

# 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

Thursday 10/10 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 10/11 8:30a.m. +Susan Miller  
*Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar*

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 10/12 6:00 p.m. +Ann Peterson  
*Offered by Scott & Jeanne Waitrovich*

Sun.10/13 8:30 a.m. +Mark Peters  
 + Doris Keehan  
*Offered by Rosie Peters*

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

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, October 12th

Sacristan - Dan Throm  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Throm  
 Lector - Debbie Zelten  
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

### Sunday, October 13th

Sacristan - Al & Mary Kay Williams  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Al Williams  
 Lector - Al Williams  
 Lead Usher - Jay Glime  
 Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

9/28 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$86.00	Envelope....\$130.00	Total.....\$216.00
9/29 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$152.00	Envelope....\$415.00	Total...\$567.00
<b>Bishop’s Appeal:</b>	<b>Electronic</b>	<b>Misc.....\$855.00</b>	<b>Total...</b>
\$100.00	9/21: \$40		\$2,020.00
	9/29: \$1,015.00		
<b>Building Fund:</b> \$10.00		<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$2,803.00</b>
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 1,646.00	

**Raising Vocations Collection: \$1,413.00**      **Bishop’s Appeal: \$7,095.00**

**October** is “the Month of the Holy Rosary.”

We will be praying the rosary after all weekend masses during the month of October, for Peace in our families and for World Peace. We’re in need of people willing to lead the Rosary after Masses, please!

**Saturday, October 5th:** Heather Roberts

**Sunday, October 6th:** Carolyn Lemanski

**Saturday, October 12th:** Rob & Sue Ristau

**Sunday, October 13th:** Mary Kay Williams

**Saturday, October 19th:** Open

**Sunday, October 20th:** Open

**Saturday, October 26th:** Open

**Sunday October 27th:** Carolyn Lemanski

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

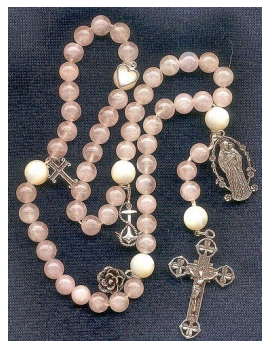
Please join us in praying for our nation on: **Saturday October 12th @ noon.**

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 Corner of Lake St. and Lincoln St.  
 Contact Marybeth Leslie  
 (906)774-1562

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 749 Central Avenue  
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 Contact Shelley VanPembrook  
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 Outside of Fornetti Dental Center  
 100 South Stephenson Avenue  
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KINGSFORD  
 Gazebo on Woodward Avenue  
 Contact Mary Poupore  
 (906)250-3058



## ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

### Notes & Reminders

- ♦ A special thank you to Sue Mills for cleaning the church during the month of October!
- ♦ In the back of the church are the October Prayer Line calendar, the Oct.-Dec. Living Faith Books, and paper copies of the Ministry Schedules and Harvest Dinner Sign Up Sheets
- ♦ Please find your funeral food dishes in the parish hall.
- ♦ Please clean up and remove all cemetery decorations by Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Removal of decorations will allow for the necessary fall cleanup of the cemetery in preparation of the winter months ahead. Thank you.
- ♦ **Tuesday 10/8 mass will be Cancelled.** Fr. Soja will be gone **Monday Oct. 7th through Wednesday Oct. 9th** for the Clergy Congress. Please keep our priests and Bishop in your prayers.

### Veteran’s Day is November 11th.

Each year St. Mary’s Parish honors Veterans with a 3-part outreach project that supports men and women who are currently serving at home, those who are currently deployed and those that have served in the past. **Part One—Letters of Appreciation/Thank You:** We will provide a list in the bulletin so parishioners, students and non-parishioners can write a note letting the Service Member you know care. The Service Members do not have to be a member of our parish. You can send as many letters as you feel called to write. **Part Two— Care Packages, Deployed Duty, Out of Country Veterans:** Any service personnel serving outside of the U.S. These service personnel will receive a “Care Package.” **Part 3— All Veterans no longer serving:** All Veterans will be honored at Mass on Saturday, November 9th and Sunday November 10th, with a special blessing and thank you.

If you have someone you would like to have receive a letter or care package, please contact either the Parish Office or call/text Mary Kay Williams @ 906-282-4937 no later than October 12th. Please provide the following: Name, mailing address, branch of the service, your name and relationship to the service member.



**Harvest Dinner**  
**Sunday, October 27th @ 4:30p.m.**  
 St. Mary’s Parish Hall, Florence



Friends, the readings for this weekend highlight the importance of unity, family, and following God’s will. They remind us of the value of marriage, the role of children, and Jesus’ teachings on these topics. God created animals and birds for man to name, but none was suitable. God then made a woman from man’s rib. Man

recognized her as his equal and partner. The union between Christ and the church is inseparable. Jesus calls for the same fidelity and commitment in marital relationships. This calls us to follow His example of humility and sacrifice.

The Pharisees tested Jesus about divorce, and he emphasized God’s original design for marriage. The union between man and woman was originally conceived in the plan of God. Jesus teaches that marriage is a sacred bond. He reminds us that this bond should not be broken lightly. God created woman as a partner for man, showing that marriage is meant to be a union of equals. This unity is blessed by God. Family as the basic unit of society through which children are received from the moment of conception. Jesus’ love for children highlights the importance of nurturing and caring for family members. Salvation is a gift to be received with childlike trust and openness. Jesus was made lower than the angels to taste death for the salvation of all to establish our union with God.

Today the prayer based on Psalm 128 asks God to bless our homes and families. “Blessed are those who fear the Lord and follow his ways. They will enjoy prosperity, family blessings, and peace. May the Lord bless us throughout our lives.” It highlights the importance of trusting in God’s will and growing in faith. The prayer seeks God’s provision and protection, asking for joyful and loving days filled with peace and laughter. By focusing on the blessings that come from following God, it encourages families to stay close to Him and find comfort in His presence throughout their lives.

~ Fr. Soja



**Praise & Worship Nite**  
**Friday Oct. 11th @ 5:30pm**  
 St. Mary’s, Florence

Snacks and fellowship to follow!  
**FREE EVENT!**



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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. For more information contact: Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379

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