

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**MARCH 23, 2025**

## WELCOME!

### Parish Information

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### Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska  
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Secretary | Chris Koladish

### 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*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

## 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, MARCH 25

8:00 AM Albert and Ann Pucalik by Marie Pucalik  
 7:00 PM Brian Crissman by Mom and Dad

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 AM Fr. John M. Fischer

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Steve Mester Family by John and Cathy Mester  
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 AM Judy Prebish by Marie Pucalik

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

5:15 PM Sally Wilson by Bill and Pat Thompson

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) James and Alberta Best by Denny Kinol  
 10:30 AM Bill Kerr by the Kerr Family

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—MARCH 29 & 30

### 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. | Ann Thacher

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

St. Dominic | John Matia

**Rosary Leaders:** Barb Riggs, Steve French

**Cross Bearer for Stations of the Cross, March 27th:**

John Palmer

## STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 22 & 23

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$3,124.00
Loose.....	\$1,221.00
Rice Bowl Offering.....	\$165.00
Flower Offering.....	\$70.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$61,998.00
Paid.....	\$36,043.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023 .....	\$152,243.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> ) (Week #35).....	<b>(\$15,967.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Richard Wolfe. Requested by his Family.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Frances Tattersall  
 Bibiana Chestnut

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

**USHERS SCHEDULE**

March 29 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

March 30 Jim Holencik, Brien Alexander

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

As we continue this 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 next day of Adoration will be on **Thursday, March 27th**. 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 as we pray for all those who have requested our prayers, for our parish families and for all those who have needs and no one to pray for them.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. You have joined together with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie to share of your blessings to help advance the mission of the church.

If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge envelope marked ‘CSA’ in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is appreciated.

**EVENING MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Our evening schedule for Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent is as follows:

Tuesday evening at 7 pm for Mass

Thursday evening at 7 pm for Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

This gives us the opportunity to do something extra for Lent.

**RICE BOWL**

During Lent, we are invited to deepen our relationship and unite our hearts more fully with God and with one another in an intentional way through the Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This Lent, fast in solidarity with those of our neighbors who are hungry and who struggle to meet basic needs. Donate money saved while fasting to CRS Rice Bowl and help support local organizations such as the Brookville Area Food Pantry, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry, Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish Food Pantry, Clearfield Food Bank, the Curwensville Food Pantry, the Houtzdale Food Pantry, and the Osceola Mills Community Food Bank.

**FREEZE DRIED SNACK SALE**



\$7 per bag. Choose from Wildberry Skittles, Nerds Clusters, Milk Duds, Fruit Roll Ups or Bananas. Pre-order by April 7th. Pick up on April 13th following the 10:30 am Mass until 1 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception. To order, please call Ashley Thorpe at 814-573-1070. Proceeds benefit the Steeple Fund.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR AREA**

The next Lenten Penance Service will be here, at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, March 30th at 3 pm.

The remainder of the schedule for the Lenten Penance Services is listed below:

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| Sunday, April 6th  | Holy Spirit Parish at St. Catherine’s Church, DuBois. | 3 pm |
| Sunday, April 13th | St. Tobias, Brockway                                  | 3 pm |