sacristan - Clara McLain
 Eucharistic Ministers - Sally Neuens
 Lectors - Kathy Jazinski & Carolyn Lemanski
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski



03/29 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$55.00	Envelope...\$625.00	Total...\$680.00
03/30 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$10.00	Envelope...\$70.00	Total...\$80.00
World’s Poor...	\$86.00	Electronic...\$1,040.00	Misc...\$745.00
			Total...\$1,901.00
Easter Flowers...			Total Collection: \$2,661.00
\$30.00			
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$1,634.00	

A gentle reminder:
 Palm Sunday is next weekend; the beginning of Holy Week!



Holy Week Schedule

- ♦ **Holy Thursday— 4/17, @ Goodman, 6:00pm**
- ♦ **Good Friday—4/18, @ Florence, 12:00pm & @ Armstrong Creek, 3:00pm**
- ♦ **Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil—4/19, @ Goodman, 8:00pm**
- ♦ **Easter Sunday—4/20, @ Florence, 8:30 am & @ Armstrong Creek, 10:30am**

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ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT!

Notes & Reminders

- ♦ **Mass Intentions:** Mass is a beautiful prayer offering; one of the most powerful prayers we have. Please contact the office to schedule them. Suggested donation \$10.
- ♦ **Lost & Found:** Please see our basket in the entryway for any lost items! **NEW:** Lenten Gospel Reflections book (Bishop Barron) was left in one of the pews.
- ♦ There will be **no mass on Tuesday April 15th.** Fr. Soja will be at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.
- ♦ There will be **no Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Thursday, April 17th** due to mass held in Goodman @ 6pm.

Upcoming Events

- ♦ **The Dickinson County Community Chorus** will be singing a Concert/Ecumenical Choral Service **Tuesday April 15th, 7pm @ American Martyrs in Kingsford.**

St. Vincent DePaul

St. Vincent DePaul Activities for the months of: *Jan Feb Mar*

	First Month	Second Month	Third Month
Families served through the Pantry/Commodities	71	75	80
Adults	105	107	109
Children	14	28	26
People Helped with Rent	2	0	1
People Helped with Utilities	0	0	0
Helped with Gas Vouchers	1	1	0
Helped with Prescriptions	0	0	0
Helped with Other Items	5	0	1

The Store is always in need of help.
 If interested, call 715-528-4720 to volunteer.



Our 2025 Bishop’s Appeal Goal:
\$9,274.00

As of 04/01/2025,
 Our Current Bishop’s Appeal Total:
\$5,345.00

Knights of Columbus
 Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 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 our first reading prophet Isaiah speaks to the people who have been taken captive and exiled from their land. They are taken captive by Babylon: because they had abandoned God, stopped following Him, weren’t keeping the Sabbath, were oppressing widows, and on and on. But when they were praying and crying out to God, “Take us back to the land of our fathers! Take us back to our normal life”. Through Isaiah, the Lord says, “Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not. Behold, I am doing something new! Do you not perceive it?” (Is. 43:18-19). This is the question for us, as it was for them: Do we perceive and desire the “new” that God is working in our lives? Or are we too preoccupied with returning to the “normal,” the comfortable, the sinful, and predictable? Do we want to return to that which we have tried in the past and did not work.

No wonder when Israel faced difficulties they complained to Moses: “why did you bring us out of Egypt? Take us back.” It is not always easy to walk in faith and persevere in trusting God. As long as Israel walked trusting God in faith, they had peace, love and power. They defeated mighty armies with less resources but with God on their side. But when materialism entered into their life, and they began to identify less and less with God, the Babylonians and the Assyrians became powerful. It is our story too. In our Gospel today the religious leaders bring the woman caught in adultery to Jesus, seeking to trap him by asking if she should be stoned, as the law of Moses commanded. Jesus responds by saying, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." One by one, the accusers leave, realizing their own imperfections. Jesus made them recognize that you are the woman who is about to be stoned. It is normal to sin and the result is death. However, if we wish to live eternally, God offers forgiveness in Jesus.

This passage highlights themes of mercy, forgiveness, and the importance of self-reflection before judging others. It reminds us that compassion should guide our actions and that we all need grace in our lives. But whenever we embrace materialism, the devil is able to convince us that we do not have power, freedom and happiness. It wants to derail the progress we make towards heaven. The truth is that cut off from God we become less powerful, less free and unhappy. The Lord wants to give us a second chance in this life – that is something new, not normal or ordinary but extraordinary- which is a life of grace and dignity as a child of God. so let us place ourselves before the Lord and beg for the “new (hope)” he offers. Let us rediscover our friendship with God in the Eucharist.

~Fr. Soja

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