

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



APRIL 28, 2024

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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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)



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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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

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Monday Mass is offered privately
Edith Barilar by Frances Barilar

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:00 AM Floyd Elza by Steve and Chris Koladish

THURSDAY, MAY 2

8:00 AM Donna Kinol by her Family

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Michael and Aline Pallone Family by the Pallone Family

SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:15 PM Dolly Kelso by Carol and Rich Wagner

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic
10:30 AM Gus and Phoebe Flynn
by Susan and Jim Brant



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Al Lefevre. Requested by Bonnie, Scott and Doug Lefevre.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

In today's reading, Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—MAY 4 & 5

Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Ethan Lauer

Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Jim Stanley

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

St. Dominic | Rosemary Wolbert

Rosary Leaders: Steve Rowan, Denny Kinol

STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 20 & 21

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,648.00
Loose.....	\$810.00
Easter.....	\$20.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$10.00
Good Friday Collection.....	\$20.00
Good Shepherd Collection.....	\$1,831.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$75,395.00
Paid.....	\$52,172.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$177,394.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #41).....	(\$19,652.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

USHERS SCHEDULE

May 4 John Mester, Jim Stanley

May 5 John Palmer, Steven Hoak



RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

With the month of May being dedicated to Mary, we will be saying the Rosary on Thursday evenings at St. Dominic’s Church. Recitation of the Rosary will begin at 6 pm. We will continue to meet each Thursday evening during May at 6 pm at St. Dominic’s to honor the Blessed Mother in prayer.

A FAMILY CONNECTION

The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us. Our life of prayer and our union with Jesus will lead us to fruitful service to others.

CONGRATULATIONS



We congratulate our Religious Education students who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time today. Those students are Elizabeth Draa and Anakin Ananea. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as these two young people continue their journey in the Catholic faith.

47TH ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH

The Clearfield Chapter of the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army) extends an invitation to join them at the 47th Annual Rosary March on Sunday, May 5th at 3 pm at the Clearfield County Fair Grounds in Clearfield, PA. The Rosary March will take place inside the Expo I Building with the Rosary Procession taking place outside weather permitting. The Rosary March will begin with the Exposition of the blessed Sacrament, immediately followed by the Rosary and Eucharistic Procession.



EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

The International exhibit of *Miracles of the Eucharist Across the World* will be on display in SS. Cosmas & Damian Wienker Hall from Friday, May 3 through Tuesday, May 7.

Times for visiting the exhibit are:

- Friday, May 3 - following evening prayer in church at 4:00pm
- Saturday, May 4 - following 4:30pm Mass
- Sunday, May 5 - following 8am Mass until 1pm (during the breakfast sponsored by Knights of Columbus - all welcome)
- Monday, May 6 - The exhibit will be available for school families and students during school hours
- Monday evening May 6 - 6pm - 7pm
- Tuesday, May 7 - 6 - 9pm.

All are welcome to stop in to view this inspiring display.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Child Abuse Prevention Month:

Recent statistics tell us one out of every ten children will be abused before they turn 18. 91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child’s family knows. This means that on every Sunday in our congregation there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to those who have suffered from abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Assistance is available for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at 814-451-1521.