WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY'S

Parish Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & 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

Monday, 11/02, 8:30 a.m. All Soul's Day

Tuesday, 11/03, 5:30 p.m. +Frank "Skip" Bilsky
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Thurs., 11/05, Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled

Friday, 11/06, 8:30 a.m. +Richard "Dick" Haferkorn
Offered by Mike and Jacqie Glime

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday, 11/07, 6:00 p.m. +Delores "Dee" Gatzow
Offered by Al and MaryKay Williams

Sunday, 11/08 8:30 a.m. +Patrick Leffler
Offered by Fred and Karen Leffler

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 11/07
Sacristan – Dan Throm
Eucharistic Minister – Dan Throm
Lector – Missy Roberts
Lead Usher - ***Volunteer Needed***

Sunday, 11/08
Sacristan – Al & MaryKay Williams
Eucharistic Minister – Al Williams
Lector – Carolyn Lemanski
Lead Usher – Mike Lemanski
Money Counters – Jerry Divine and Dorothy Vayda

10/24 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....$279.00	Envelope.....$240.00	Total.....$519.00
10/25 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....$363.00	Envelope.....$320.00	Total.....$683.00
		Electronic.....$40.00	Total.....$40.00
		Total Collections	**$1,242.00**
Budget:	$1,800.00	2025:	$1,345.00

Thank You: St. Vincent de Paul of Florence would like to thank everyone who participated in the recent food drive to restock our local food pantry. You can still drop off food gifts at the St. Vincent Thrift Store on Central Ave. Your generous donations assist our families and help to feed our neighbors in need. We are truly grateful for your support!

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Paid Position: Winter Sidewalk Snow Removal As the winter months approach, St. Mary's is seeking a reliable person to clear snow and ice from our church sidewalks and entryways this winter. ***This is a paid position!*** Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. Thank you!

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New Front Doors: We extend our deepest gratitude to our Finance Council for their dedication in arranging the installation of our beautiful new church doors. Thank you for your careful planning to keep St. Mary's safe and welcoming. We also thank our entire parish community for your continued generosity which makes these essential improvements possible!

Mother's Club Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th / 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m./ Basement of American Martyrs Church, Kingsford, MI.

Finance Council Meeting: The Finance Council Meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Nov. 11th, at 6:00 p.m.

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ST. MARY'S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS' DAY

November: A Month of Prayer for the Holy Souls
This November, let us remember and pray for our beloved dead, especially the Holy Souls in Purgatory. November is dedicated to the faithful departed – those who have died in God's grace but still need purification before they can enter the joys of heaven. ***Fr. Soja will observe All Soul's Day on Mon., 11/02, at 8:30 a.m. Mass. There is also a special mass on Tues., 11/03, at 5:30 p.m. recognizing parishioners who've passed away this past year.*** You are welcome to write the name of someone you wish to have included in our prayers in the Book of Remembrance located near the memorial candles of those we lost this year.



The Annual Hunter's Bake Sale will be held opening weekend of rifle season, November 21st and 22nd. There are sign-up sheets on the entryway tables or feel free to bring something on that weekend. Proceeds will be used for the needs of our Parish. Thank you for your support!



Bishop Ricken says it is vitally important for us to participate in the electoral process. Our votes do matter along with electing leaders of sound character and moral integrity. Bishop Ricken's prayer for all of us is that, through the careful formation of our consciences, we may grow closer to God, vote wisely, and live lives that more fully reflect the love of Christ!



"In gratitude for their courage, sacrifice, and dedication to protecting our freedoms, ***we invite all military veterans to join us for a special blessing at next weekend's masses***. We want to acknowledge their service to our country and lift all veterans and their families up in prayer!"



Medicare Open Enrollment: Open Enrollment for Medicare runs from Oct. 15th to Dec. 7th. For free, unbiased help contact Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Florence County at 715-528-4890.



Friends, November is a month of holy souls. God created us to live eternally; however, the jealousy of the devil brought us death. There are only saints in heaven, and we are all in pursuit of becoming one. John saw a vision in the book of Revelation, people from all tribes and nations in heaven. They wore white robes which represent deeds of love. In the parable of the wedding feast, a person without the wedding garment was thrown out because he lacked deeds of love. Deeds of love are not an option because God is love. God in His love and compassion gives ample opportunity to put on the garment of salvation which is love.

Saints inspire us to embody the beatitudes, fight courageously and become victorious to celebrate eternity with God. We the church is the bride of Christ. Let us hope to join him for the wedding feast with life lived with deeds of love. Saints died to themselves and to their 'will' to say "yes" to God's will and to live their lives in the service of Christ. They inspire us to believe in the reality of God, and hope that whatever God has promised will come true.

God never stops inviting people to Priesthood and religious life. It is a generous and courageous giving of oneself to Christ and the church. The celebration of all saints reminds us that all what we do for others continues to live and all what we do for ourselves dies with us. By word and example Jesus showed us how to serve God and the Church. Let us pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life throughout this week of the National Vocations Awareness Week. Please watch Fr. Donald Calloway's video: https://youtu.be/RX14X966KDQ?si=YQu5vPxjPSEEecdc

Fr. Soja

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Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled on Thurs., Nov. 5th, and Thurs., Nov. 12th, as Fr. Soja will be attending a Day of Encounter with the Holy Spirit and a Professional Development Day.

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The Pastoral Council is planning a Celebration Dinner for January 10th, 2027, for all parishioners! Please save the date as we continue to celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season together!

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.

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