

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**MARCH 8, 2026**

## WELCOME!

### Parish Information

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### Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska  
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Secretary | Chris Koladish

### Mass Schedule

#### Immaculate Conception

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin for  
Mass times

#### St. Dominic

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin for  
Mass times  
Reconciliation: 8 a.m. Sunday

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (IC),

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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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, MARCH 10

8:00 AM Donna Kinol by her Family  
7:00 PM Suzanne Miller by her Family

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 AM Irene Solensky

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 AM Albert and Ann Pucalik by Marie Pucalik

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

5:15 PM Ruth Hilton by Betsy Milford

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of  
Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic  
10:30 AM Special Intention by Mary Park

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—MARCH 14 & 15

### Altar Servers

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

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

### Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Michele Confer

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

St. Dominic | Barb Mueller

**Rosary Leaders:** Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan



## STEWARDSHIP - FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$2,754.00
Loose.....	\$474.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$185.00
Fuel Offering.....	\$90.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$44,504.00
Pledged.....	\$68,295.00
Paid.....	\$28,815.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025 .....	\$155,157.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> ) (Week #35).....	<b>(\$15,565.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Robert and Vivian Heberling. Requested by the Nosker Family.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.



**USHERS SCHEDULE**

March 14 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

March 15 Jim Holencik, Brien Alexander

**2026 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support. Together, *In Christ, We Are One*.

Today our parish is at 153% of our goal. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over our goal will be used to replace and repair the gutter damage at St. Dominic and for painting the outside trim work at Immaculate Conception and towards the carpeting of the Sanctuary.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting today, Sunday, March 8th at 7 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church. All members are encouraged to attend.

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

The widespread use of mobile devices causes more children to be susceptible to cyberbullying. Cyberbullying can take many forms, including cruel messages via text or social media, the distribution of photoshopped pictures designed to mock an individual, forwarding "private" photos or videos, and pretending to be someone else on a social media site. Victims of cyber bullying often suffer from depression, isolation, and can even become suicidal. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being cyberbullied or is a bully by visiting: [www.StopBullying.gov/cyberbullying/](http://www.StopBullying.gov/cyberbullying/) For more resources visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/)

**EVENING MASS AND**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Our evening schedule for Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent will begin on Tuesday, February 24th.

Tuesday evening at 7 pm for Mass

Thursday evening at 7 pm for Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

**This gives us the opportunity to do something extra for Lent.**

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS**

The **Gospel** is from *St. John 4:5-42*. This gospel, about the Samaritan woman, is exceptionally rich. Every time we read it we are passionately moved by that intense conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, recalling the great teaching of Saint Augustine, with regard to Christ's request to the woman, "give me something to drink", said: "Yes, God thirsts for our faith and our love. As a good and merciful father, he wants our total, possible good, and this good is he himself. The Samaritan woman, on the other hand, represents the existential dissatisfaction of one who does not find what he seeks. She had "five husbands" and now she lives with another man; her going to and from the well to draw water expresses a repetitive and resigned life. However, everything changes for her that day, thanks to the conversation with the Lord Jesus....." (Benedict XVI, Angelus 24 February 2008).



**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR AREA**

The first Lenten Penance Service for our area will be held this afternoon at SSCD, Punxsutawney at 3 pm. The schedule for other services is listed below.

Sunday, March 15th	Immaculate Conception, Brookville	3 pm
Sunday, March 22nd	Holy Spirit Parish at St. Catherine's Church, DuBois.	3 pm
Sunday, March 29th	St. Tobias, Brockway	3 pm