

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



DECEMBER 28, 2025

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),



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth,
so that what had been spoken through the
prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

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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, DECEMBER 30

8:00 AM Parish Family of Immaculate Conception
and St. Dominic

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:15 PM Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary
Joan Bonfitto

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Suzanne Miller
by her Family

10:30 AM Jim Carberry, Jr. by his Siblings

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 AM Albert and Ann Pucalik by Marie Pucalik

SATURDAY, January 3

5:15 PM Dick Ent by John and Cathy Mester

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Gene Mineweaser
by Betty and Kathi Ransel

10:30 AM Dickson and Frances Tattersall
by John and Marian Palmer

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—DEC. 31, JAN. 1, 3 & 4

Altar Servers

Dec. 31, Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary
5:15 pm | Please volunteer if you attend this Mass

Jan. 1, 10:30 am | Ethan Lauer

Jan. 3, Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Please volunteer if you
attend this Mass

Jan. 4, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Andrew Bazylak

Lectors

Dec. 31, 5:15 pm | Ann Thacher

Jan. 1, 10:30 am | John Pozza

Jan. 3, Saturday, 5:15 pm | Michele Confer

Jan. 4, Sunday, 10:30 am | Barbara Chestnut

Jan. 4, Sunday, 8:30 am, St. Dominic | Barbara Mueller

Rosary Leaders: Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan

NEW YEAR PRAYER

"Lord, you make all things new. Thank you for this new year, for all its potential. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame, so that we may see the wonders of God and spread His love. Strengthen us to bear hardship, guide our steps, and help us live each day with faith, not anxiety, but with purpose and peace. Amen."

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 Jessica Joanne. Requested by David and Jennifer Black.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's

USHERS SCHEDULE

December 31 Please volunteer if you attend this Mass**January 1** Please volunteer if you attend this Mass**January 3** Jim Stanley, Don Jonischek**January 4** Jim Honencik, Brien Alexander

I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with cards, gifts and goodies this Christmas season. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and touches me deeply. I pray the gentle

blessings of Our Savior are bestowed upon you all and that your faith may be renewed and strengthened in the New Year.

Thank you,

Father Bill

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Although New Year's Day is not celebrated by the Church, this day has been observed as a Holy Day of Obligation since early times for this feast. Our Mass times follow our regular weekend schedule. December 31st at 5:15 pm at Immaculate Conception. January 1st, 8:30 am at St. Dominic and 10:30 am at Immaculate Conception.

**Prayer for the Solemnity of the
BVM, Mother of God**

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



SANCTUARY LAMP



The schedule for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2026 is posted on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church. **Please, only one request per family at this time.** Offering for the candle is \$10.

MASS REQUESTS FOR 2026

We have begun accepting Mass requests for 2026. Masses are reserved on a first come, first honored basis. **Mass intentions are to be for one person, one couple, deceased of the family, or in honor of a special day.** Please be considerate of other parish families and limit your weekend requests to 2 per family until after the initial request period. Weekend Mass requests may be increased after January 18th. You may reserve your masses by calling the office at 814-849-8697 or by email at icbrookville@windstream.net or drop your requests in the mail slot at the rectory. Mass stipends remain at \$10 per Mass.

A MEANINGFUL GIFT FOR THE NEW YEAR

Planning a wedding in 2026? Start your marriage with intention and faith. Join the **Engagement Encounter** retreat, February 6-8 at *St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie*.

This weekend fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements and welcomes **Catholic and interfaith couples**. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email: familylife@erieRCD.org

STEWARDSHIP - DECEMBER 13 & 14

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$1,859.00
Loose.....	\$895.00
Collection for Retired Religious.....	\$1201.00
Flower Fund.....	\$95.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$80,998.00
Paid.....	\$78,665.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$107,196.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #24).....	(\$12,084)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

Happy New Year!