

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 9/10 5:30p.m. For the People

Thursday 9/12 4:30p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9/13 8:30a.m. +Gary Steber
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 9/14 6:00 p.m. +Norman & Joan Meyers
Offered by Brant & Cindy Brolin

Sun.9/15 8:30 a.m. +Dominic Jazinski
Offered by Dan & Kathy Jazinski

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving
 Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 14th

Sacristan - Dan Throm
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Throm
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, September 15th

Sacristan - Al & Mary Kay Williams
 Eucharistic Ministers - Al Williams
 Lector - Al Williams
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski

8/31 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$167.00	Envelope...\$195.00	Total...\$362.00
9/1 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$1,485.00	Envelope...\$325.00	Total...\$1,810.00
Bishop’s Appeal \$25 on 25th... \$190.00	Electronic... \$1,165.00	Misc...\$172.00	Total...1,527.00
Total Collections			\$3,699.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 2,002.00	

Raising Vocations Collection: \$550.00

Bishop’s Appeal: \$6,455.00

Our Deepest Condolences to all of the family and friends of **Mary Jo Bomberg**, who passed away this past Tuesday. As a long-time member of our parish, she also served as the parish secretary.



May we continue to keep Mary Jo and all her family in loving prayer during this difficult time.

Visitation for Mary Jo will be held on Monday, September 9th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Florence, WI, followed by a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. Burial will take place in the St. Mary’s Cemetery in Commonwealth, WI. A luncheon will follow the services at the parish hall.

Grant eternal life to our sister, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Let the angels welcome her into Paradise and help us comfort each other with the assurance of our faith. May she rest in peace.

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

Thank you to all who have donated and prayed for the **Raising Vocations Collection, Bishop’s Appeal and the Maintenance Fund** this past month. Your continued support and prayers are greatly appreciated!

If you’re still looking to donate, the Catholic Foundation must receive ALL gifts **before Friday, September 30, 2024**. Gifts will be applied toward your 2024 goal. The Foundation will send thank you letters to those who contribute to this effort.

Notes & Reminders

- ♦ **Gold Slips** are due back by **this weekend**, please!
- ♦ The September prayer line is available at the back of church.
- ♦ If you have prayer requests for the upcoming October prayer line, please send to the office via email by September 26th.
- ♦ Church and office cleaners needed. Please contact the office if interested.
- ♦ Please join us for the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast this weekend following mass on **Sunday Sept. 8th** in the parish hall!



Please pray for all our school staff, faculty, students and families as they begin the journey of another school year. Pray for their safety, health and that our Lord will continue to guide them on their paths of friendship, knowledge, and community. Pray that all students and staff will lead with love and not hate, and follow Jesus’ teachings of forgiveness, compassion and mercy; to love their neighbor as themselves.



Friends, the reading from the prophet Isaiah shows God as actively involved in the world, overseeing empires and individual lives alike. Isaiah’s message emphasizes that while human rulers come and go, God is the ultimate authority. This understanding helps people face life’s challenges with purpose and trust in God’s larger plan. In times of global issues like political unrest, environmental crises, and health pandemics, Isaiah’s prophecies offer comfort and hope. They remind us that with faith and perseverance, we can overcome any challenge.

Psalm 146 is a prayer of trust in God. It emphasizes the dependence on God above all else. It expresses gratitude for God’s trustworthiness, care, and protection. It acknowledges that, while human relationships are important, only God is completely reliable. The second reading from James reminds us not to show favoritism but to treat everyone with love and respect. The readings call us to live out our faith by serving others, particularly the most vulnerable. Our actions reflect our commitment to following Jesus.

Jesus heals a deaf man, opening his ears and enabling him to speak. One key theme in Mark’s Gospel is Jesus’ identity as both the Son of God and a human being. Mark shows Jesus performing miracles, like healing the deaf man, demonstrating His divine power. Yet, Mark also depicts Jesus experiencing human emotions. Jesus is portrayed as a healer, a savior. In him, divinity and humanity have come together; in him, the divine life and divine power are breaking through. God’s deepest intentions for his beloved creatures appears—what God plans for us in the kingdom to come is now historically anticipated.

~ Fr. Soja

The Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mother of God’s birthday is September 8th!

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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