

# 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 11/26 5:30pm For the People

Friday 11/29 8:30am For the People

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 11/30 6:00pm +James Pintarelli  
*Offered by Scott & Jeanne Waitrovich*

Sun. 12/01 8:30am +Suzi Miller  
*Offered by Scott & Jeane Waitrovich*

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, November 30th

Sacristan - Volunteer Needed  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Bill DeGroot  
 Lector - Bill De Groot  
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

### Sunday, December 1st

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Volunteer Needed  
 Lector - Carolyn Lemanski  
 Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski  
 Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime



**From The Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross:**  
 There is a great hunger for God. Join the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross for "Prepare & Rejoice," an hour for Advent readings and prayer on Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Each event, presented by Sister Elise Cholewinski, will be at 10 a.m. at St. Francis Convent, 3110 Nicolet Dr., Green Bay. Attend 1, 2 or all 3. Each is free; registration is required. More at <https://bit.ly/PrepareRejoice> or visit [www.gbfranciscans.org](http://www.gbfranciscans.org) and click on "News".

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| 11/16 Sat. Coll.                                    | Loose.....\$137.00                                 | Envelope.....\$430.00    | Total.....\$567.00 |
| 11/17 Sun. Coll.                                    | Loose.....\$240.00                                 | Envelope....\$445.00     | Total...\$685.00   |
| Praise & Worship Nite Donations for 11/18...\$60.00 | Electronic..\$80.00                                | Misc.....\$335.00        | Total...\$495.00   |
|   | World Mission (Propagation of the Faith)...\$20.00 |                          |                    |
|   |  | <b>Total Collection:</b> | <b>\$1,747.00</b>  |
| Budget:   | \$2,028.00   | 2023: \$ 2,131.00        |                    |

**The Advent Season is quickly approaching;** a time to reflect on the coming of Christ. Each week a new candle is lit on the wreath and prayers are said to help us focus on the theme for the week. We are in need of families to help during Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses. This is a beautiful tradition that helps remind us of the true reason for the season. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church to select a weekend Mass you can help. All are welcomed and encouraged to participate - grandparents with grandchildren too! Please prayerfully consider helping.



**Reminder: Thursday November 28th,** the Parish Office will be CLOSED on Thanksgiving Day, and there will be no Adoration on 11/28. Thank you!



**Vincentian Meditation:** “As you serve Christ your King, *be an open door* that is fully open to others, especially the poor. Be an open door to the members in your Conference, that is, be *honest*, truthful and simple in your relationships with one another. Be an open door to all: allow people to use you, to pass through you. Allow people to take you for granted. Be an open door by being humble. An open door does not discriminate, allowing some to pass and some not. Open the door of your heart widely to those who claim a little more understanding from you. Open the door of your heart so widely that you can belong to the truth and listen to the voice of Jesus. (McCullen, *Deep Down Things*, p.113) *For more about the reflection visit:* <https://svdp-rva.org/vincentian-spirituality>



**Wreath Laying Ceremony:** Saturday, December 14th @ Long Lake Cemetery. All are welcome to join the residents and VFW in honoring our fallen veterans and those who served our country. For more info contact Jen Phelps @ 906-396-0067.

## G & G FOREST PRODUCTS

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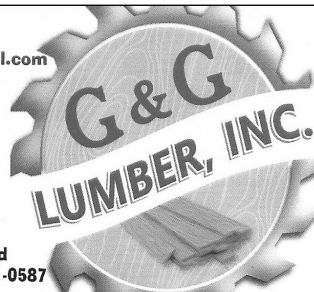
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## ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### Thank you!

- ◆ **Thank you to all** who donated, sold and baked for the **Hunter’s Bake Sale this past weekend!** You are appreciated!
- ◆ **Thank you** to all who attended, cooked and prayed with us @ the **Praise & Worship Nite** this past Monday. Know it is a blessing to be able to pray and sing to the Lord with you!
- ◆ **Thank you** to all who signed up to for **Bell Ringing** this past Friday! The money collected is part of the Florence County Budget. The total will be posted in the coming bulletins.

### Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **We will be having a second collection the weekend of 12/7—12/8 for the Retirement Collection for the Religious** at our masses. Please prayerfully consider donating. Thank you!
- ◆ **We will be switching the Breaking Bread books** in the pews on Sunday, November 24th after mass. Please take the books out of the holders and stack them at the end of the pews toward the middle aisle. Any help in bringing out the new books and removing the old will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

- ◆ Please see our lost and found basket in the back of church, under the table for any missing items!



**St. Mary’s Events**  
 ◆ Let us all open our hearts and make the Giving Tree a success. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Children can learn to share their Christmas with others less fortunate than themselves. Please reach up, take an ornament from the tree and make someone’s Christmas brighter! Please return the gift to the parish, unwrapped, with the tag attached **by December 8th.**



◆ Are you interested in **Caroling** with us next month? Please contact Heather at the Parish Office via phone or email for more info!

### Looking Ahead...

- ◆ Thanksgiving Mass @ **Goodman**, Thurs. 11/28, 9:00am
- ◆ Feast of Immaculate Conception @ **Florence**, Mon. 12/9, 8:30am, @ **Goodman**, Mon. 12/9, 5:30pm

### Christmas Mass Schedules:

- ◆ Christmas Eve Mass @ **Goodman**, Tues 12/24, 4:00pm
- ◆ Christmas Eve Mass @ **Florence**, Tues. 12/24, 6:00pm
- ◆ Christmas Day Mass @ **Florence**, Wed. 12/25, 8:30am
- ◆ Christmas Day Mass @ **Armstrong/Creek**, Wed. 12/25, 10:30am



### Knights of Columbus

Local Council #2847 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Lead with faith ~ Protect your family ~ Serve others ~ Defend your values



Friends, the Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us of the kingship of Jesus and His authority over all people. This feast calls us to recognize and honor Jesus as our King and Savior. Jesus is the King who has all power and authority, as shown in Daniel 7:13-14. He rules over all nations and people forever. Jesus’ kingdom

is eternal, unlike earthly kingdoms. Rev. 1:5-8 tells us His rule will never end. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth, as He says in John 18:33B-37. His truth guides us and sets us free. Pilate questioned Jesus about being the King. Jesus explained that his kingdom is not of this world and that he came to testify to the truth.

Jesus, the faithful witness and eternal king, loves us, freed us from sin, and made us a kingdom. His kingship and authority is one of love and service. He will return, and everyone will see him. “Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.” (Rev.1:8) “I saw the Son of Man receive eternal authority and glory from the Ancient One. His everlasting kingdom will never be destroyed, and all nations will serve him.” (Dan 7:14) “The Lord, clothed in majesty and strength, rules a stable world. His eternal throne and trustworthy decrees affirm his holiness forever.” (Ps. 93)

Jesus’ reign is for everyone, as seen in Daniel 7:14. His kingdom includes all people, nations, and languages. The readings give us hope in Christ’s ultimate victory. His kingdom brings peace and justice. Unlike earthly kings who rule by imposing power and coercion, Jesus’ kingdom is about serving God with love. As Christians, we pledge to serve Him and build the Kingdom of God. Sometimes we fall short, but Jesus always calls us back with forgiveness. He asks us to recommit ourselves to His service wholeheartedly. Let us acknowledge His might over creation and the storms in our lives. Jesus is our hope, promising an end to suffering and eternal life in God’s kingdom.



~ Fr. Soja

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