

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 7, 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),



23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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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

There will not be morning Mass on Tuesday through Thursday. Mass will resume on Friday.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the
Felice and Angeline Pallone Family
by the Pallone Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:15 PM Gloria Nogacek
by Dave and Diane Nogacek

SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 14

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Mike Johnson
by George and Joyce Haines
10:30 AM James and Frances Mineweaser
by their Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—SEPT. 13 & 14

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. | John Pozza

St. Dominic | Ashley Thorpe

Rosary Leaders: Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (Formerly RCIA)

The “Order of Christian Initiation for Adults” or OCIA is the process where adults express their interest in becoming members of the Catholic Church. Through weekly meetings and instruction, discussion and prayer is offered to help introduce the fundamentals of our Faith.

Please spread the word to encourage family and friends who have expressed even a minimal interest in the past, and offer to accompany them as they take this important first step.

As in the past years, we invite and look forward to having many other parishioners attending these classes who simply want to know more about our Catholic Faith. Please contact the church office (814-849-8697) if you know someone who is interested in the OCIA program. The first session will be on September 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church.

PRAYER CHAIN

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 or call Mary Snyder at 814-849-3478. Thank you.



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

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes “hating” one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to “hating” father or mother, but to *loving them more than Jesus*. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish.

Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.



USHERS SCHEDULE

September 13 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

September 14 Jim Holencik, Brien Alexander

FINAL DAYS OF OUR FALL FESTIVAL

Please join us at our annual Fall Festival. Our hours are until 8 pm on Saturday evening and from 10–3 on Sunday. Our Roast Beef dinner will be available for take-out beginning at 11:15 am until sold out. Our drawings for the \$2,500 Cash Raffle, Gift Raffle, Children's Raffle and winners of the Chili Cook-off will be held beginning at 3 pm on Sunday afternoon. Come and enjoy all the activities.

**REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR CASH RAFFLE TICKET STUBS AND MONEY
BY NOON ON SUNDAY!**


**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE
ENVIRONMENTS– DIOCESAN CHILD
PROTECTION POLICIES**

The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html> For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.



The flowers for the main altar at Immaculate Conception Church are in memory of Newt Nosker. They were placed by Pat and Karen Nosker.

OUR CEMETERIES

Our parish is responsible for maintaining five cemeteries. As our growing season is winding down we want to take this opportunity to remind you that as you may be cleaning off your loved ones graves, we ask that you take all your trash home with you. We have had several complaints from the surrounding neighbors about trash being left on their property by those visiting our cemeteries. Please be respectful of others property and do not leave your trash where it does not belong. Thank you!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are still welcome to receive a certificate mailed to you. Registrations will close on Thursday, September 11. Couples and/or Parish staff may complete the registration online at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210.

YOUTH GROUP INFO

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday, Sept. 28th at 6 pm at Greg Bazylak's home. Bring your fishing equipment and try your luck at the pond!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept commitments such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully, like the king in today's gospel. These are serious commitments that demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint-hearted or selfish.


**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF
THE SOUL OF:**

Wayne Blotzer
Therese Galbraith