

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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



33rd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will
not pass away." - Mk 13:31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 19

8:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 AM The Wargo and Pucalik Families
by Marie Pucalik

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

NO MASS TODAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

5:15 PM Myrla Carberry by her Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

10:30 AM Sarah Brocious by her Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—NOVEMBER 23 & 24

Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Emelia Gow

Lectors

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Sara Gow

St. Dominic | Jo Schrecongost

Rosary Leaders: Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan

STEWARDSHIP - NOVEMBER 9 & 10

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,884.00
Loose.....	\$979.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$77,939.00
Paid.....	\$73,642.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$85,410.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #18).....	(\$1,098.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.



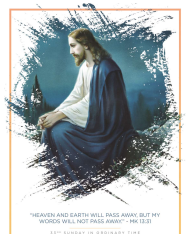
The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Joseph and Gloria Nogachek. Requested by Dave and Diane Nogachek.

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Before we consider Jesus' words in today's Gospel, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment. In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.



USHERS SCHEDULE

November 23 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

November 24 Gene Hoak, Steven Hoak

**THANKSGIVING PIE SALE**

We are offering pies for Thanksgiving, homemade by Karen Nosker. 10" Apple, Cherry or Pumpkin Pie for \$15 each. Orders can be placed by calling Karen at 814-328-2203. Deadline for ordering is November 22nd. Pick-up will be in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception on November 26 or 27th (your choice when you order).

Proceeds benefit our steeple fund.**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:**

Joan Wierbinski

**BEWARE OF SCAMS**

A scam is being perpetrated across the country by malicious individuals preying on churches and members of the clergy. The scam plays on your sympathies or your natural inclination to be helpful. Here are some useful reminders:

- Any communication asking you to purchase gift cards should be considered a scam. You should always verify such requests by calling the parish directly.
- Don't use phone numbers in fraudulent email.
- Always look for the parish's official phone number found on our website or in our Sunday bulletin.

Personal data can be used by scam artists in fraudulent ways. Please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy and entities such as parishes and schools, will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for money or personal information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Financial fraud like the gift card scam can be reported to the FTC here: <https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov>. To learn more, read this FTC article: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/avoiding-and-reporting-gift-card-scams>.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Bullying is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of youth ages 12-18 experience bullying. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that bullying is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being bullied or is a bully. Parents should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Encourage your child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.org.

For additional resources visit:
www.eriecd.org/childprotection

A 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. Over 40 tables filled with crafts and vendors will be available to complete your holiday shopping! Refreshments and a soup and sandwich luncheon will be available for purchase. The event will also include a Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and a 12 Days of Eating and Shopping Raffle (twelve \$50 gift cards - \$600 value). Admission is free. Proceeds benefit the St. Mary Faith Formation Program. See you there!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

The next monthly meeting of the K of C will be on Tuesday, November 19th in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church. All members are encouraged to attend.