#### WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - ST. MARY'S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Visit us on the web at www.stmaryflorence.org *Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...* 

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#### **Weekday Masses and Intentions**

Tuesday 10/01 5:30p.m +Jeremy Donaldson Offered by Daniel & Gail Donaldson

Thursday 10/3 4:30p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 10/4 8:30a.m. +Bob & Claire Landry Offered by Al & Mary Kay Williams

Friday 10/4 10a.m. Florence Health Services

#### **Weekend Masses and Intentions**

Sat. 10/5 6:00 p.m. +Sue Steber Offered by Dan & Gail Donaldson

Sun.10/6 8:30 a.m. +Pete Podnar Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

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

#### **Ministry Schedule**

Saturday, October 5th Sacristan - \*Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers - Clara McLain

Lector - Missy Roberts

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

### Sunday, October 6th

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry **Eucharistic Ministers - Sally Neuens** 

Lector - Kathy Jazinski Lead Usher - Dan Throm

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9/21 Sat. Coll.	Loose\$22.00	Envelope\$225.00	Total\$247.00
9/22 Sun. Coll.	Loose\$243.00	Envelope\$685.00	Total\$953.00
Bishop's \$25 on 25: \$200.00		Misc\$220.00	Total\$420.00
		<b>Total Collections</b>	\$1,620.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 1,646.00	

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



For the last 9 years, Yvonne Podner has been an integral part of the Art & Environment committee using the incredible talents God has blessed her with to make St. Mary's beautiful, warm, and inviting. She has made the wall-hanging, Altar cloths, some of the Priest vestments, flower arrangements, and wreaths. Each season, she updated the decorations in the Parish Hall, and she crocheted Prayer Shawls and had them blessed for those in need of comfort. She has done all this while living in Goodman near the Church.

The time has come for Yvonne to attend Church closer to her home; so with a heavy heart and our deepest thank

you, we say, YOU WILL BE MISSED! We know she will leave a large hole in our Parish. Please take a minute to wish her well.

-Father Soja, Mary Kay, and Karen.

Our Deepest Condolences to all of the family and friends of Susan Clark, who passed away recently. May we continue to keep Susan and all her family in loving prayer during this difficult time.

A funeral mass was held for Susan Clark at 11:30am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Florence, WI, followed by a burial place in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Commonwealth, WI.

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.



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# ST MARY'S WELCOMES YOU TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH 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!

# Notes & Reminders

- NEW! Living Faith books are in the back of the church for October-December 2024.
- 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 October Prayer Line Calendar will be made available next week! Please contact the Parish Office with any additional prayer requests.
- This last Sunday in September is Priesthood Sunday!
- All summer decorations/ornaments must be removed by October 15th of each year to facilitate fall clean-up. All winter decorations must be removed by April 15th of each year to facilitate spring clean-up. Decorations and items not removed by designated dates will be removed by cemetery volunteers under the direction of the cemetery association. Prayer is Powerful!

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on:

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12th @ 12 noon. Locations and contacts:

**OUINNESEC** Corner of Lake St. and Lincoln St. Contact Marybeth Leslie at (906)774-1562

KINGSFORD Gazebo on Woodward Avenue Contact Mary Poupore at (906)250-3058

IRON MOUNTAIN Outside of Fornetti Dental Center 100 South Stephenson Avenue Contact Kelly LeMire at (906)282-1548

FLORENCE 749 Central Avenue Town Park Community Center Contact Shelley VanPembrook (906)282-5910



Friends, the readings this weekend highlight the important lessons about community, wealth, and moral conduct. We see how God's spirit works in unexpected ways in the life of individuals and communities. They call us to avoid sin, help others, and recognize good works. In Numbers, God's spirit rests on two men who were not in the meeting. This scene constitutes a procedural mis-

step. The Lord acts among the people despite their procedural misstep. Joshua wanted the two men who turned prophets to be stopped, but Moses rebukes Joshua. Moses desires that all the people might become disciples of the Lord.

The two elders within the camp who received the spirit of prophecy were in the list of seventy whom Moses had chosen. But for some reason they were with the people in the camp, they were not with Moses and the others gathered in prayer. God works out of the box, but the human effort is to bring Him inside the box. The two wayward elders prophesying in the camp become icons of an ideal to be looked for in the future. That is everyone sharing the Lord's message in the world or the spirit of God resting on the entire Christian community.

In our Gospel this weekend, just like Joshua in the Old Testament, John in the New Testament reported to Jesus that someone was driving out demons in His name and John tried to stop him. The zeal for the master makes Joshua and John overprotective of their master and jealous of the other. Jesus makes his point clear stating, "whoever is not against us is for us." The Lord calls his followers for discernment and recognition that non threats are potential friends and allies. This teaches us to avoid competition within our faith community. Jesus says anyone who does good in His name is part of His mission. This teaches us to be open and inclusive. Jesus wanted his disciples to recognize and support good works done by others.

~ Fr. Soja

## **Prayer for Priests**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. *Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.* Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.



#### **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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