

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 1/28

Thurs. 1/30 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Fri. 1/31 8:30am For the People

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 2/1 6:00pm +Harvey & Beverly Crevier
Offered by Missy Roberts & Family

Sun. 2/2 8:30am For the People

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 1st

Sacristan - Dan Throm

Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm

Lector - Missy Roberts

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, February 2nd

Sacristan - Clara McLain

Eucharistic Ministers - Bill DeGroot

Lector - Bill DeGroot

Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski

Money Counters - Dan & Kathy Jazinski



1/18 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$129.00	Envelope.....\$190.00	Total.....\$319.00
1/19 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$102.00	Envelope....\$205.00	Total...\$307.00
	Electronic.....\$40.00	Misc....\$290.00	Total...\$330.00
		Total Collection:	\$956.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,539.00	

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord...Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing...”
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



Mass Intentions Update: St. Mary’s

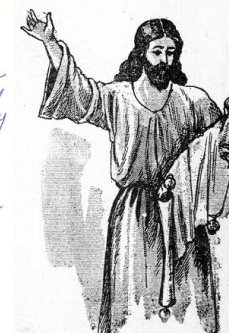
Effective this past July the Diocese directed that the Mass intention donations should be raised from \$10 to \$20 for the whole Diocese of Green Bay. While we appreciate and respect the guidance, Father Soja and the Finance Council discussed input we've received from our Parish and made the decision to return to our previous Mass intention requested amount of \$10. We feel this is in the best interest of our current Parish situation & needs. As always, if anyone does not have sufficient means, their intention donation will be covered with Parish funds. Please visit or call/email the Parish Office to set up Mass Intentions! We have open dates in February!

Our Bishop’s Appeal Goal for 2025: \$9,274.00

The Bishop’s Appeal Kickoff Weekend for 2025 will begin **February 1st and 2nd, 2025!**

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

*Dear St Marys Members
 Thank you so much for your continued support for the Community Giving Tree with donations of money & gifts. This year there were 39 families, 101 children who received toys, clothing & food for Christmas.
 God Bless You
 The St Vincent Members*



“...He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah...” *Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

St. Mary’s Events

- ◆ **Koinonia Retreat;** Catholic retreat similar to a Cursillo. May 30 – June 1, 2025. Begins Friday @ 5pm, concludes Sunday @ 5pm. For single individuals and married couples, @ St. Mary’s Parish, Florence. 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 or call 715-625-1011

Notes & Reminders

- ◆ If anyone has a need or interest in gluten-free or Celiac-friendly options for Holy Communion, please let the office know or ask for more information.
- ◆ The poinsettias in the back of the church are free to anyone who wants one.
- ◆ Tax forms for Annual Contributions will be distributed before/after mass, as well as, mailed out. Thank you for supporting St. Mary’s Parish!
- ◆ Fr. Soja will be out of town from **Monday January 20th to Wednesday January 29th.** There will be **no Daily Mass on Friday Jan. 24th and no Daily Mass on Tues. Jan 28th .**



Happy Anniversary (Two Years) to Fr. Soja!

We are so blessed to have you @ St. Mary’s parish! Thank you for all you do! *Many blessings!*



Friends, our first reading today is taken from the Book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah and Ezra lived in the time when the people of Israel had been returned to their land after the years of the Babylonian Captivity, and it was a time of rebuilding.

The people had lost their connections to their faith. The Second Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians refers to the Mystical Body of Christ. St. Paul concludes his description of the different parts of the body by applying it to the Church, where variety of functions does not detract from unity.

In the first four verses of St. Luke's Gospel which have been read today, we find reason to be grateful to him. He went to a lot of trouble in order to put in a permanent form, in a written record, the essential facts concerning Christ, his words and his works, so that we "would understand (like Theophilus) the certainty of the faith in which we have been instructed." But while we must be grateful to St. Luke, we owe a bigger debt of gratitude still to the all-good, all-wise God who moved Luke and the other Evangelists to preserve for us in writing the essential truths of the Christian faith that has been handed down to us. The Apostles were companions of Christ. They witnessed his works and his words; they remembered most of his doings and his sayings, and what they might have forgotten the Holy Spirit recalled to their memory on that first Pentecost day in Jerusalem. The first two generations of Christians received the facts of the faith from these eyewitnesses and the miracles so frequent in the infant Church were confirmation of the truth of their teaching.

We have a priceless gift of God in the inspired Books of the Bible. Let us show true appreciation for that gift by using it to build up a better knowledge of the Christian faith which it teaches us. There should be a Bible, or at least the New Testament, in every Christian home. It should not be an ornament on a shelf, but a fountain and source from which we can draw strength and refreshment in the daily practice of our Christian faith. Almost two thousand years ago, God's infinite goodness provided this source of strength, the "fountain of living water," for us Christians of this century. Are we grateful for his thoughtfulness? Are we nourishing our faith at this blessed fountain of his infinite wisdom and love?

~ Fr. Soja



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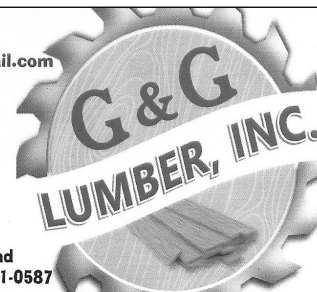
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Knights of Columbus

Local Council #2847 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.

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