

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

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Tg Gloria Merhalski  
*Offered by Heather Roberts*  
Thursday 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
Friday 8:30 a.m. + Richard Meyers  
*Offered by Bob, Mary, & Tommy Podnar*  
Friday 10:00 a.m. At Florence Health Services

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. + Jack & Elaine Rochon  
*Offered by Mike & Jacqie Glime*  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Mark Peters, Doris  
Keehan & Corky Miller  
*Offered by Rosie Peters*

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all masses

Ministry Schedule - Pentecost

Saturday, June 7

Sacristan - Dan Throm  
Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm &  
Al Williams, 1 volunteer needed

Lector - Missy Roberts  
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, June 8

Sacristan - Al & Mary Kay Williams  
Eucharistic Minister - Clara McLain & Dan  
Jazinski, 1 volunteer needed  
Lector - Kathy Jazinski  
Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski  
Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski

Sat. Collection	Loose...\$138.00	Envelope....\$230.00	Total.....\$368.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$582.00	Envelope....\$487.00	Total....\$1,069.00
Ascension..\$90.00	Electronic & Other.....\$40.00	Total.....\$130.00	
		Total Collections	\$1,567.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$2,492.00	

Volunteers Needed Urgently:

- Lectors - Currently we only have two lectors available Saturday.
- Sacristans
- Eucharistic Ministers - Primarily needed on the holy days when we have three ministers help distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the congregation.
- Money Counters - This can be completed on Sundays or Mondays. The money counters add up the weekend collection and deposit it at the bank.
- Church and parish office cleaners - This can be done as a pair to chat while you work or on your own if you want to enjoy the silence in the presence of Jesus.

We are always in need of help but with summer here and travel, we are in need of more volunteers. If you have any questions about any of the above ministries, please contact the parish office or speak to a parishioner that does a ministry you are interested in. Even if you would like to be added as a back-up for vacations, illness, etc., that would be an immense help. Thank you for your consideration!

**Florence community rummage sales:** Support our community members next weekend at the rummage sales on Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Happy hunting!

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE  
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**Offertory Envelopes are available in the entryway:** If you don’t see a box with your name and should have one, please contact the parish office. We wouldn’t be here without the continued support of our parishioners and visitors. Thank you for your generosity!!

**Thank you to our treat enthusiasts and talented bakers:** Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$350.00 last weekend at our annual Memorial Day bake sale!!

**Second Collection for Home Missions:** The annual collection for Home Missions will take place June 7 & 8. The collection supports the Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communications & Evangelization, Catholic Home Missions, and the Catholic University of America. This consolidated collection helps the Church evangelize in the US, including here in the Diocese of Green Bay. Your support helps the Church spread the gospel message and form many in their faith.



**Thank you to our Rosary leaders for May:** During the Month of Mary, we prayed the Rosary to our Blessed Mother after Mass. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

**Pictured left is the beautiful angel recently placed in the Commonwealth St. Mary’s Cemetery.** Thank you to all who worked on the project to make it possible! We are blessed to have so many talented and wonderful parishioners!



His own person: "for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him" (St. Leo).

It is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin. It is in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Today's feast, the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature - to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. Death is no longer the end of man; it is rather the real beginning. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. Let us look up to heaven today and say: Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

~ Fr. Soja

**Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession:** You are invited to meet at Immaculate Conception in Iron Mountain, MI, on Sunday, June 22 at 12:30 p.m. for a 1.5 mile procession to St. Mary’s & St. Joseph’s. We are hoping not for dozens of people to attend, but HUNDREDS!

If you would like to help the day of, or be on the planning team, contact Barry Voss at [barry.voss@billerud.com](mailto:barry.voss@billerud.com)

**2025 Bishop’s Appeal:** St. Mary’s has raised \$6,345.00 towards our goal of \$9,274.00. Thank you for your support!

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**Knights of Columbus**  
Local Council #2847 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 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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