

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION CHURCH



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

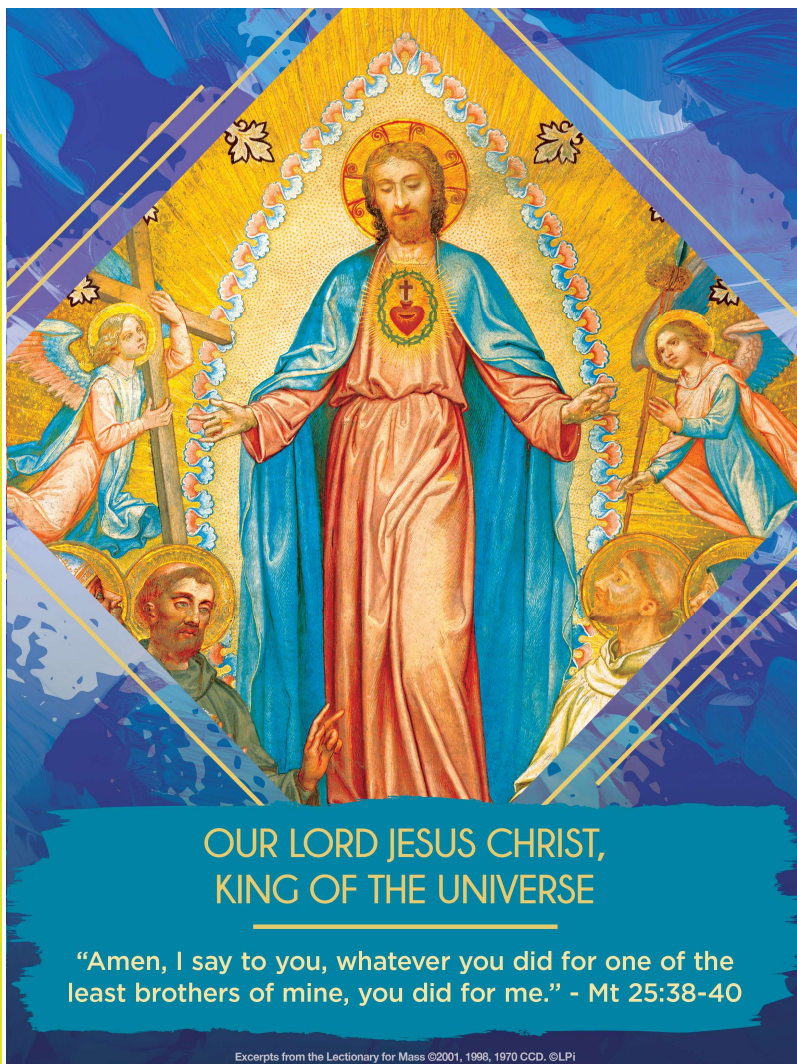
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the
least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40**

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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, NOVEMBER 27 Monday Mass is offered privately
Emery Mayanchick

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 AM Fr. Henry Andrae

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 AM Milo Milford by his Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00 AM Blake Rowan by George and Joyce Haines

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 AM Donna Kinol by her Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

5:15 PM Richard Boozer by his Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

10:30 AM Janice Kerr by the Kerr Family



The flowers for the Main Altar at Immaculate Conception are in memory of Janice Kerr. The flowers for St. Joseph's altar are in memory of Bill Kerr. They were placed by the Family.

The flowers at St. Dominic are in honor of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that [last week's parable](#) of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

December 2 and 3

Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Oliver Butcher

Lectors

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | John Pozza

St. Dominic | Barbara Mueller

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French

STEWARDSHIP - NOV. 11 AND 12

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$1,752.00
Loose	\$716.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,683.00
Pledged.....	\$67,721.00
Paid.....	\$62,679.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$89,440.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #20).....	(\$6,680.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

USHERS SCHEDULE

December 2 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

December 3 Steve French, Gene Hoak

**FEAST DAY OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

In honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 AM Mass on December 8th. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar throughout the day. Please come and spend some time with our Lord.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new Lector Workbooks are available for pick-up in the sacristy at Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic. If you have not picked up your copy yet, please do so as soon as possible.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Our actions as parents in feeding the hungry, welcoming strangers or estranged relatives into our homes teach our children moral lessons of life. We clothe our sick or imprisoned neighbors by caring for them and visiting them. The beatitudes are the perfect playbook for Jesus' expectations of families. Our routine actions make Christ present in all we do.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW**

A Christmas Holiday Craft Show will be held at the St. Mary Social Hall in Crown, 117 Lencer Dr., Leeper, PA on Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd from 9 am to 4 pm each day. There will be over 40 tables filled with crafts and vendors available to help you complete your holiday shopping. Refreshments and a soup and sandwich lunch will be available for purchase. There will also be a Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle and a special raffle. Admission is free. Proceeds benefit the St. Mary/St. Ann Faith Formation Program.

FAMILY CONNECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the *Corporal Works of Mercy*. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: *Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy?* (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord's Prayer or an Act of Love.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE

The Diocese of Erie invites you to join a historic pilgrimage to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024, the first such gathering in 83 years. The Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee is coordinating the journey, with two motor-coaches set to depart — one from Our Lady of Peace in Erie and another from Holy Redeemer in Warren, including a pickup at Good Shepherd in West Middlesex.

More information is available at www.eriecd.org/nec.html.

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

If your family is planning a wedding in 2024, consider giving a gift that helps couples plan for lifelong marriage. Give your children the gift of Engagement Encounter. The next EE weekend will be held on January 19-21 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. For more information, contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or familylife@erieRCD.org. Register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/>. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."