

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



FEBRUARY 2, 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



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the
fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

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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, FEBRUARY 4

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

No Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 AM Jon Noonan by Sandy Noonan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 AM Mary Esther Kordes and Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:15 PM Mary Ann Manfroni by Bob Mineweaser

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Dan Songer
by Betty and Kathi Ransel

10:30 AM Sharon Boozer by her Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY 8 & 9

Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Andrew Bazylak

Lectors

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

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

St. Dominic | Rosalee Steele

Rosary Leaders: Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan



STEWARDSHIP - JANUARY 25 & 26

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,425.00
Loose	\$568.00
Help Spread the Faith Collection.....	\$866.00
Fuel.....	\$190.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$10.00

Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$125,035.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #28).....	(\$9,533.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

PRAYER CHAIN

Because of the sensitivity of peoples names being published, we will respect their privacy and no longer list names of the sick in our bulletin.

If you wish to have a loved one or friend remembered on the prayer chain, please contact the Church Office at (814) 849-8697 and leave a message. Thank you.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Michael Reitz. Requested by Joyce and Girls.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also

recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.



USHERS SCHEDULE

February 8 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

February 9 Steve French, Thad Johnson

MASS REQUESTS FOR 2025

We are accepting Mass requests for 2025. Masses are reserved on a first come, first honored basis. **Mass intentions are to be for one person or for one couple or listed as the Deceased members of the family or in honor of a special event.** You may reserve your Masses by calling the office at 814-849-8697 or by email at icbrookville@windstream.net or drop your requests in the mail slot at the rectory. Mass stipends remain at \$10 per Mass.

A FAMILY CONNECTION

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Discuss with the family the persons of Simeon and Anna as they meet Jesus. (Luke 2: 25–40) Because Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Savior even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, he was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord. Together as a family discuss ways to recognize Jesus as Lord by praying and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others. As a family, decide on one specific sacrifice you can make in order to alleviate the suffering or need of someone you know.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you are involved in any of the Parish Ministries, and we don't have your current e-mail address, please send an email to: icbrookville@windstream.net so we can add you to our address book. Schedules can then be sent to keep you informed and up to date.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Mary and Joseph must have felt immense pride when their village 'all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words.' However, they likely experienced shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are part of our journey towards becoming a Holy Family.

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.

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 next day of Adoration will be on Thursday, February 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.



CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

DIGITAL DATING ABUSE

Digital Dating Abuse can be defined as “a pattern of behaviors that control, pressure, or threaten a dating partner using a cell phone or the internet.” One quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year report that they'd been the victim of digital dating abuse. So, what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their child about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask your child what they are doing online and then really **listen** to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great online dating tips can be found at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/