

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION CHURCH



AUGUST 17, 2025

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),



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"
- Lk 12:50

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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, AUGUST 19

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 AM Dick Thompson by Bill and Pat Thompson

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 AM Priscilla Allgeier
by Betty and Kathi Ransel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 AM Betty Orr by Shirley Kennedy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

5:15 PM Irene Solensky

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic

10:30 AM Scotty and Peggy Harkness
by Bonnie, Scott and Doug Lefevre

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—AUGUST 23 & 24

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. | Ann Thacher

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Barbara Chestnut

St. Dominic | Barbara Mueller

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today, Jesus warns us that His Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society that promotes individualism and consumerism, parents must steadfastly teach and embody the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of the deceased members of the Carberry and Koladish families. Requested by Steve and Chris Koladish.

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships. We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

USHERS SCHEDULE

August 23 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

August 24 Steve French, Thad Johnson

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our next day of Adoration will be on **Thursday, August 28th** from 2 to 7 pm. 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. Our day of Adoration ends at 7 pm with Benediction.

Please plan on joining your parish family 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.



The flowers at Immaculate Conception are in memory of Judy Kalchthaler. They were placed by Steven Hoak.

The flowers at St. Dominic are in memory of the parents of Gary and Rosemary Wolbert. They were placed by Gary and Rosemary Wolbert.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group, for students in 9th through 12th grade will meet on Sunday, August 24th from 6 to 7 pm at the school. Hope to see you all there!

FALL FESTIVAL INFO

Our **Children's Gift Raffle** is seeking items for children up to and including 6th grade. Tickets are free to each child. Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations may be dropped off at the school on Monday evenings.

Our **Gift Raffle** is asking for donations of new items. In the past we have had bicycles, televisions, power tools, paintings, wreaths, gardening items, camping items, kindles, lpads, rocking chairs, wooden swings etc. If you would like to make a donation to this part of our Festival, please contact Brian Ganoe at 814-591-3248.

Our **Theme Basket Room** is asking for completed baskets using new items. This room has proven to be a very popular area in the past and people are excited to walk away with a beautiful basket filled with useful items. As an added note, if you will be donating a basket that has food items included, please wait to bring your basket after September 2nd to insure freshness and quality. If you would like to make a donation to this area of our Festival, but cannot get to the store to purchase the items for a basket, you can make a monetary donation and we will shop for you and arrange a basket for you.

Our **Craft and Christmas Room** is asking for handcrafted items and Christmas decorations. Perhaps you have a talent for woodworking, wreath making, tole painting, pottery, carving, making jewelry, quilting, hand-painted or carved signs, Christmas ornaments, soap making or any other craft. Please consider making a few items for our Craft and Christmas Room. Show us what you can do! Donations can be dropped off at our school building on Monday evenings.

The **Flea Market** is seeking donations of good, clean, usable household items. **Please remember, due to limited space, we do not accept fine china sets, electronics, tires, exercise equipment, books, clothing, overstuffed furniture, couches and chairs.** The Flea Market Committee also needs help with carrying items into the school on Monday evenings. Just show up and lend a hand!

Plans for the Festival also include the \$2,500 Cash Raffle, Cabbage Rolls by pre-order, Chili Cook-off, sandwiches and pizza, Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, and games and fun for the entire family.

We are in need of volunteers to help set up the outside tents and picnic tables on Thursday, September 4th. If you are able to help, please come to the school at 6 pm.

Please pick up your Cash Raffle Tickets. The success of our Fall Festival depends heavily on the sale of the Cash Raffle Tickets. Extra tickets are available at the parish office.

Next meeting-- August 19, 2025

