

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (SD)



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

**“Everyone who belongs to the truth
listens to my voice.” - Jn 18:37**

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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, NOVEMBER 26

8:00 AM Mary Esther Kordes and Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 AM Bob Receski by Barb, Laurie and Cindy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, THANKSGIVING

9:00 AM Ed and Eldora Haines
by George and Joyce Haines

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 AM Charlene Tattersall by her Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

5:15 PM Steve Wolfe by Merlyn Wolfe

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

10:30 AM George Morey, Jr. by his Family

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.

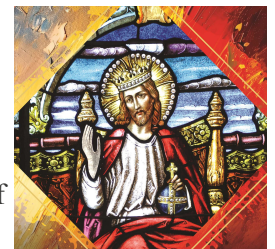
In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the

world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—NOV. 30 AND DEC. 1

Altar Servers

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

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

Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Ann Thacher

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

St. Dominic | Ashley Thorpe

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French




The flowers for the main altar and St. Joseph's altar at Immaculate Conception were placed by Mike and Pat Milford in Thanksgiving.

The flowers for the Blessed Mother's altar at Immaculate Conception are in memory of Myrla Carberry. They were placed by her Family.

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

USHERS SCHEDULE

November 30 John Mester, Steve Koladish
 December 1 John Palmer, Jonathan Hoak



FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

In honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, (observed this year on **Monday, December 9th**—a Holy Day of Obligation) we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 AM Mass on December 9th. 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.

THANK YOU!

The Veterans Day take out Dinner was held at the Sigel Civic Center on Monday, November 11th. Thank you to all who participated.

Your contributions and help with prep, cooking and packaging was greatly appreciated. It was an amazing crew of helpers. Thank you so much.

We sent Christmas cards and gift cards to 19 active-duty military from our area on Wednesday, November 13th.



HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

A Christmas Holiday Craft Show will be held at the St. Mary Social Hall in Crown (address: 117 Lencer Drive; Leeper, PA), on Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th. The show will run from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. each day. Refreshments and a soup and sandwich luncheon will be available for purchase. Admission is free. Proceeds benefit the St. Mary Faith Formation Program. See you there!



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Janice Kerr. Requested by Molly Northey.

A FAMILY CONNECTION

Understanding today's feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While most of us do not have direct experience with kings or royalty, we have a sense of who they are. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdoms. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. To understand how Christ is our king, we extend and magnify what we know to be true of the best of human royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the cross in which he offered salvation to everyone. Those who can see with eyes of faith recognize Jesus to be our heavenly king.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR FOOD PANTRY


We will be collecting monetary donations for the Brookville Food Pantry on Thanksgiving Weekend. Collection jars will be at the exits of the church following all Masses that weekend. All money collected will be given to our local food pantry. Please be as generous as you are able to help those in need.



ST. DOMINIC'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Saint Dominic's will hold their annual Christmas get together at the Sigel Civic Center on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 1:00 PM. All are invited.

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and ham will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. Also, beverages, plates and silverware will be provided. Hope to see you there to help celebrate the Reason for the Season.




Happy Thanksgiving!