

# 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

No Daily Mass Tuesday 1/21

No Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 1/23

No Daily Mass Friday 1/24

No Daily Mass Tuesday 1/28

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 1/25 6:00pm +Michael LaFave  
*Offered by Cindy & Brant Brolin*

Sun. 1/26 8:30am +Daniel Bauer  
*Offered by Mike & Carolyn Lemanski*

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 25th**

Sacristan - Tanya Parker  
 Eucharistic Minister - Derek Parker  
 Lector - Evan Parker

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

**Sunday, January 26th**

Sacristan - Clara McLain  
 Eucharistic Ministers –Sally Neuens  
 Lector - Kathy Jazinski  
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski  
 Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime



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1/12 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$336.53	Envelope....\$380.00	Total...\$716.53
	Electronic.....\$190.00	Misc....\$50.00	Total...\$240.00
		<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,089.53</b>
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,539.00	

## Reminder:

Fr. Soja will be out of town beginning **Monday January 20th.**

He will return the following week.

We will have Fr. Peter Fosu for Saturday & Sunday masses this week.

There will be **no Daily Mass on Tuesday Jan 21st & no Eucharistic Adoration Thurs. Jan 23rd.**

Also, there will be **no Daily Mass on Friday Jan. 24th and no Daily Mass on Tues. Jan 28th .** Thank you!

## Koinonia Retreat @ St. Mary’s

**What:** Koinonia Retreat...a Catholic retreat similar to a Cursillo

**When:** May 30 – June 1, 2025

**Time(s):** Begins Friday @ 5pm, concludes Sunday @ 5pm

**Who:** For single individuals and married couples

**Where:** @ St. Mary’s Parish, Florence

**Details:** All meals included; Diocese of Green Bay Approved, 256th such retreat! Come to the church during the day, and in the evening, you can go home and sleep in your own bed.

**Contact:** Larry & Barb Neuens [nuinns@borderlandnet.net](mailto:nuinns@borderlandnet.net) or call

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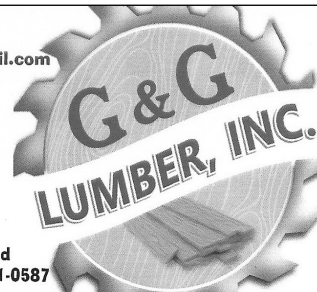


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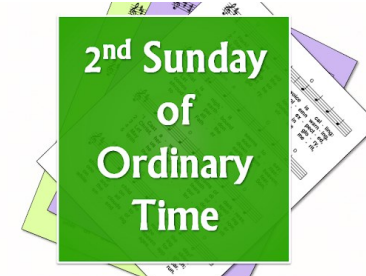
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## ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME!



*Thank you!*

**Thank you** to all of our volunteers involved in the various ministries here at St. Mary’s! Know your witness to love of Christ and service of others does not go unnoticed. We appreciate you and hold you in prayer!

## Mass Intentions: More Information

**Q: What is a mass intention?**

**A:** According to the USCCB, a "Mass intention" is a specific request by a person to have a Catholic Mass celebrated for a particular purpose, such as giving thanks, praying for someone in need, or asking for the repose of a deceased person's soul; essentially, it means the priest will offer the Mass with a particular person or situation in mind during the celebration of the Eucharist.

**Q: Why has the cost for a mass intention increased? Do I have to pay \$10 or \$20? Or is whatever I can give, as donation, sufficient?**

**A:** The cost of a mass intention increased from the Diocese. Whatever someone can give is sufficient, as no one will be denied a sacrament due to financial availability. All mass intention monies go right back to our parish.

Please visit or call/email the Parish Office to set up Mass Intentions!

## Our Bishop’s Appeal Goal for 2025:

**\$9,274.00**

## Looking Ahead...

- ◆ Saturday January 25th @ 6pm with Fr. Peter Fosu
- ◆ Sunday January 26th @ 8:30am with Fr. Peter Fosu



Friends, in our first reading today Isaiah compares Yahweh to a young man who marries a virgin. His love transforms her. She used to be called "Forsaken." Now she has a new name, "My Delight." Our second reading teaches that God is the origin of spiritual gifts. The various graces

which the members of the Church receive are a living reflection of God who, being essentially one, and so is a trinity of persons. Therefore, diversity of gifts and graces is as important as their basic unity, because all have the same divine origin and the same purpose—the common good. What about the temporal blessings? Is not God the source of all temporal blessings too?

There are many lessons we can learn from the wedding feast at Cana: for example, Christ's approval of marriage—there were some heretical sects later who said marriage was sinful, unfit for a Christian. Or we could see in it the intercessory power of our blessed Mother. Blessed Virgin Mary had a great role in the wedding feast at Cana. It underscores the role of Virgin Mary in every human family. Christ anticipated his "hour" for working miracles in order to grant her request. But the theme of today's readings is the goodness and kindness of God and we surely have convincing proof of that loving kindness in today's gospel story.

Christ worked his first miracle in order to grant a temporal favor, an earthly gift, to save the newly married groom from embarrassment. It had the other effects of convincing his very recent disciples of their belief that he was the expected Messiah, and also it convinced all Christians of the efficacy of our Lady's intercession for us, but its primary purpose was to confer a temporal benefit on the groom. By this kind act he has shown us that he is interested in our earthly affairs also. He became man in order that we could become sons of God, he came on earth so that we could go to heaven, but this miracle at Cana proves that he has a deep interest in our many and varied activities during the course of our journey to heaven.

~ Fr. Soja



## **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

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