

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 10/15 5:30pm +Kitty & Roger Yadro
Offered by Mike & Carolyn Lemanski

Thursday 10/17 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 10/18 8:30a.m. +Mary Jo Bomberg
Offered by Bob, Mary & Tommy Podnar

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 10/19 6:00 p.m. +Gary Blunt
Offered by Brad & Sue Yocum

Sun.10/20 8:30 a.m. +The Deceased Members
 of the Podnar & Weber Family
Offered by Dennis & Karen Podnar

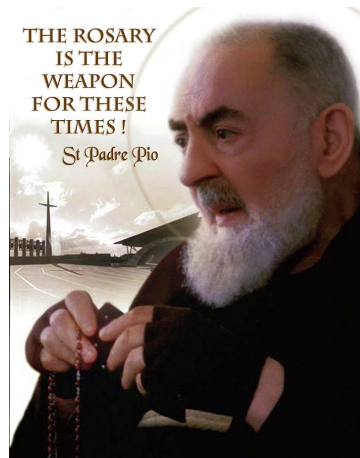
+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving
 Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 19th
 Sacristan - Derek & Tanya Parker
 Eucharistic Ministers - Derek Parker
 Lector - Evan Parker
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, October 20th
 Sacristan - Kathy Fabry
 Eucharistic Ministers - Clara McLain
 Lector - Bill DeGroot
 Lead Usher - Jerry Divine
 Money Counters -
 Dorothy Vayda & Jerry Divine

10/5 Sat. Coll.	Loose...\$104.00	Envelope...\$265.00	Total.....\$369.00
10/6 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$558.00	Envelope...\$490.00	Total...1,048.00
	Electronic...\$40.00	Misc.....\$50.00	Total...\$90.00
		Total Collections	\$1,507.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 1,940.00	



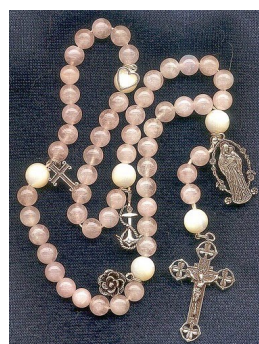
At the front left side of the church, in the Grotto, we invite you to “come and see” the rosaries and cards available to help us to begin to have a conversation with the Blessed Mother, by praying the Rosary.

“Love Our Lady and make her loved. Always recite the rosary..”

“...In times of darkness, holding the Rosary is like holding your Blessed Mother’s hand.”

Leading Rosary After Mass Schedule:

Saturday, October 12th: Open
Sunday, October 13th: Mary Kay Williams
Saturday, October 19th: Rob & Sue Ristau
Sunday, October 20th: Open
Saturday, October 26th: Open
Sunday October 27th: Carolyn Lemanski



ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thank you!

A special thank you to all folks who helped make the first October Praise & Worship Nite a success and all who supported this event through donations, baked items, cooked meals, prayers; those who coordinated, decorated, promoted, participated and attended; and thank YOU for supporting St. Mary’s Parish!

Notes & Reminders

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ There will be a second collection next weekend for World Mission Sunday. Please prayerfully consider donating if you are able.
- ◆ 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!

Events



Harvest Dinner

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

We’re pleased to announce the St. Mary’s Ecumenical Harvest Dinner will take place on Sunday, October 27th at St. Mary’s Church. Please join us as we share a delicious harvest-style meal and pleasant conversation with members from other Florence parishes. Sign up sheets are in the back of church if you are able to help or would like to attend.



Friends, in the gospel for this weekend a man asked Jesus about inheriting eternal life. Jesus tells the rich young man to sell all he has and follow Him. This shows the challenge of letting go of earthly possessions to fully commit to Jesus. The man left sad. He is probably the only person who left sad after having met Jesus. Jesus’ call to the rich young man is a reminder for all of us to follow Him without

reservation. It emphasizes the importance of prioritizing our relationship with Jesus over anything else to be happy forever. Jesus taught how difficult it is for the rich to enter God’s kingdom but affirmed that all things are possible with God. Jesus’ response teaches that eternal life is a gift from God that requires faith and dedication to His commandments. This reassures us that God can help us overcome any obstacles in our spiritual journey.

We had our annual clergy congress concluded on October 9th with the eucharistic celebration in the shrine of Our Lady of Champion. In our opening session Bishop David Ricken spoke of the Jubilee year 2025. Pope Francis will begin the “Jubilee year of Hope” on December 29th in Rome. In our diocese the jubilee year will begin on January 6th. We are encouraged to make pilgrimages to Holy places and shrines where confessions are available. The Bishop pointed out that we have a treasure in our backyard, the shrine of Our Lady of Champion. The queen of heaven touched down here in Wisconsin a hundred and fifty years ago. She appeared to Adele. This shrine can enhance the spiritual life of the people. Mary appears to the most unsuspecting person. It could be also when our faith is in point of decline and danger that Mary appears to us. She continues to fight from heaven to keep the faith of her son alive. The quickest way to Jesus is through Mary.

Let us go with Jesus so that we can party forever. Let us reclaim Sundays as the Lord’s Day, a time for family and worship. Put God first and He will take care of everything. We pray for our brethren affected by the Hurricane including our parishioners and the relatives of our parishioners in Florida. May our Lady of Champion intercede for us.

~ Fr. Soja



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