

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY'S

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 01/06 5:30 p.m. +Kevin Richtig
Offered by Bob and Mary Podnar

Thursday 01/08 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 01/09 8:30 a.m. +Susan Clark
Offered by Stephen Clark

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 01/10 6:00 p.m. +Patricia Sarbacker
Offered by Joe and Sue Mills

Sunday 01/11 8:30 a.m. For the People

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 10

Sacristan - Clara McLain
 Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain
 Lector - Heather Roberts
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, January 11

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams
 Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Lead Usher - Jay Glime
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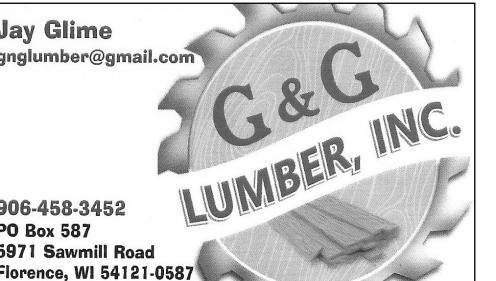
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ST. MARY'S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



The beautiful Christmas Flowers that adorn our worship space were donated in Memory of the following loved ones:

Dan Bauer, Cora Bauer, Steve Bauer, Ginny Ehrenreich, Mary Jo Bomberg, Paul Bomberg, Bob & Claire Landry, Bob & Jan Dallapiazza, Deceased Members of the Donaldson and Steber Families, Mike & Heddy Fornetti, Glenn & Janet Sundquist, Corky Miller, Jule & Cleo Glime, Jack & Elaine Rochon, Francis Samz, Jim Cominsky, Deceased Members of the Lemanski Family, Caryl Novara, Deceased Members of the Podnar and Weber Families, and Ed & Marie Vanden Heuvel.



Friends, The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates a beautiful truth at the heart of our faith: Jesus is revealed as Savior not only to Israel, but to the whole world. The Magi, who came from distant lands, represent all nations and people seeking light in the darkness. Saint Matthew tells us that they followed a star, trusting that God was guiding their journey (Matthew 2:1-2). The journey of the Magi was not easy. They traveled far, faced uncertainty, and even encountered resistance from King Herod. Yet they did not turn back. Scripture tells us, "They rejoiced exceedingly with great joy" when they found the child Jesus (Matthew 2:10). True joy is always found when we encounter Christ, even after a long and difficult journey.

The First Reading proclaims, "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). This light is not meant to be hidden. Just as the star led the Magi to Jesus, our faith is meant to lead others to Christ. Through our words, actions, kindness, and faithfulness, we become signs that point toward Him. Saint Paul reminds us that this mystery—that all nations are coheirs in Christ—has now been revealed (Ephesians 3:6). Epiphany challenges us to look beyond boundaries, prejudices, and comfort zones. The Church is called to be open, welcoming, and missionary, reflecting the universal love of God.

The first day of the year is devoted to the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, emphasizing Mary's role in salvation history and providing an opportunity to share in her joy at welcoming Christ to the world. Mary, as His mother, was privileged to receive Jesus in such a unique way. Especially on this Solemnity, the faithful are invited to celebrate Mary's divine Maternity and share in her joy by embracing Jesus with love. This week, ask yourself: What star is God using to guide me closer to Him? And how can my life become a light for someone else? When we sincerely seek the Lord, He always reveals Himself. The prayer to Mary, star of the sea, is a cherished devotion that turns to the motherly care of Mary, asking for guidance, protection, and hope in life's storms. Happy New Year!!!

Fr. Soja



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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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