

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 9/3 +Michael Bond
Offered by Mark & Carla Kramer

Thurs. 9/2 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9/6 10:00am Florence Health Service
 +Bob & Eileen Williams
Offered by Al & Mary Kay Williams

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 9/7 6:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday 9/8 8:30 a.m. +Dianne Haberkorn
Offered by Bob, Mary, & Tommy Podnar

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 7th
 Sacristan - Parker Family
 Eucharistic Ministers - Clara McLain
 Lector - Missy Roberts
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, September 8th
 Sacristan - *Volunteer Needed
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Jazinski
 Lector—Kathy Jazinski
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski

8/24 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$38.00	Envelope....\$240.00	Total.....\$278.00
8/25 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$583.00	Envelope....\$540.00	Total...\$1,123.00
Bishop’s Appeal \$25 on 25th... \$315.00	Electronic... \$80.00	Misc....\$225.00	Total....645.00
	Building Fund..\$25.00		
		Total Collections	\$2,046.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 2,697.00	

Raising Vocations Collection: \$525.00

Bishop’s Appeal: \$6,455.00



We are looking for fresh cut flowers to make into bouquets each weekend for the Altar and Our Blessed Mother. If you have some to share, please contact Mary Kay Williams @ (906)-282-4937. Thank you in advance for helping to make St. Mary’s warm and welcoming.



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

Volunteer Breakfast, September 8th, 2024

St. Mary’s pastoral and financial councils are hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast for our many volunteers who have contributed so much to our parish over the years. It will follow Mass on September 8th. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to join us for this event.

Please consider participating in the \$25 on August 25th Campaign to help us reach our Bishop’s Appeal goal!

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.

Haven’t thought about donating yet?

The Bishop’s Appeal helps to support the following areas in our Diocese:

*Campus Ministry *Adoptions *Retreats/Conferences

....and more!

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have donated and prayed for the **Raising Vocations Collection** this past month. Your continued support and prayers are greatly appreciated!

** Church and office cleaners needed. *
 Please contact the office if interested.*

Prayer is Powerful!

The September prayer line is ready and available at the back of church and via email!

Gold Slips are due back by **Sept. 8th**, please! Thank you!



Friends, the Catholic Church dedicates September to Our Lady of Sorrows and celebrates her feast day on September 15. The feast commemorates the close relationship between the Virgin Mary and Jesus, and the sorrows she experienced as a result of his mission, especially during his passion and death.

These sorrows include:

- The prophecy of Simeon
- The flight into Egypt
- The loss of Jesus in the temple
- Mary and Jesus' meeting on the way to Calvary
- The crucifixion
- Taking Jesus' body down from the cross
- Jesus' burial

The readings of today speak of the word of God as source of all blessings. Moses tells the people that by obeying the statutes and decrees you will live and possess the land that the Lord God is giving you as a gift. The world will say this nation is wise and intelligent and what nation is that God is so close whenever they call upon Him. St. James in the second reading says that every good gift comes from the “Father of lights” who gives word of truth. He points toward the incarnate word of truth-Jesus-who further imparts God’s true word in the Gospel.

We return to the Gospel of Mark today. Mark reports that they were accustomed to various cleansing rituals in their everyday life, especially ritual hand washing. These rituals were thought of as ways to keep the law of Moses and live wisely. When asked why Jesus’ disciples eat without ritual washing, He gives a strong response. Jesus quotes Isaiah to explain that their ritual cleansing practices are human innovations, explicitly forbidden by Moses. Jesus then explains defilement is not about what we take in from the outside world. Rather, a list of vices shows clearly that defilement comes out from within. So, we do well to ask what we are putting out into the world.

~ Fr. Soja

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