

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 1/7 5:30pm For the People

Friday 1/10 8:30am For the People

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 1/11 6:00pm For the People

Sun. 1/12 8:30am +Mary Jo Bomberg

Offered by Simone Kriegl

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 11th

Sacristan - Heather Roberts
 Eucharistic Ministers - Volunteer Needed
 Lector - Aubrey Pataconi
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, January 12th

Sacristan - Clara McLain
 Eucharistic Ministers - Bill DeGroot
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Lead Usher - Jay Glime
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski



12/24 Tue. Coll.	Loose.....\$212.00	Envelope.....\$715.00	Total.....\$957.00
12/25 Wed. Coll.	Loose.....\$313.00	Envelope....\$105.00	Total...\$428.00
12/28 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$138.00	Envelope.....\$125.00	Total.....\$263.00
12/29 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$239.00	Envelope....\$210.00	Total...\$449.00
	Electronic.....\$1,105.00	Misc.....\$5,773.25	Total...\$6,878.25
Total Collection:		\$8,975.25	
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$2,173.00	

Reminder:

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration Thurs. Jan 9th.

Yes, Mass on Friday 01/10. Thank you!

Retreat Opportunity @ St. Mary’s

Is attending a retreat one of your New Years resolutions? Either way, you’re in luck! On the weekend of May 30 – June 1, 2025 – we are having one right here at St. Mary’s Parish. It is a Koinonia Retreat, Koinonia is a Greek word for Community... a Catholic retreat similar to a Cursillo. (For single individuals and married couples. This retreat is approved by the Green Bay Diocese and will be the 256th such retreat, in our Diocese. It starts at 5:00 pm on Friday and wraps up at 5:00 pm on Sunday. (All meals are included.) Yup, the convenience of having a retreat in your own Parish.....can’t get much better than that. In the evening, you can go home and sleep in your own bed. You will be seeing more information on this retreat, in the future. Just wanted you to have time to pray on it and hopefully, mark it on your calendar. If you would like additional information, please send an e-mail to nuinns@borderlandnet.net or call my cell: 715-625-1011.

Thank you and God Bless, Larry & Barb Neuens

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD!



Thank you!

- ◆ **Thank you** to all who donated salt to the parish, keeping our sidewalks and walkways safe for our parishioners.
- ◆ **Thank you** to Beanie & Rosie for cleaning the parish during the month of January!

Volunteers Needed

- ◆ **We are in need of volunteers for snow shoveling this winter!** Please sign up in the entryway if you’re available and/or willing.



Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** books are in the entryway!
- ◆ Please see our lost and found basket in the back of church, under the table for any missing items!
- ◆ **Check out the new St. Mary’s Facebook page** at the link or QR Code below to see updates and events!



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Friends, the feast of the Epiphany is the feast which commemorates the manifestation of God to the Gentiles. This manifestation began when the Wise Men from the East came to Bethlehem to pay their respects and offer their gifts to the newly born king of the Jews. They came to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, expecting, of course, to find the city and the whole country rejoicing. Instead, they found suspicion and hatred in the reigning king—a hatred which in a few days turned to murder. Among the religious leaders they found knowledge of their history, but utter indifference as regards the present and the future.

These leaders knew the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem; they must have realized that the Magi were very sure of the truth revealed to them—they would not have come such a long journey on a "fool's errand." In spite of that, the thought of going to Bethlehem with the Magi never entered their minds. These were the leaders who some years later refused to listen to Christ and in spite of his miracles, refused to accept him as the promised Messiah, and the true Son of God. These were the men who rejected him because he had mercy on sinners and spoke of a future life. What they wanted from their Messiah was political power and earthly freedom and prosperity.

We know the true facts concerning Christ, his mission, and his present and future kingdom. Like the leaders of His day, we also could become absorbed in the affairs of this life and the quest for wealth, pleasure and power. We could become so totally absorbed in such things as to have neither the interest nor the time to pay our respects to Christ or to welcome him into our homes and our hearts, as our true Lord. Let us resolve to make the Magi our models, to follow them to Bethlehem and offer him all that we have and are. He will accept our offering, and we will return by another way, wiser and better men. Let us thank God for the success and failures of the past and the gift of hope in Jesus for the future. May God bless us and keep us in Jesus Christ throughout this New year 2025!

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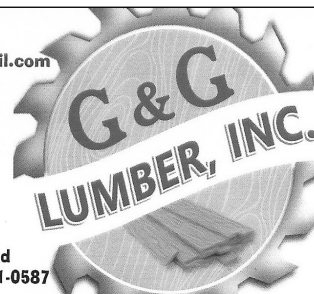


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Knights of Columbus

Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara. For more information contact: Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379

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