

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 9/24 5:30p.m. For the People

Thursday 9/26 4:30p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9/27 8:30a.m. +Janet Kelley
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 9/28 6:00 p.m. Tg: Brent & Theresa Pataconi & Family
Offered by Joe & Sue Mills

Sun.9/29 8:30 a.m. Tg: For current & deceased volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul
Offered by Dorothy Vayda

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 28th

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

Sunday, September 29th

Sacristan - Al & Mary Kay Williams
 Eucharistic Ministers - Al Williams
 Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
 Lead Usher - Jerry Divine
 Money Counters -
 Jerry Divine & Dorothy Vayda

9/14 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$61.00	Envelope....\$295.00	Total.....\$356.00
9/15 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$197.00	Envelope....\$150.00	Total...\$347.00
	Electronic...\$40.00	Misc.....\$170.00	Total...\$210.00
		Total Collections	\$913.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 1,646.00	

Raising Vocations Collection: \$1,413.00 **Bishop’s Appeal: \$7,095.00**

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Visitation/Funeral Details Francis Freeberg-Johnson’s husband below:

Friday, September 27, 2024

Visitation: 10:00 AM in the Church

Mass to follow: 11:30 AM

Holy Cross Parish
 3009 Bay Settlement
 Green Bay, WI 54311

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

Thank you to all who have donated and prayed for the **Raising Vocations Collection and Bishop’s Appeal** 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

Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **NEW! Living Faith books** are in the back of the church for October-December 2024.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The next Finance Council Meeting will be held on **Sept. 26th @ 5:45p.m.**
- ◆ Catechism forms and payments are due by the deadline of **Sunday, September 29th.**
- ◆ **Needed:** St. Vincent’s has a family in need of dressers and a couch. Please contact Dorothy.
- ◆ Please find your funeral food dishes in the parish hall.
- ◆ The Parish office will be closed on **Friday Sept. 27th**, as Heather will be out of town.

“Transforming every activity into prayer is the secret to experiencing life in every breath, the secret to being fully alive.”

From Matthew Kelly’s Book
THE ROCKING CHAIR PROPHET



Friends, through the readings this weekend we are taught to recognize the wisdom of God and the wickedness of human nature. The wicked associate with envy and selfish ambition. By contrast, the wise enjoy a gift “from above.” And the fruits of wisdom that come from above are ample, distinctive and desirable. Wisdom

begets purity, peace, gentleness, docility, mercy, goodness, consistency, and sincerity. It is a lengthy list of fruits worthy of meditation. As James points out, for the wicked conflicts and wars are born of their unintegrated desires which he calls passions. These unholy longings of the wicked ultimately result in fruitlessness. Their energies get spent on fighting and waging war, and what they really want to remain out of reach. Sadly, what they desire is only a request away. But the wicked are unable to humbly ask for or openly receive what they desire.

The wise are praiseworthy models, while the wicked prove pitiable and in need of an antidote. And for that we must look to the Gospel. In the Gospel Jesus is trying to teach his disciples that he must suffer, die, and rise. But they fail to understand him. After all, what does suffering and death have to do with greatness? Their squabble over which one might be the greatest was not in keeping with their master’s message and mission. They had been embodying the wickedness described in Wisdom and James. So, before he could meaningfully teach them about his coming suffering, death, and resurrection, he would have to rid them of their wickedness and selfish ambition. To do so, Jesus sits them down and shows them that to receive him, his teaching, and ultimately the one who sent him, they must employ the same gentleness and openness applied when embracing a child.

Christ’s way is the way of wisdom and holiness. It is striving for meekness not power. The message is that fighting for God’s grace is futile. Instead, fostering an open, docile spirit is the antidote to selfish ambition and wicked desires.

~ Fr. Soja

Prayer is Powerful!



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