

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



September 22, 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



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

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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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 AM Tom Ransel by his Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 AM Richard Navarra by his Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 AM Mark Weaver by Jim and Susan Brant

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:15 PM Dick Wolfe by Merlyn Wolfe

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

10:30 AM Special Intention by Judy Croxton

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—SEPTEMBER 28 AND 29

Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Oliver Butcher

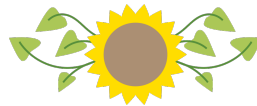
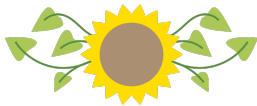
Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Jim Stanley

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

St. Dominic | Jo Schrecongost

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French



STEWARDSHIP - SEPTEMBER 14 & 15

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,236.00
Loose.....	\$1,108.00
Catholic Education Collection.....	\$838.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$77,665.00
Paid.....	\$68,382.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$53,191.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #11).....	\$325.00

Thank you for supporting your parish.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of the Aaron Family, requested by Joyce Aaron.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.



USHERS SCHEDULE

September 28 John Mester, Jim Stanley

September 29 Jim Holencik, Brien Alexander

RCIA

The "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults" or RCIA 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 their Catholic Faith. Please contact the church office (814-849-8697) if you know someone who is interested in the RCIA program.

**THANK YOU TO OUR
2024-2025 CATECHISTS**

Kindergarten and 1st grade-Maggie Conti
2nd grade-Patty Butcher
4th and 5th grade— Greg Bazylak
6th and 7th grade —Molly O'Donnell
8th and 9th grade—Brad Butcher & Jim Holencik
Religious Education Leader—Penny Rakovan

Thank you for your good work, your words, your faith, your teaching. May our children grow to share what they will learn from you and the Word of God to turn the hearts of many towards the Lord.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFO

Religious Education classes have begun. Classes are on Sunday morning from 9:00 - 10:20 am in the school. If you are new to the program you can register on your child's first day. If you have changed addresses, phone or email, please make the corrections as soon as possible. Registration fees are: \$20.00 for one child, \$30.00 for two children and \$40.00 for a family of three or more. We look forward to sharing our Catholic faith with your family.



The flowers for the main altar at Immaculate Conception are in memory of Trevor Peterson. They were placed by David and Jennifer Black.

The flowers at St. Dominic are in memory of the Deceased members of the Meecha Family. They were placed by Marsha and Alex Somich.

A FAMILY CONNECTION

Conversations such as the one described in today's Gospel are common in family life. Perhaps these examples are familiar: "I should get the first piece of cake because I am the youngest;" "I did the dishes yesterday; someone else should do them today." How might we respond if Jesus asked about our family arguments? What would Jesus say to us in reply? All of us need the reminder found in today's Gospel: To be great in God's Kingdom is to be the servant of all.

As you gather as a family, recall a recent family argument about household chores or an example of bickering among family members. Talk about what was at issue in the argument. Together imagine that Jesus entered the room just as the argument ended. What would you tell Jesus your argument was about? What might Jesus say in reply? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:30-37. How was your family argument like the argument among Jesus' disciples? What might your family do to remember that those who are great in God's kingdom are those who willingly serve others? Pray together that your family life will reflect your commitment to serve one another with love. Pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's [Prayer for Generosity](#).

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!