

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



AUGUST 24, 2025

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Our Staff

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

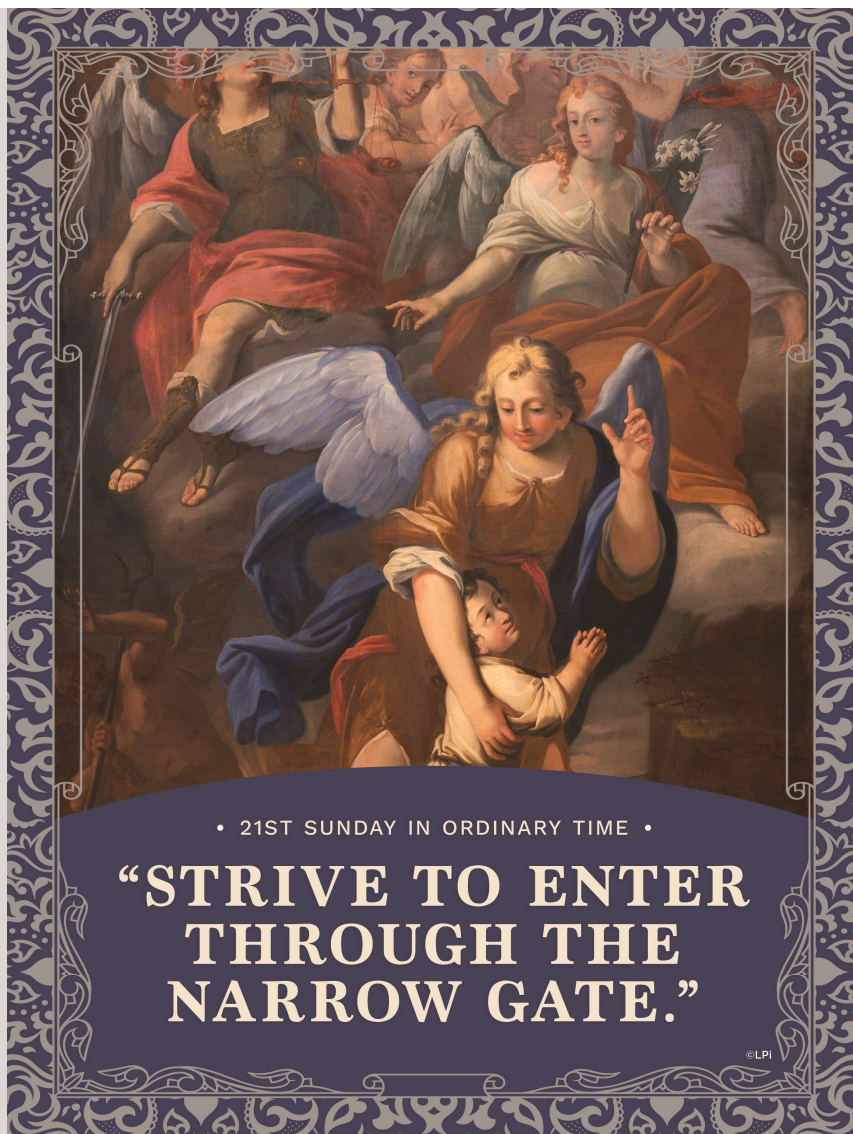
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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),



• 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**“STRIVE TO ENTER
THROUGH THE
NARROW GATE.”**

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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 26

8:00 AM Albert and Ann Pucalik by Marie Pucalik

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 AM A. Louise Boozer by her Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 AM Margaret and Steve Mineweaser
by Bob Mineweaser

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 AM Donna Spinazzola by her Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

5:15 PM Jean Kelso by Carol and Rich Wagner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

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

10:30 AM Msgr. Jon Daniszewski

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—AUGUST 30 & 31

Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Nora O'Donnell

Lectors

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Steve French

St. Dominic | Jo Schrecongost

Rosary Leaders: Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan

STEWARDSHIP - AUGUST 16 & 17

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,506.00
Loose	\$870.00
Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary....	\$949.00
Collection for the Church in Latin America.....	\$849.00
Priestly Education and Care Collection.....	\$604.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$79,506.00
Paid.....	\$71,776.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$30,385.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #7).....	(\$4,405.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says “gate” then “door,” but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendents back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

USHERS SCHEDULE

August 30 Jim Stanley, Don Jonischek
August 31 Gene Hoak, Steven Hoak



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Dickson and Frances Tattersall. Requested by their Family.

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.

FALL FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT CHILI COOK-OFF

Break out your best Chili recipes and enter this year’s Chili Cook-off at our Fall Festival. Entry fee is \$5 with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The Cook-off will be held on Saturday, September 6th. For questions, please ask Ashley Thorpe. Entry forms will be available soon.

STEWARDSHIP - AUGUST 9 & 10


Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$3,294.00
Loose.....	\$1,150.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$79,506.00
Paid.....	\$71,176.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$26,060.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #6).....	(\$3,760.00)

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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!



The flowers at Immaculate Conception are in memory of Charles and June Cummings. They were placed by Candy and Mike Chestnut.

FALL FESTIVAL SWEET SHOP

Please remember to make some goodies for the Sweet Shop at our Festival. Last names beginning with A-L, please bring on Friday, Sept. 5th. Last names beginning with M-Z, please bring on Saturday, Sept. 6th.

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 **Theme Basket Room** is asking for completed baskets using new items. We need at least 100 more baskets to have an adequate supply for the three days of the Festival. Items can be dropped off on Monday evenings.

Our **Craft and Christmas Room** is asking for handcrafted items and Christmas decorations. 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 last day to drop off items for our **Flea Market** is **Monday, August 25th from 6-8 pm!**

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 (donations of desserts needed, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or call Chris Koladish 849-2023 or Karen Nosker, 328-2203), 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 return your Cash Raffle tickets and money before Sunday, September 7th.

