

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 11/19 5:30pm +Theresa Gardner
Offered by Mark & Carla Kramer

Thursday 11/21 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 11/22 8:30am +Daniel Bauer
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 11/23 6:00pm +Mary Jo Bomberg
Offered by Scott & Jeanne Waitrovich

Sun. 11/24 8:30am +Suzi Miller
Offered by Edwin Kelley, Sr.

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 23rd

Sacristan - Dan Throm
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Throm
 Lector - Volunteer Needed
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, November 24th

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry
 Eucharistic Ministers - Bill DeGroot, Sally Neuens,
 Clara McLain
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Lead Usher - Jerry Divine
 Money Counters - Dorothy Vayda, Jerry Divine

Lost & Found

Please see our lost and found basket in the back of church, under the table for any missing items!
Update: The dark-colored jacket with ‘Old Glory, Honor Flight’ embroidered on it was claimed.
 Thank you!

11/09 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$96.00	Envelope.....\$310.00	Total.....\$406.00
11/10 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$337.00	Envelope....\$460.00	Total...\$797.00
2nd Collection for Philippines	Electronic..\$190.00	Misc.....\$125.00	Total...\$886.00
Total: \$546.00	Building Fund..\$25.00		
		Total Collection:	\$2,089.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 2,023.00	

The Advent Season is quickly approaching; a time to reflect on the coming of Christ. Each week a new candle is lit on the wreath and prayers are said to help us focus on the theme for the week. We are in need of families to help during Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses. This is a beautiful tradition that helps remind us of the true reason for the season.



On Tuesday Nov. 19, following 5:30pm Mass, Fr. Soja will be doing an exorcism blessing over salt, water and oil for anyone wishing to bring these items with them.



From The Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross: There is a great hunger for God. Join the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross for "Prepare & Rejoice," an hour for Advent readings and prayer on Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Each event, presented by Sister Elise Cholewinski, will be at 10 a.m. at St. Francis Convent, 3110 Nicolet Dr., Green Bay. Attend 1, 2 or all 3. Each is free; registration is required. More at <https://bit.ly/PrepareRejoice> or visit www.gbfranciscans.org and click on "News".



Vincentian Meditation: "On the journey of life, we must make choices. Our instincts, our selfishness, our pride will often suggest to us to follow them. It is an easier road. But Christ, His Church and our consciences suggest another way..." For more about the reflection visit: <https://svdp-rva.org/vincentian-spirituality>



Scan QR Code Above to access the St. Gertrude Chaplet!
 For the Release of 50,000 Souls from Purgatory!

Ask Yourself: *Where do we need to allow Jesus to have a greater say in our lives, in our decisions in our thoughts, and in our choices?*

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-32

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thank you!

- ◆ **Thank you to all** who donated and prayed for the **second collection this past weekend** for the Archdiocese of Caceres Philippines!
- ◆ **Congratulations** to Michael J. Scholke and blessings on your new responsibilities as Florence County District Attorney-Elect!
- ◆ **Thank you** to those who’ve come forward to be Temporary Sacristans! We appreciate you!

Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **We will be switching the Breaking Bread books** in the pews on Sunday, November 24th. We would appreciate any help after mass. Thank you!

St. Mary’s Events

- ◆ **Praise & Worship Nite: Monday, Nov. 18th @ 5:30pm**
 Snacks/fellowship to follow! FREE EVENT! Our new Spirit & Song Hymnal Books will be @ the back of the church for your use at the event. All are welcome!
- ◆ **Salvation Army Bell Ringing: on Friday Nov. 22nd.** Please see the sign up sheet in the entryway.



- ◆ **Bakers Wanted:** St. Mary’s is planning its **Annual Hunters’ Bake Sale for next weekend November 23rd and 24th.** Please sign up in the entryway!



- ◆ **The spirit of Christmas** comes to us by sharing our blessings with those in need. Our church will sponsor the giving tree again this year with gifts to be used as part of the St. Vincent de Paul Community Christmas Program for families in Florence County. **Angels for Toys and Doves for Clothing.** We ask that the ornament be taken and the gift be returned unwrapped with the paper tag attached by **Sunday December 8th.** The Giving Tree Committee is asking that you pray for the child and family. There is a prayer attached or you may say your own, for anyone unable to shop there are donation tags. Last year, because of your generosity, we were able to give gifts to 35 families with 90 children. Thank you for showing that Jesus is the reason for the season!



- ◆ **Here We Come A-Caroling!** Stay tuned for more info about our Christmas Caroling Event in December!



Friends, today’s Gospel passage invites us to reflect on the end times and the hope we have in Christ. The readings highlight themes of final judgment, perseverance, and salvation. In Daniel, we hear about those who sleep in the dust awakening to everlasting life. This gives us hope in the promise of resurrection and eternal life

with God. Daniel 12:1-3 talks about a time of great distress but also about those who will be saved. It reminds us that there will be a final judgment where the faithful will shine like stars. Hebrews speaks of Jesus’ single sacrifice for sins. It emphasizes that through Jesus, we are forgiven and made holy.

The readings encourage us to stay firm in our faith, even during difficult times. This perseverance is necessary to receive the promises of God. Mark describes the coming of the Son of Man during troubling times. Despite these tribulations, we have hope in Jesus’ return and ultimate victory. We can trust in His faithfulness even when the world seems uncertain. They encourage us to stay faithful, knowing that God’s promises will be fulfilled in the end. It is a guide to choose right over wrong and to stand firm against trials. It reminds us that earthly things are temporary and encourages us to stay vigilant and trust in God.

We are to reflect on the armor of God to help us in spiritual battles. Jesus warns us of coming suffering in Mark 13. But we are not alone; God gives us the sacraments and angels for protection. Baptism, Reconciliation, and the Eucharist to strengthen us. Guardian angels and St. Michael also help us resist evil. God equips us to stand firm against the devil’s tactics. Jesus tells his disciples to stay alert and faithful, promising that those who endure will be saved. It emphasizes that we must always be prepared and attentive to Jesus’ words.

~ Fr. Soja

Looking Ahead...

- ◆ Hunter’s Dinner @ Goodman, Sat. 11/23, following mass @ 4-7pm
- ◆ Thanksgiving Mass @ Goodman, Thurs. 11/28 @ 9:00 am

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