

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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.

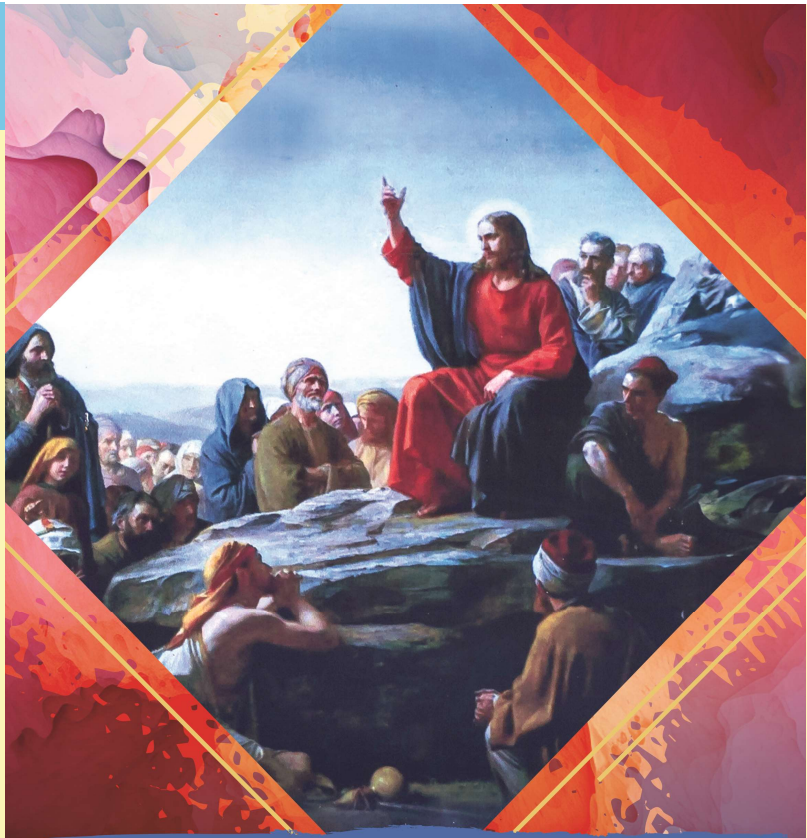
St. Dominic

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



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you.” - Lk 6:21

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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, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 AM Sarah Brocious by her Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 AM Donna Spinazzola by her Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:15 PM James Laska by Jim and Sue Salsgiver

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Sally Wilson by the Lauer Family

10:30 AM Terry Dowling by Joe Lussky

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY 22 & 23

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. | Jim Stanley

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Steve French

St. Dominic | Debbie Thorpe

Rosary Leaders: Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Joyce Mineweaser

STEWARDSHIP - FEBRUARY 8 & 9

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes\$2,385.00

Loose..... \$427.00

Fuel Offering.....\$325.00

Rice Bowl.....\$50.00

Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget..... \$4,806.00

Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023\$132,332.00

Surplus (**Deficit**)(Week #30).....(**\$11,848.00**)

Thank you for supporting your parish.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Blake Rowan. Requested by David and Jennifer Black.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in [Matthew 5:1-7,11](#) that is often called the Sermon on the Mount.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the [Ten Commandments](#). As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the [Beatitudes](#) in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article “you” whereas Matthew uses “they” or “those.” There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning. The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as “happy,” “fortunate,” or “favored.”

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of “woes,” those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God.

USHERS SCHEDULE

February 22 Jim Stanley, John Mester

February 23 John Palmer, Jonathan Hoak

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

As we enter this new year of 2025 and join with Catholics around the world on the “Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope”, we will be having a monthly day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following the 8 am Mass and continue to 7 pm. when Benediction will conclude the period of adoration.

Our next day of Adoration will be on Thursday, February 27th. We are asking you to commit to a half hour (or longer) of adoration by placing your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. This is to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament will never be left alone as it is exposed on the altar.

Please plan on joining your parish family on this Jubilee Journey.

22:32 MEN’S CONFERENCE

The 22:32 Men’s Conference will be held in Erie, PA on March 1st from 8:30 am to 1 pm. This event features two inspiring speakers.

We will be live-streaming this event in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception. Registration information is on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. If you have any questions, please call Denny Kinol at 814-849-5950.

“A NITE AT THE RACES”

The Knights of Columbus Council 452 of Saints Cosmos and Damian Church in Punxsutawney will be holding their 9th annual *Nite at the Races* on March 1, 2025. The night includes a buffet style dinner of chicken in wine sauce, red skin potatoes, vegetable, meat balls, sausage, pasta, roll, salad, and desert along with beer, pop, and BYOB. The doors open at 6pm and races start at 7pm. There will be a 50/50, strip tickets, and Pizza and Sheetz gift card give aways.

There are 10 races, each having 10 horses to bet on to win. Each race features unique and funny names for the horses. Each race features commentary by a professional race track announcer and shows the horses parading to the post, loading in the gate, slow motion photo finish replays.

Proceeds from this event go toward the Knights of Columbus SSCD School Scholarship Fund. Come out and have a good time while supporting the Knights. Tickets are available at the door for \$20 or from any SSCD Knight prior to the event.

RALLY FOR LIFE

Please join us for our annual Rally for Life, today, Sunday, February 16th at 2 pm at Immaculate Conception Church. The rally will be held in our Church Hall. Come and pray for all life from conception to natural death.

Everyone is welcome.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TURKEY DINNER**

Our Knights of Columbus will be having a Turkey Dinner on Sunday, March 2nd in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church.

Dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, mixed vegetables and dessert. All dinners are Take-out only. \$12 for adults, \$6 for children.



2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Commitment Sunday for the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal *One Faith, One Family* will be held on March 1st and 2nd. Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church.

The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God’s work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish projects. Keeping our two churches and school building in good repair is our main focus. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.