

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



JANUARY 19, 2025

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska
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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

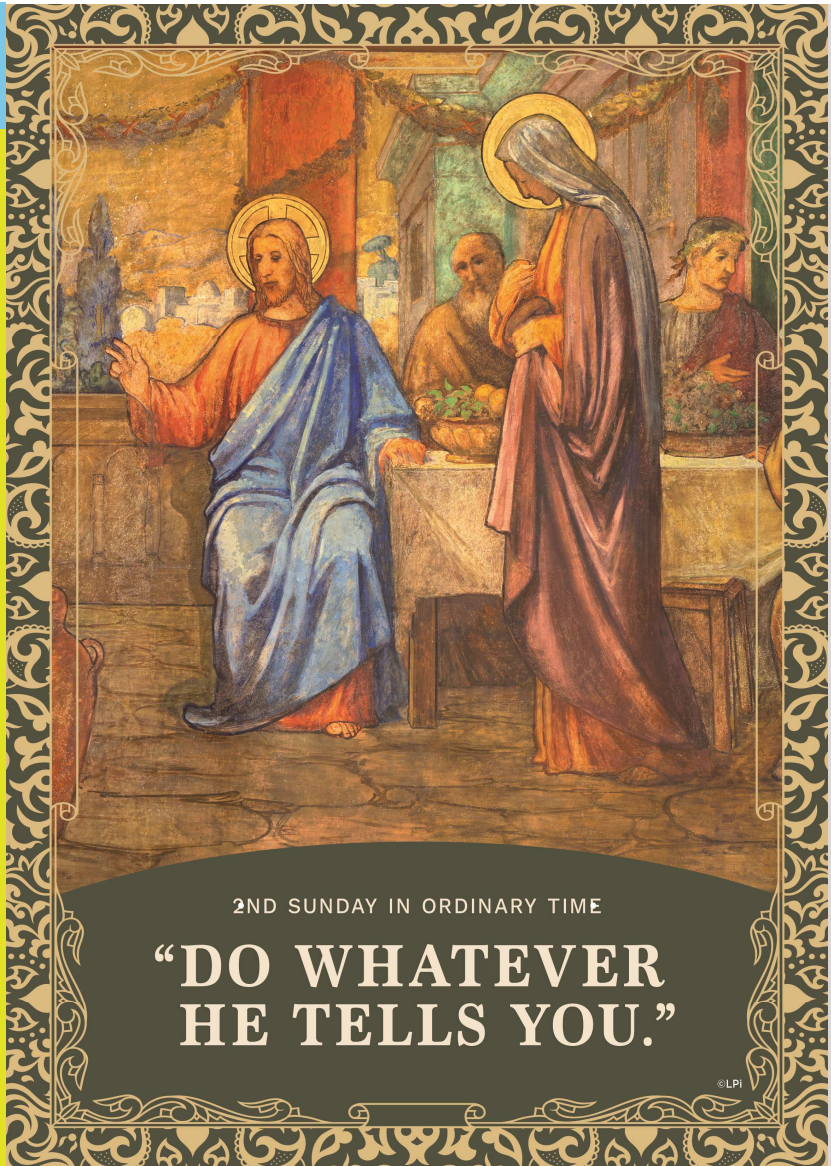
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Dominic

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day (Vigil): 6:00 p.m.
Reconciliation: 8 a.m. Sunday

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (IC),
also by appointment
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (SD)



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“DO WHATEVER
HE TELLS YOU.”**

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MORE PARISH INFORMATION...

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment. A six-month preparation period is required.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Please call the rectory for information.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the rectory if anyone in your family is hospitalized or is a shut-in.

Parish Membership

Membership in the parish is required to be a sponsor for a Sacrament, to be married in the parish, or to have a child baptized. Please notify the rectory office of a change of address or phone number.

Religious Education Classes

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (*All Grades*)

***Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 9:00 a.m.**

THE CHURCHES OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. DOMINIC

MASS INTENTIONS

Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 AM Mary Laska

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 AM Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM James Troutman by a Friend

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM Blake Rowan by Porter and Kathy Duvall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

5:15 PM Joan Wierbinski by Bill and Pat Thompson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Dory McAninch
by Betty and Kathi Ransel

10:30 AM Mark Wolfe by Aunt Helen



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—JANUARY 18 & 19

Altar Servers

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Please volunteer if you attend this Mass

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Emelia Gow

Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Michele Confer

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Sara Gow

St. Dominic | John Matia

Rosary Leaders: Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan

STEWARDSHIP - JANUARY 11 & 12

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,692.00
Loose	\$415.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$105.00
Help Spread the Faith.....	\$55.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$78,813.00
Paid.....	\$76,183.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$118,839.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #26).....	(\$6,117.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.



USHERS SCHEDULE

January 25 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

January 26 John Palmer, Jonathan Hoak

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

As we enter this new year of 2025 and join with Catholics around the world on the “Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope”, we will be having a monthly day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following the 8 am Mass and continue to 7 pm. when Benediction will conclude the period of adoration.

Our first day of Adoration will be on Thursday, January 23rd. We are asking you to commit to a half hour (or longer) of adoration by placing your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. This is to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament will never be left alone as it is exposed on the altar.

Please plan on joining your parish family on this Jubilee Journey.

HELP SPREAD THE FAITH COLLECTION

Our second collection, next weekend, January 25th and 26th is for “Help Spread the Faith”.

Bishop Persico writes:

“I want to take a moment to express how deeply inspired I am by your faith and generosity. As we celebrate this Holy Year, your support allows us to share the Good News of Christ in every corner of our diocese, which is why I ask you to consider making a gift to the Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection, The 2025 Jubilee invites us to be pilgrims of hope, and this month celebrates the Jubilee of the World of Communications. Mark 16:15 states: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” Our diocesan Office of Communications is central to this calling. It supports me in uniting and evangelizing our Catholic family across all 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie. Through Faith Magazine, Diocese of Erie News, and social media, we proclaim the Gospel, connect our community and inspire discipleship. These vital communication tools are made possible through your contributions to this special collection. Faith Magazine reaches over 34,000 households and organizations – at no cost – sharing uplifting stories and reflections to deepen connections with Christ. On social media, we extend Christ’s love beyond diocesan borders, inviting others to encounter him in new ways. Your gift enables us to collaborate with parishes, schools and ministries, sharing their stories and providing resources to enrich their missions. Thank you for making this vital work possible.

Sincerely,
Lawrence T. Persico

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Sweetheart Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, February 12th** at 6 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church. Prime Rib Dinner—\$30 or Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner—\$25. Tickets are limited and will be available by advance purchase only and on a first-come basis. Last day to purchase tickets will be January 31st. Tickets available following weekend Masses or call Karen at 814-328-2203 or Chris at 814-849-2023.

**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

If you need a Church contribution statement for tax purposes, please contact the rectory at 814-849-8697 or by email at: icbrookville@windstream.net.

Statements will not be automatically mailed out, you must request a statement to receive one. Requests should be made as soon as possible. Thank you.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The schedule for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2025 is posted on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church. You may request having the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a special event. Offering for the candle is \$10.

A FAMILY CONNECTION

Weddings are wonderful family celebrations. We go out of our way to make the occasion festive and extraordinary. People work hard to please one another. What better image of the Kingdom of God! Not every day is a wedding celebration, but we can anticipate the Kingdom of God each day in our attentiveness to one another's needs.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at 7 pm in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.