

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. For the People
 Thursday 4:30-5:30 Eucharistic Adoration
 Friday 8:30 a.m. + Janet Kelley

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. For the People
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Mike Tripp

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 10

Sacristan - Dan Throm
 Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm
 Lector - Yvonne Leslie
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, February 11

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - Roy Rietz
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
 Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

Wednesday, February 14

Sacristan - Yvonne Leslie
 Eucharistic Minister - Derek Parker
 Lector - Religious Ed Students

Thank you to our church cleaners for keeping our worship space and offices clean!!

Sat. Collection	Loose.....\$38.00	Envelope....\$270.00	Total...\$308.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$177.00	Envelope....\$505.00	Total....\$682.00
	Electronic & Other.....\$1,260.00		Total.\$1,260.00
	Total Collections		\$2,250.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,846.00	

Blessing of the Throats: In the United States the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. This blessing is ordinarily given during Mass or a celebration of the word of God on February 3, the memorial of Saint Blasé. Saint Blase was the bishop in Armenia. He was a physician before becoming a bishop. He was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. All are welcome to receive this blessing.

Reminder for Weekday Masses: If school is canceled due to weather conditions, there will be no Mass or Eucharistic Adoration that day.

Bishop David Ricken will be the celebrant at the annual White Mass sponsored by the St. Gianna Molla Guild of Northeast Wisconsin on Sunday, February 11, at 9 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay.

Registration is open for Camp Tekakwitha! If you’re looking for a Catholic summer experience spent soaking up God’s great creation through outdoor adventure, blessed fun, and great community, Camp Tek is for you! Please visit camptekakwitha.org for further information and consider joining us this summer. Camp Tekakwitha is for youth, ages 6-17, and runs June-August.

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



Ash Wednesday will be here soon. Old palms may be brought in and placed in the basket in the church entryway.

There will be a light soup and sandwich gathering after 5:30 Mass on Ash Wednesday in the St. Mary’s parish hall.

If you are able to provide a soup or sandwiches, please contact the office or Carolyn Lemanski. All are invited to join us for food and fellowship.

Goodman St. Joan of Arc will be having a Fat Tuesday meal with desserts on February 13 at 5 p.m. in the St. Joan of Arc basement. All are welcome to attend. If you’d like to bring a dish or dessert to pass around, please contact Dolores Raboin at 715-336-2776.

How does the Bishop’s Appeal help us in Florence?

Adult faith formation programs help parish leaders bring adults closer to Christ. Thanks to the Bishop’s Appeal, adult faith formation provides resources, guest speakers, and curricula to help parishes advance the mission, form adults through Christ, and inspire disciples.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making any gift you can to the Bishop’s Appeal to help these Diocesan ministries and share Christ’s love. All donations should be mailed directly to the Diocese of Green Bay. Please know how much we appreciate all that you do for St. Mary’s and beyond. Our goal this year is \$9,696. Thank you for your support!



Note from someone provided assistance from St. Vincent’s: Thank you so much for everything you’ve done for my family and me. You’ve helped so much over the last couple years with food, help with rent and with Christmas presents. We are so thankful and blessed. Thank you!

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Live the Gospel!
 Whatever It Takes



Friends, the month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God and learn how to connect with God and with others. The health of our family may

depend on how quickly we learn to forgive without harboring feelings of resentment. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character. King David at his death bed instructed his son Solomon to be faithful to God. He reminded Solomon of the promise of a lasting dynasty, ‘if your descendants remain faithful to me with their whole heart and with their whole soul, you shall always have someone of your line on the throne of Israel’ (1King 2:4). The trials in life helped David to Trust in God more. David as a loving parent imparted fear of the Lord as a secret of success, which does not mean that you are afraid of God. It means nothing to you is more important than God, that everything in your life absolutely centers around and is subordinate to your love for God.

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (or sharing of time and talent) that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. It’s a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ’s will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ’s death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Jesus went about curing, preaching, and driving out demons. Prior to the public ministry of Jesus, he spent 40 days alone in prayer. A reminder of this event is the season of Lent. We are motivated by Christ to gain spiritual maturity and balance in undertaking self-denial and prayer. Self-denial in little but delightful habits of either sinful or not sinful is undertaken to make ourselves connected to God. It makes us spiritually strong and united to Jesus in prayer. It not only benefits us but our family and the parish community.

~ Fr. Soja

Dear St. Mary’s Members: Thank you for providing gifts for the giving Tree Program. There were 35 families and 90 children who received new toys, clothing, and food for Christmas. May God Bless You!

~ The St. Vincent Members

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