

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY

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Live the Gospel! Whatever it takes.

*If you are interested in joining our parish, becoming Catholic, marriage prep, baptism prep, confirmation, funerals, returning to the Church, spiritual direction, information on grief support, would like communion brought to you, inquiring about an annulment or have other concerns, contact Father Soja 920-445-4560.

*Questions regarding religious education and registration can be addressed to Carolyn Lemanski 715-528-3008

*Call St. Vincent de Paul Conference for assistance with basic needs: 715-528-2030

*To schedule a Mass intention, volunteer for a parish ministry, rent the parish hall, request a prayer shawl or request prayers, call the parish office. 715-528-3310

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

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.
 Friday - 8:30 a.m.

1st Fri. 10:00 a.m. Florence Health Services
 Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Holy Hour on 1st Thursday - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Benediction.
 Other Thurs. Reconciliation/private prayer *we will begin
 praying the Rosary for all priests at 5:00 pm*

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 9 - Tg Kathleen Kusmitch
 Friday, May 12 - Tg Stephen Kusmitch
 Saturday, May 13 - For the People
 Sunday, May 14 - the Living & Deceased members
 of the Kramer Family

+ deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Ministry Schedule May 13 & 14

Saturday

Sacristan - Brant & Cindy Brolin
 Eucharistic Minister -
 Lector - Yvonne Leslie
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Open - volunteers appreciated

Sunday

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - Roy Rietz
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Servers - open
 Ushers - Lead usher - Jerry Divine

Money counters - Dorothy Vayda & Jerry Divine
 Church/Office Cleaning - Beanie Leffler & Rosie Peters

Thank you!

ST. MARY'S WELCOMES YOU TO THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



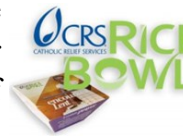
May is dedicated to Mother Mary and praying the Rosary. Please join us during the month of May as we pray the Rosary before Mass. If you are willing to help lead the Rosary at either Mass, please contact the parish office. *Praying the Rosary has changed the world.*

Our Memorial Day Bake Sale is Coming...



St. Mary's Hospitality and Outreach Bake Sale is taking place after our Memorial Day Masses on May 27th & 28th. We are looking for bakers. *If anyone is willing to help with this annual fundraiser please sign up on the sheets in the entryway. Thank you.* The funds raised from this event are all used to welcome people to St. Mary's and support our students. For example, H & O funds the upcoming scholarship which will be awarded on May 21st.

Thank you to all who participated in the Lenten CRS Rice Bowl project. Over \$66.00 was raised for the Catholic Relief Services! Your Lenten gifts change lives.



Please remove any old decorations from the cemetery in the coming weeks prior to the Memorial Day holiday. To obtain more rules & regulations for St. Mary's Cemetery, please visit our website or contact the parish office. *Thank you for keeping our cemetery a sacred place.*

Can you offer a few hours to assist us in keeping the Church property looking fresh and lovely. **We are having a work bee on Thursday, May 11th beginning at 9:45 am**, Spring is coming...

Sharing the light of Christ! Bishop's Appeal 2023

Our 2023 Goal is \$10,226 We have raised \$8,990

Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families and neighbors here in north-eastern Wisconsin. To make a gift today, envelopes are in the pews and entryway, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give, or call Tammy Danz toll-free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8123. **We kindly ask that all donations be mailed directly to the diocese at PO Box 23001, Green Bay, WI, 54305-3001. (Checks payable to CF/Bishop's Appeal). Thank you!**



Friends, we honor motherhood, which is an embodiment of God's unconditional and self-sacrificing love on earth. Mother's Day is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2023 will occur on Sunday, May 14. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Ann Jarvis did not want Mother's Day to be commercialized with the exchange of flowers and cards and other gifts. However, today Mother's Day involves presenting moms with flowers, cards, and other gifts.

Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers make for their children. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children.

A mother is a person who does the extraordinary act of caring for a child. For some of us 'mother' is a happy memory. We fondly remember our mothers and pray for them, cherishing the extraordinary things they said and did for us. They have done humongous sacrifices for their children that are only known to God alone. As Catholics during this month of May we remember our Blessed Mother and her devotion to God and her devotion to the children of God. Scripture calls Mary as "Blessed among all women", the young mothers who seek wisdom and understanding in how to enrich the life of their children can always draw closer to Mary. Happy Mother's Day to all over devoted mothers!
 ~Fr. Soja

Home Mission/ Our Own Needs collection. Pentecost weekend, Saturday, May 23 and Sunday May 24, the annual collection for Home Missions/Our Own Needs will take place. The four major beneficiaries represented in this collection are: The Catholic Communications/Evangelization Campaign, The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, The Black and Native American Missions and The Catholic University of America. Envelopes are available at the end of the pews. *"Tell those who are rich in this world's goods...to be rich in good works and generous, sharing what they have."* 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Entrust: Disciples on Mission Retreat

During this intensive experience, attendees will receive the vision, formation, and practical knowledge in how to carry out the process of spiritual multiplication. *Thanks to the generosity of the Bishop's Appeal, this retreat is free of charge for staff, volunteers, and parishioners within the Diocese of Green Bay.* Contact the parish office or go online to sign-up. Registration links are typically available and registration opens 2 months prior to each retreat. Please note that capacity is limited, and sessions fill up quickly.

May 22-24, 2023 St. Norbert Abbey, De Pere

August 7-9, 2023 St. Norbert Abbey, De Pere

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		Other...\$1,420.00	Total...\$1,420.00
		Total Collections	\$2,543.00
Budget:	\$2300.00	2022:	\$2,482.00

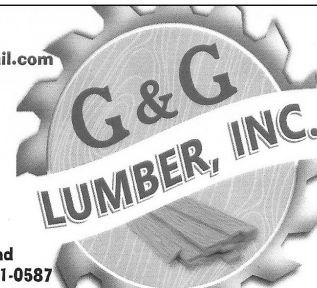
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