

# 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 12/31 5:30pm New Year’s Eve Mass  
+Julie Meyers  
*Offered by Dan & Gail Donaldson*

Wednesday 1/1 5:30pm New Year’s Day Mass

Thursday 1/2 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 1/3 8:30am For the People

Friday 1/3 10am @ Florence Health Services

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 1/4 6:00pm +Mary Jo Bomberg  
*Offered by Tammy & Randy Wiles*

Sun. 1/5 8:30am +In Memory of the Vayda & Getler Families

*Offered by Dorothy Vayda*

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 4th**

Sacristan - Dan Throm

Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Throm

Lector - Missy Roberts

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

**Sunday, January 5th**

Sacristan - Clara McLain

Eucharistic Ministers - Sally Neuens

Lector - Carolyn Lemanski

Lead Usher - Mike Lemanski

Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

**Happy New Year!**

*May God bless you as you enter this new year with peace, joy and love!*

## A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again  
Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time,  
Many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise  
Your glorious name.

*- Author Unknown*



Happy New Year To All



**Collection:** There is no collection information this weekend since the office was closed between Christmas and New Years. Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your generosity throughout the year and at Christmas. We are truly blessed.



**The beautiful Christmas Flowers that adorn our worship space** were donated in Memory of the following loved ones: *Daniel Bauer, Ann Bomberg, Paul & Mary Jo Bomberg, Norb & Etta Bougle, Alice Bougle, John & Martha Brey, Inga Carlson, Nick & Irene Dal Santo, Bob & Janice Dallapiazza, Donaldson Family, Jason Enders, Mike & Heddy Fornetti, Peggy Jensen, Anna Kelley, Janet Kelley, Bob & Claire Landry, Cliff McLain, Julie Meyers, Memory of Miller-Johnson Family, Nault Family, Caryl Novara, John Roach, Deceased of Leffler/Rochon Families, Steber Family, Glenn & Janet Sundquist, Ed & Marie VandenHeuvel, The deceased members of the Weber & Podnar families, Bill & Vincentta Worley.*

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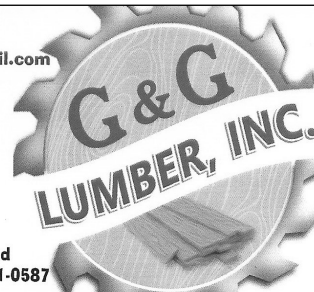
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## ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



## 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.
- ◆ **We are in need of Sacristans** for: 6:00 pm Mass, Saturday 12/28

### **Reminder:**

The Parish Office will be CLOSED

**Monday Dec. 30 thru Wednesday, Jan. 1.**

The Parish Office will open on **Thursday, January 2nd.**

Thank you!

## Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** books are in the entryway!
- ◆ Please take a candy cane found in the entryway! A sweet treat to remind us of Jesus’ sacrificial love for us!
- ◆ Please see our lost and found basket in the back of church, under the table for any missing items!

## Looking Ahead...

### Mass Schedules:

- ◆ New Year’s Eve Mass @ **Florence**, Tues 12/31, 5:30pm
- ◆ New Year’s Day Mass @ **Armstrong Creek**, Wed. 01/01, 9:00am
- ◆ New Year’s Day Mass @ **Florence**, Wed. 01/01, 5:30pm

### **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 feast of the Holy Family celebrates the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The readings for this feast highlight the importance of family and the virtues that sustain faith and unity. The word of God speaks about love as the bond of perfection. Love holds the family together and fosters unity. It calls for compassion, kindness, humility, and patience. These virtues help maintain harmony and love within the family. It also urges families to forgive one another. Forgiveness heals relationships and brings peace to the household.

The Book of Sirah tells that respect and care for parents brings spiritual and personal benefits, including answered prayers and a long life. At twelve, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem during Passover to discuss scripture with temple teachers, astounding many with his understanding, before returning home obediently. It was a custom for the Holy Family to go to Jerusalem every year for Passover. Regular prayer and worship together strengthen the family’s relationship with God. Pilgrimages to Holy places can increase the virtues and values that create a strong and loving family. St. Paul writing to Colossians warns fathers not to provoke their children and children to honor parents for long life and prosperity. Patience and gentleness from parents foster a supportive and loving environment.

As we are about to enter the New year, let us sing the glories of God for this Jubilee year 2025. Our calendar witnesses the everlasting reign of Christ. We begin the new year with the feast of the mother of God. Mary’s only advice to us is to do whatever he tells you. Our heritage defines us, but it does not limit our potential. Through faith in Christ, we have a divine heritage that bestows on us the potential to love. God is love and we become part of His family only in, through and with Jesus Christ. We are to make this world a beautiful place to live in through our love. Happy New year!

~ Fr. Soja



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