

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 11/05 5:30pm For the People

Thursday 11/07 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 11/08 8:30am +Kitty & Roger Yadro
Offered by Mike & Carolyn Lemanski

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 11/09 6:00pm +Bridget King
Offered by Mike & Carolyn Lemanski

Sun. 11/10 8:30am +Pete Podnar
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 9th

Sacristan - Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers - Volunteer Needed

Lector - Bill DeGroot

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, November 10th

Sacristan - Al & Mary Kay Williams

Eucharistic Ministers - Al Williams

Lector - Al Williams

Lead Usher - Jerry Divine

Money Counters - Dorothy Vayda & Jerry Divine

Lost & Found

There are several items in our lost and found basket in the back of church, under the table. Also, a dark-colored jacket with ‘Old Glory, Honor Flight’ embroidered on it was left in the parish hall.

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| 10/26 Sat. Coll. | Loose.....\$36.00 | Envelope.....\$305.00 | Total.....\$341.00 |
| 10/27 Sun. Coll. | Loose.....\$261.00 | Envelope....\$1,280.00 | Total...\$1,541.00 |
| Bishop’s Appeal: | Electronic..\$1065.00 | Misc.....\$40.00 | Total...\$1,105.00 |
| | \$11,185.00 | | |
| | | Total Collection: | \$2,987.00 |
| Budget: | \$2,028.00 | 2023: \$ 1,713.00 | |

Current



Thanks to a donation from the Ray & Lorraine Steber Family, a beautiful new entrance to St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Commonwealth was completed this week. It includes an arch and statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many thanks to the Steber Family and all the volunteers that helped make this happen! Fr. will bless the addition to the cemetery on Monday @ 11a.m. All are welcome!



Veteran’s Day is November 11th. Don’t forget to write a letter of appreciation this week to those serving in the Military to protect and serve our Country. A copy of addresses of those currently serving from our Parish and the addresses of our local VFW and American Legion post can be found on a sheet in the back. On Saturday, November 9th and Sunday, November 10th we will thank and bless all veterans during Mass. All veterans are welcome to attend.

ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thank you!

- ◆ To all who supported, prepared for and attended the 2024 Harvest Dinner this past weekend. Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated!
- ◆ To Beanie Leffler and Rosie Peters for cleaning the church for the month of November!
- ◆ To all who prayed, donated and participated in raising funds for the Bishop’s Appeal! We’ve exceeded our goal at a total of: **\$11,185.00** as of 10/29/2024.



Notes & Reminders

- ◆ There will be a second collection this weekend to assist in the recovery efforts of the Archdiocese of Caceres in the Philippines. They were devastated by flooding from a typhoon.
- ◆ We are looking for a temporary Sacristan for Sunday masses. Our snowbirds will be leaving for the winter. Please contact the parish office if interested.

St. Mary’s Events



During the month of November, we will be remembering and praying for the Souls of our family and friends who have died. In the Grotto, there are candles that will burn during the month for those whose funeral was held here at St. Mary’s this year. At the end of the month the candles will be given to the families. There is also a book that you are welcome and encouraged to write the name of someone you wish to have included in our prayers. By the candles are copies of St. Gertrude’s prayer for you to carry in your wallet to pray often.

“Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord!”

Praise & Worship Nite

Monday, Nov. 18th @ 5:30pm @ St. Mary’s, Florence

Snacks/fellowship to follow! FREE EVENT!



Local Events

- ◆ See flyers @ back of church for **St. Norbert Abbey Events** and for retreats with **St. Anthony Spirituality Center!**
- ◆ **Bakers Wanted:** St. Mary’s is planning its **Annual Hunters’ Bake Sale** the weekend of November 23rd and 24th. Please sign up in the entryway if you are able to help with a delicious treat. Proceeds go toward a scholarship for a graduating senior and needs within the church.

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



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



Friends, November is a month we remember all the departed souls of our dear and near ones. It reminds us that we are pilgrims here only for a time. We also celebrate All Saint’s Day. In addition, this week from November 3-9 is National Vocation Awareness week. Vocation is a call from God. In Hebrews chapter five we read: “No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called

by God.” Listening to God’s call and being attentive to his voice is central to priestly and religious vocation. In our first reading today, Moses instructed the people to fear and obey the LORD, promising growth and prosperity. Love the LORD with all your heart, soul, and strength, and take these words to heart. He speaks to the heart and our response is crucial in receiving the call.

In our second reading today, we are told Jesus is our eternal high priest who intercedes for us. He is holy and offered himself once for all. He is perfect forever. The promise attached to love God in the first place is long life, growth and prosperity. Psalm 18 reads; I love you, Lord. You are my strength, rock, and refuge. You save me and keep me safe. Blessed be my savior, who gives victories and shows kindness. Vocation to priesthood is a call to share the one priesthood of Christ, and to make his victory over sin and death present in the world. Priestly ministry is about spreading the joy of salvation. The responsibility of teaching children to listen and obey the word of God is entrusted with parents in the first place.

A scribe asked Jesus about the greatest commandment. Jesus answered, saying to love God completely and love your neighbor as yourself. The scribe agreed, and Jesus affirmed his understanding. True love for God naturally leads to loving others and keeping God’s commandments. Jesus offers himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. This sacrifice is once and for all, showing his great love and mercy. True discipleship involves this dual commandment: loving God and showing that love through our actions toward others. Every opportunity to love someone is an opportunity to love God. It makes us mindful of how different people, things, and experiences unite us with God or draw us away from Him.

~ Fr. Soja

Looking Ahead...

- ◆ All Souls Day Mass: @ Armstrong Creek, Nov. 4th @ 5:30 pm
- ◆ Thanksgiving Mass: @ Goodman, Nov. 28th @ 9:00 am
- ◆ Feast of Immaculate Conception: @ Florence, Dec. 9th @ 8:30 am
- ◆ Christmas Eve Mass: Tuesday, Dec. 24th @ 6:00 pm
- ◆ Christmas Day Mass: Wednesday, Dec. 25th @ 8:30 am

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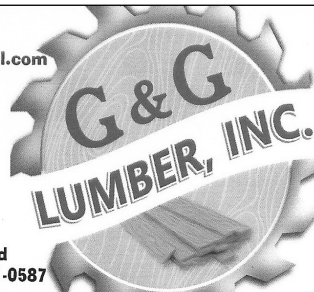


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