

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

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

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 7/15 5:30 p.m. Tg. Healing for Carla
Kramer and for all Families
Offered by Anonymous
Thursday 7/17 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 7/18 8:30 a.m. +Richard Meyers
Offered by Anonymous

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 7/19 6:00 p.m. For the People
Sunday 7/20 8:30 a.m. + Catherine Doll
Offered by Candace and Stephen Dott
+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving
Confession available 30 minutes before all masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 19

Sacristan - Dan Throm
Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm
Lector - Heather Roberts
Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, July 20

Sacristan - Clara McLain
Eucharistic Minister - Bill DeGroot
Lector - Bill DeGroot
Lead Usher - Jay Glime
Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

6/28 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$135.00	Envelope....\$320.00	Total.....\$455.00
6/29 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$357.00	Envelope....\$515.00	Total.....\$872.00
Bldg. Fund\$25.00	Electronic & Other.....\$1,040.00	Total...\$1,065.00	
		Total Collections	\$2,392.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$3451.21	

7/5 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$80.00	Envelope....\$200.00	Total.....\$280.00
7/6 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$533.00	Envelope....\$495.00	Total....\$1,028.00
Electronic & Other....\$190.00			Total.....\$190.00
		Total Collections	\$1498.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2024: \$1994.00	

Thank you for the support and generosity received over the 4th of July holiday.

May God Bless!

Fr. Soja’s Schedule

Fr. Soja is away this weekend to participate in the Missionary Co-operation Plan (MCP). We welcome Fr. Demos and Fr. Hanz.

Fr. Soja will be leaving for India on July 21st and will return on August 21st. There will be no weekday masses while he is in India.

Fr. Tim Shillcox will celebrate mass at St. Mary’s on July 26-27.

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

Parishioner Welcome: We are delighted to welcome Rodger & Marcia Melin to our parish family! It is wonderful to have you with us, and we hope you will feel right at home. We encourage you to explore all the ways to get involved in our parish community and are excited to get to know you!



Human Dignity Mission Collection: We recently collected \$261.00 for the Human Dignity Mission to support initiatives that promote and protect the dignity of every human person. Thank you for your generosity!

Bulletin: If you would like to add anything to the bulletin, please email or call the office as soon as possible.

Traveling Rosary for Vocations: Thursday, July 17; 1:00 – 2:30 PM at Prince of Peace Parish; 3425 Willow Rd; Green Bay; 54311. For more info please call 920-323-3243 or visit www.gbdcw.org.

St. Mary’s has raised \$7,630.00 towards our goal of \$9,274.00. There are pledge cards available in the entryway if you need one. Thank you for your support!



Lead with faith ~ Protect your family ~ Serve others ~ Defend your values

Knights of Columbus

Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara. For more information contact:



Dear Friends, Our Sunday readings this week focus on themes of God's Word being accessible and effective and the imperative to love our neighbor through compassionate action. The First Reading from Deuteronomy emphasizes the proximity of God's commandments. Moses reminds the people that the law is not something distant or unattainable, but is “something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out”.

This theme is echoed in the Gospel reading from Luke, which features the well-known Parable of the Good Samaritan. A lawyer attempts to test Jesus by asking what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus responds by asking him to recall what is written in the law. The lawyer correctly answers, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself". It is the double-love commandment. However, the lawyer, wishing to justify himself, asks, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus then tells the story of the man who fell victim to robbers on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Both a priest and a Levite pass by on the other side, avoiding the injured man. It is the Samaritan, a person from a group often despised by the Jews, who shows compassion, cares for the man's wounds, and provides for his continued care at an inn.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who acted as a neighbor, he replies, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus tells him, "Go and do likewise". The conclusion is that applying merciful love in any situation constitutes the double-love commandment and that limited love contradicts God’s double-love command. God’s mercy to humanity is ultimately revealed in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross to save the wounded and robbed humanity. Jesus reconciled all things to God through his death on the cross. He is "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" and that "in him all things hold together".

~ Fr. Soja

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