

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 10/29 5:30pm For the People

Thursday 10/31 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

All Saints Day Mass -Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 11/1 8:30am +Grace & Julius Vayda

Offered by Dorothy Vayda

Friday 11/1 10:00am Florence Health Services

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 11/02 6:00pm +Bridget King

Offered by Al & Mary Kay Williams

Sun. 11/03 8:30am +James Pintarelli

Offered by Edwin Kelley

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

Ministry Schedule

All Saints Day—Friday, November 1st

Sacristan - Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers - Bill DeGroot

Lector - Bill DeGroot

All Souls Day—Saturday, November 2nd

Sacristan - Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers - Clara McLain

Lector - Missy Roberts

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, November 3rd

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry

Eucharistic Ministers - Sally Neuens

Lector - Carolyn Lemanski

Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski

Money Counters - Jay & Lori Glime

10/19 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$112.00	Envelope....\$260.00	Total.....\$372.00
10/20 Sun. Coll.	Loose...\$173.00	Envelope....\$555.00	Total....\$728.00
World Mission	Electronic...\$40.00	Misc.....\$140.00	Total...\$575.00
Sunday: \$395.00			
		Total Collection:	\$1,675.00
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$ 1,713.00	



Leading Rosary After Mass Schedule:

Saturday, Oct. 26th: Open

Sunday Oct. 27th: Carolyn Lemanski



Do you have 2-3 hours a month to help the Arts & Environment committee decorate? We are just looking for some help. For more information, please contact Karen Podnar or Mary Kay Williams.



Our Deepest Condolences to all of the family and friends of **Theresa Gardner**, who recently passed away on Friday October 18th, 2024.

A former member of St. Mary’s Parish, Theresa helped with funerals, taught religious formation classes, and participated in a prayer group. May we continue to keep Theresa and all her family in loving prayer during this difficult time.

Grant eternal life to our sister, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Let the angels welcome her into Paradise and help us comfort each other with the assurance of our faith. May she rest in peace.

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

Thank you!

A special thank you to all who supported, prayed and/or donated to the second collection for World Mission Sunday. Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated!

Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **The Harvest Dinner** will be held this weekend on Sunday, Oct. 27th @ 4:30pm, St. Mary’s Parish Hall! Please join us!
- ◆ Please find your funeral food dishes in the parish hall.
- ◆ All Saints Day Mass will be held on Friday, November 1st, @ 8:30a.m.—St. Mary’s, Florence. It is a *holy day of obligation*.

St. Mary’s Events

Harvest Dinner

Sunday, October 27th @ 4:30p.m.



All Saints Day: Nov. 1st

Holy Day of Obligation

All Souls Day: Nov. 2nd



During the month of November, we remember in prayer our loved ones who have passed away. There is a book of remembrance near the memorial candle for those who would like to add their departed loved ones’ names.

Prayer of Saint Gertrude the Great cards will be available at the end of the pews and at the back of the church if you would like one!

Local Events

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday November 3rd, 2024

Don’t forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!



- ◆ See flyers @ back of church for **St. Norbert Abbey Events!**
- ◆ See flyers @ back of church for **St. Anthony Spirituality Center Retreats!**



Friends, the word of God this weekend highlights God’s love and mercy. The readings show how God listens to our cries and heals our brokenness. Hebrews speaks of the high priest who understands our weaknesses. Jesus, our High Priest, is compassionate and merciful. Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, called out to Jesus for mercy.

Despite being told to be quiet, he persisted. Jesus healed him, His mercy is shown in action. Bartimaeus then followed Jesus. He leaves his old life and follows Jesus with great joy. We, like Bartimaeus, can suffer from spiritual blindness. We must have the courage to call out to Jesus and let Him guide us. By doing so, we can see clearly and follow His path.

If you wish to stir joy in your soul, thank God for all the ways He has blessed. The virtue of joy is a long-lasting state beyond happiness and suffering at the same time.

Psalm 126 is an expression of gratitude when our dreams come true. We prayed in distress, feeling our situation was impossible, but God reversed it and brought us joy. We thank God for His blessings and for turning our sorrow into happiness. This psalm reminds us to be thankful when God answers our prayers and brings our dreams to life. There are two reasons people do not approach God for mercy and blessings; First, despair and distress about one’s sinfulness that does not deserve forgiveness. Second, complacency that God is merciful he will forgive everything. But it is in humility and trust that one approaches the mercy of God in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Jeremiah calls the people to return to God. God wants to restore and forgive. God promises to bring back His people and heal their wounds. In Jeremiah, God gathers His people from exile. Jeremiah talks about a joyful return to the Promised Land. God’s people find joy in His promises. The Book of Jeremiah shows God’s constant love, mercy, and justice. Jeremiah’s messages reveal God’s plans for His people, even in tough times. The story offers hope, reminding us that God will restore us, even in hardship. Jeremiah also foretells a new covenant through Christ, bringing forgiveness and eternal life. This message assures us that, despite our mistakes, God’s grace can always guide us back to Him.

~ Fr. Soja

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 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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