

# 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 10/22 5:30pm For the People

Thursday 10/24 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 10/25 8:30am +Janet Kelley

*Offered by Bob, Mary and Tommy Podnar*

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 10/26 6:00pm Tg: Jessica & Travis Linskens & family

*Offered by Joe & Sue Mills*

Sun.10/27 8:30am +Living & Deceased Members of the Lemanski & Kowalkowski family

*Offered by Mike & Carolyn Lemanski*

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, October 26th

Sacristan - Dan Throm

Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Throm

Lector - Debbie Zelten

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

### Sunday, October 27th

Sacristan - Al & Mary Kay Williams

Eucharistic Ministers - Al Williams

Lector - Al Williams

Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski

Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski

10/12 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$117.00	Envelope....\$330.00	Total.....\$447.00
10/13 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$436.00	Envelope....\$445.00	Total....\$881.00
<b>Bishop’s Appeal:</b>	<b>Electronic...\$55.00</b>	<b>Misc.....\$2,520.00</b>	<b>Total...\$2,575.00</b>
\$1,800.00			
<b>Praise &amp; Worship Nite Donations: \$60.00</b>	<b>World Mission</b>	<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$3,918.00</b>
	<b>Sunday: \$15.00</b>		
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 1,940.00	



### Leading Rosary After Mass Schedule:

**Saturday, Oct. 19th:** Rob & Sue Ristau

**Sunday, Oct. 20th:** Open

**Saturday, Oct.26th:** Open

**Sunday Oct. 27th:** Carolyn Lemanski



Do you have 2-3 hours a month to help the Arts & Environment committee decorate? We are just looking for some help. For more information, please contact Karen Podnar or Mary Kay Williams.

### St. Vincent DePaul: Activities for July/Aug/Sept.

68/63/70 Families served through Pantry/Commodities

July	August	September	
			2 People were helped with rent
103	99	108	0 People helped with utilities
23	22	31	7 Children helped to attend Food, Fun & Fitness program.
2	2	1	60 children received school supplies & shoes

56 children receiving weekend food. Car repairs: 1 family was helped

Funeral costs: 1 family helped Motel stay: 1 family was helped

Furniture: 1 family helped; 2 families were helped with clothes from the thrift store.

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## ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Thank you!*

A **special thank you** and shout out to the Art & Environment committee for decorating the inside and outside of St. Mary’s making it look beautiful and ready for fall!

## Notes & Reminders

- ◆ In the back of the church are Harvest Dinner Sign Up Sheets
- ◆ **The Harvest Dinner** will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27th @ 4:30pm, St. Mary’s Parish Hall! This is the **last weekend** to sign up.
- ◆ Please find your funeral food dishes in the parish hall.
- ◆ There will be a second collection **this** weekend for World Mission Sunday. Please prayerfully consider donating if you are able.

## Events

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** Thursday October 24th @ 6:00p.m.

### Harvest Dinner

**Sunday, October 27th @ 4:30p.m.**

**St. Mary’s Parish Hall Florence**



We’re pleased to announce the St. Mary’s Ecumenical Harvest Dinner will take place on Sunday, October 27th at St. Mary’s Church. Please join us as we share a delicious harvest-style meal and pleasant conversation with members from other Florence parishes. Sign up sheets are in the back of church if you are able to help or would like to attend.



Our Veteran and Service Member appreciation program is well on its way. Inserted with today’s bulletin is a list of Active-

Duty service personnel with their addresses to write them a letter of thank you and support. If you would like to write a letter of appreciation to our County Veterans, we have included the VFW and American Legion posts addresses. We are unaware of any service members currently deployed. Please feel free to share this list with family and friends. Most importantly pray for their safety and Peace in Our World!



Friends, in the gospel for this weekend James and John asked Jesus for positions of honor. They wanted Jesus to share with them the highest honor, the greatest glory in his kingdom. Jesus invites them to consider what they would be willing to suffer for the kingdom and for such honor. The other disciples were indignant

with John and James. So, Jesus instructs them on the nature of leadership and greatness among his followers. For Jesus true greatness lies not in what one person can make another do but in what one can either do or endure to make another free. Whether it is service, slavery, or death as a ransom for others. In the mind of Christ greatness amounts to accepting any suffering for the sake of others.

In our first reading the prophet foretells about Jesus, the Suffering Servant who would suffer for our sins. He will offer his life, see his descendants, fulfill the LORD’s will, and justify many through his affliction and bearing their guilt. Jesus explains He came to serve and give His life. This reflects Isaiah’s prophecy and calls us to love sacrificially. Psalm 33 says, He watches over those who fear him and hope for his kindness, rescuing them from death and sustaining them in famine. It speaks of the Lord’s watchful eye over humanity, guiding us with love and compassion. Acknowledging God’s unfailing love, we see Him as our shield and protector. This psalm seeks His guidance and trusts in His plan. In times of challenge or uncertainty, it offers comfort, knowing we can rely on God’s power to lead us through life’s journey. In our second reading St. Paul says, Jesus, the Son of God, our great high priest, understands our weaknesses and temptations. Let us confidently approach God’s throne for mercy and grace in our time of need.

Jesus emphasizes humility in leadership. True leaders serve others, not themselves. Jesus teaches that real leaders serve others instead of seeking power for themselves. This encourages us to be selfless and compassionate, helping others and making a positive impact in our communities. Jesus’ message counters our natural desire to be the best or to have the most. Instead, He calls us to live a life of service and humility. Let us ask God for the grace to let go of our need to be admired and the center of attention. It is hard to put God first when we are focused on ourselves. This prayer asks for God to help us remove self-centeredness, which hinders our discipleship.

~ Fr. Soja

**Knights of Columbus**  
 Local Council #2847 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.  
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