

# 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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There will be *no weekday masses or Eucharistic adoration* Monday Aug. 5 - Thursday Aug. 29.

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 8/24 6:00 p.m. +, Tg Living and Deceased Members of the Buechel Family

*Offered by Mark & Carla Kramer*

Sunday 8/25 8:30 a.m. Tg, Norb & Kay Zelten 69th Anniversary

*Offered by Dan & Kathy Jazinski*

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

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, August 24th

Sacristan - \*Volunteer Needed  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Bill DeGroot  
 Lector - Bill DeGroot  
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

### Sunday, August 25th

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Al Williams  
 Lector - Al Williams  
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski  
 Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski

8/10 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$42.00	Envelope....\$385.00	Total.....\$427.00
8/11 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$495.00	Envelope....\$340.00	Total.....\$835.00
	Electronic...\$190.00	Other/Misc....\$1,252.11	Total....\$1,442.11
		<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$2,704.11</b>
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 2,409.00	

**Raising Vocations Collection** in St. Mary’s Parish raised **\$250.00!**

Thank you for your generosity!

Fr. Soja will be away **Monday Aug. 5 - Thursday Aug. 29.**

*Our guest priests and schedule are found below:*

**Saturday Evening @ 6pm**, 8/17, 8/24 - Fr. Dan Dapaah

**Sunday Morning @ 8:30am**, 8/18, 8/25 - Fr. Peter Fosu

While Fr. Soja is on vacation, we will hold **Vespers** (Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer) on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings @ 6:30pm**. Please join us for this liturgical prayer of the Church and a chaplet of Divine Mercy. Prayers and instructions will be provided.

**Dates:** Tuesdays: 20 & 27. Thursday: 22 & 29

Come out to Pro-Life Wisconsin’s 2024 Love for Life Gala at the Brookfield Conference Center on Saturday September 14th we raise the funds to protect all human life! The gala will feature keynote speaker Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee. Doors open at 5:00pm, cocktail hour with open bar, games, and raffle from 5:30-6:30pm, and 6:30pm dinner program followed by live auction and keynote. **Register by Monday August 26th at [ProLifeWI.org/gala](http://ProLifeWI.org/gala) or call our office at 262-796-1111.**

*Prayer is Powerful!*



If you would like to add names to the September prayer line, please reach out to the office prior to Thursday August 29!



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

A special thank you to all of our outside helpers and summer volunteers! Dave Bauer for mowing, Karen Podnar, Mary Kay & Al Williams, Debbie Gibson, Kathy Fabry.

**Bishop’s Appeal:** We will participate in the \$25 on August 25 Campaign. More information can be found below.

### \$25 on the 25th of August

The objective is to have parishioners donate \$25 on the 25th. This will occur on the weekend of Aug 24-25 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.**

**Our Young People Need Your Support:** We are seeing Jesus enter the lives of so many young men and women on their faith journey. Have you made your gift to help our young people? So far this year, our parish(es) have raised \$250.00 Let us see if we can increase our support of this important part of the mission of the Diocese of Green Bay, and let’s help our young people say “yes” to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

Make your gift today by mailing in your pledge card, visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give) or call Tammy Danz at 920-272-8123. Whatever you are able to give is greatly appreciated.

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.



We are in need of:

- **Volunteer Church Cleaners**
- **Weed Pullers** for the flower beds outside of the church.



Friends, the readings this weekend call us to live with wisdom and understanding. They encourage us to seek true nourishment from Jesus, the Bread of Life, and live in a way that pleases God. The readings highlight the need for spiritual nourishment. Just as our bodies need food, our souls need the sustenance that comes from

Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus promises eternal life to those who believe in Him.

Paul encourages us to always give thanks to God. This thankfulness helps us to live joyfully and gratefully, recognizing God’s many blessings. He speaks of expressing joy through spiritual music. This joy comes from living in harmony with God’s will and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Ephesians remind us to live with wisdom, understanding God’s will for our lives. It urges us to be careful in how we live, making the most of every opportunity. It calls us to live with a clear mind and a focused heart. Wisdom is shown as a treasure that helps us make wise choices and live fulfilling lives. Proverbs urge us to value wisdom above material possessions and to apply it in our daily actions, leading to success and harmony.

In the Gospel, Jesus offers himself as the living bread from heaven. Those who partake in Him through the Eucharist will receive eternal life. We need to be grafted into His body to have eternal life. John 6 highlights the importance of the Eucharist in our worship. Jesus declares that He is the bread of life and promises eternal life to those who eat His flesh and drink His blood. He declared His abiding presence with those who take part in it; “Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in them”. He transforms us into His likeness through His abiding presence with us as we take part in the Eucharist. This teaching is challenging, but it emphasizes the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, we are united with Jesus, experiencing an intimate relationship with Him. This union is central to our Catholic faith. This mystery reminds us that we are the Body of Christ, full of dignity and power.

~ Fr. Soja

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**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.  
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