

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & 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

Tuesday, 07/28, 5:30 p.m. + Joanne Taff
Offered by Brant and Cindy Brolin

Thursday, 07/30, 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration.

Friday, 07/31, 8:30 a.m. + Joanne Taff
Offered by Dennis and Karen Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 08/01, 6:00 p.m. + Gloria Merhalski
Offered by Brant and Cindy Brolin

Sunday, 08/02, 8:30 a.m. + Roberta (Muench) Samz
Offered by Al and MaryKay Williams

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 08/01

Sacristan - Clara McLain
Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain
Lector - Missy Roberts
Lead Usher - ***Volunteer Needed***

Sunday, 08/02

Sacristan - Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister - Al Williams
Lector - Kathy Jazinski
Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
Money Counters - Dan and Kathy Jazinski

07/18 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$56.00	Envelope.....\$350.00	Total.....\$406.00
07/19 Sun. Coll.	Loose..\$417.00	Envelope.....\$545.00	Total.....\$962.00
	Misc... \$290.00	Electronic.....\$110.00	Total.....\$400.00
		Total Collections:	\$1,768.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00	2025:	\$2,306.00

Fr. Soja’s Schedule/Visiting Priest:

Fr. Soja will be away for his Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal next weekend, August 1st-2nd.

Fr. Eric Olsen will be our Guest Celebrant for St. Mary’s weekend masses on August 1st -2nd.

Upcoming Meeting:

Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thurs., August 6th, 2026.

In Honor of the Holy Spirit...

Come Holy Spirit: The three-ness of the Holy Trinity, One God, will always be a mystery to contemplate while we are still walking the Earth. Someone once asked why the Blessed Mother is so closely associated with roses? The explanation given is that the stem represents God the Father, the flower represents Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is represented by the fragrance.

Have you ever had an experience of the Holy Spirit? Would you like the Holy Spirit to be more active in your life? Let us pray often “Come, Holy Spirit, Come.” Amen.

ST. MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Raising Vocations for Tomorrow, Help them say Yes!: As friends and followers of Jesus, we need to accompany our young men and women as they consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. In one week, you can do just that by supporting the Raising Vocations Collection! Watch your mailboxes for more details. Your gift will benefit ministries that journey with young people, help them discover Christ and say “yes” to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. This work happens through youth events, college campus ministry, youth and young adult ministry, and much more. Because of you, we can support our youth and help them hear the call God has for them. Thank you for your generosity!

Precious Blood of Jesus: The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

Ministry Volunteers: St. Mary’s continues to need: Sacristans, **Lectors**, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers, ***especially for the Saturday Evening Mass!*** Contact the Parish Office if interested.

Sacred Heart Parish: Sacred Heart in Aurora, WI, is celebrating 100 years of Faith and Family on Sunday, August 23rd. Come share your family story.



Current Bishop’s Appeal Total: \$8,875.00

Our 2026 Bishop’s Appeal Goal: \$8,880.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!



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, this weekend Jesus presents four parables to teach us about the eternal value of the kingdom. The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and *out of joy* goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. They put what is good into buckets. What is bad, they throw away.

Buried treasure, fine pearls, and buckets of tasty nourishing fish are all valuable in themselves. But today Jesus is challenging us: What do WE treasure? Would we sell everything we have to deepen our relationship with God? Would we toss out the things that do not belong in our buckets – the grudges, distractions, and false treasures? Would we have the wisdom to keep what nourishes the soul and let go of whatever keeps us away from God’s love? In this kingdom where God dwells, what does God consider as *his* most valuable treasure? YOU!

God’s deepest desire is to enter a personal relationship with you, and with me, and with all the children he created out of love. Would God sell everything he has for you and for me? He already did! He sent his Son into the world to offer his life on the Cross and open for us eternal life – eternal relationship – with God.

God is the head of the household, He holds our memories and our hopes, our failures and our dreams, our past, our present, and our future. Nothing is lost in God’s kingdom. Everything is gathered in his loving and merciful hands. This is Christian hope! So let us look into our hearts and reflect on what Jesus is teaching us. What do you value above all else? God values us. We are the treasure that God seeks and loves into eternity. May we spend our lives seeking the One who has already found us, loving the One who has already loved us, and treasuring the God who treasures us beyond all measure.

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