

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST MARY

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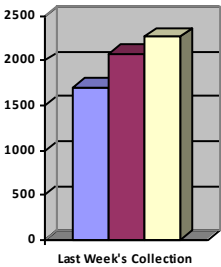
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Live the Gospel! Whatever it takes.

- ♦ If you are interested in joining our parish, becoming Catholic, marriage prep, baptism prep, confirmation, funerals, returning to the Church, spiritual direction, inquiring about an annulment or have other concerns, contact the parish office.
- ♦ Questions regarding religious education and registration can be addressed to Carolyn Lemanski: (715) 528-3008
- ♦ Call St. Vincent de Paul Conference for assistance with basic needs: (715) 528-2030
- ♦ To schedule a Mass intention, volunteer for a parish ministry, rent the parish hall, request a prayer shawl, request prayers, have communion brought to your home or for information on grief support, call the parish office.

Scheduled Masses

Sunday	August 1	8:30 AM	St. Mary - Mass + Mark Peters
Tuesday	August 3	5:30 PM	St. Mary - No Mass
Thursday	August 5	4:30-5:30 PM	St. Mary - No Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Benediction
Friday	August 6	8:30 AM	St. Mary - No Mass
		10:00 AM	Florence Health Services *No Mass
Saturday	August 7	6:00 PM	St. Mary - Mass + Edna VanWychen
Sunday	August 8	8:00 - 8:30 AM	St. Mary *Reconciliation
		8:30 AM	St. Mary - Mass + Pam Meneghini



Sat. General Collection	Loose...\$365.00	Envelope...\$150.00	Total...\$515.00
Sun. General Collection	Loose...\$692.00	Envelope...\$488.00	Total...\$1,180.00
Electronic Transfer	General...\$375.00	Bill Pay...\$0.00	Total...\$375.00
Total General Collections			\$2,070.00

Liturgical Schedule: Saturday, August 7 - 6:00 pm

Ministers of Communion: open
Lector: Carolyn Lemanski
Servers: Open
Ministers of Hospitality: n/a
Ushers: Ron Van Wychen
Sacristan: Roy Rietz



Church/Office Cleaning :
August 11 - 14

Liturgical Schedule: Sunday, August 8 - 8:30 am

Ministers of Communion: Jessica Frost
Lector: Carla Kramer Servers: Open
Ushers: Thank you volunteers!
Money counters: - Dorothy Vayda and Jerry Divine
Hospital Visitation: - temporarily suspended
Sacristan: Jessica Frost

Thank You for your Ministry!

Bulletin Connection From Deacon Jerry Cross...

Several scholars have suggested that Chapter 6 of John’s Gospel may have originally been the text of a homily by an early Christian teacher on the Eucharistic action of Jesus. Jesus is apparently speaking to two groups: those who witnessed the miracle of the loaves (last Sunday’s Gospel) and those who did not see the miracle but have heard about it and want to see a similar sign for themselves. To the former, Jesus tells them that there is something much deeper in this event than “perishable food” being multiplied; the real “food” is the word of God proclaimed, its power and authority manifested in the miracles of the loaves. To the latter group who seek a sign as the Israelites sought a sign from Moses, Jesus reminds them that it was not Moses himself but God working through Moses that provided their “grumbling” Exodus ancestors with bread in the desert (recalled in today’s first reading from Exodus). God has given his people new bread for the new covenant – the Risen Christ.

Know anyone looking for small town charm and a place to build? We have two adjacent lots for sale. A photo of the lots and the contact information are available on the entryway bulletin boards to share.

Our Seminarians Need Your Help: Over the past 16 years, our diocese has witnessed incredible growth in all vocations including the priesthood. Let’s keep that growth going and support our future spiritual fathers! Please be generous with our Annual Seminarian Collection: *Hope for the Future, Help them Today.* An important letter will arrive in your mailbox this week asking for your help. Next weekend is the kick off of the 16th year of this annual collection. Your donation provides tuition, room and board, insurance, a small stipend for our seminarians and will support the Vocation Office’s efforts to call forth more candidates. The total annual cost for our 16 seminarians is around \$1,000,000. As friends and followers of Jesus, we support each other. In order to make your gift today, visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.

Great news: We will be celebrating weekly Mass again beginning Tuesday, August 10th.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL REFLECTION:

The Gospel tells us “This is my Beloved Son. Listen to Him” By ‘listening’ we are able to live the gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill our their hearts when seeking help. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to become a “listening heart” to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor. *The store is always in need of help. If interested call 715-528-4720 to volunteer.*

From the Bishop: On the weekend of August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Bishop Ricken will be lifting the dispensation to attend the Sunday Mass. What is a dispensation? Who has it applied to? Does this mean that if I care for someone who is sick or cannot go to Mass because of my own illness I am now obliged to go to Mass on Sunday? Please read the bulletin insert with the Bishop’s column from the July 16 edition of *The Compass*. Bishop Ricken talks about the lifting of the dispensation and how it applies to you.

Prayer for Vocations

Father, we are your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love.

We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

Reporting Sexual Abuse If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is now under the age of 18 by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, *Please immediately call the civil authorities and then the Diocese.* If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact: Office of Safe Environment Diocese of Green Bay 920-272-8174 or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free) We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities. YOU MATTER TO US – THERE IS HOPE!



Available now all you have to do is register, simply go to stmaryflorence.formed.org.

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