

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (SD)



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, NOVEMBER 6 Monday Mass is offered privately

8:00 AM Mary and Daniel Laska
by Keith and Kathy Milliron

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 AM Jim Carberry by his Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00 AM Joseph Nogacek
by Dave and Diane Nogacek and Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 AM Donna Kinol by her Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

5:15 PM Diane Jonischek
by Don, Todd, Pam and Emma

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Deceased members and friends
of St. Dominic by Kathi Ransel

10:30 AM Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and
St. Dominic

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 11 & 12

Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Emelia Gow, Nora O'Donnell

Lectors

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Katie Peterson

St. Dominic | Teresa Gilbert

Rosary Leaders: B. Riggs, S. French

STEWARDSHIP - OCTOBER 28 & 29

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$3,308.00
Loose.....	\$1,379.00
All Saint's Day.....	\$30.00
All Soul's Day.....	\$80.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,683.00
Pledged.....	\$67,651.00
Paid.....	\$61,409.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$789,621.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week 18).....	(\$6,807.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Bill Dombrowski



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of
Joseph Nogacek. Requested by his Family.

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

USHERS SCHEDULE

November 11 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

November 12 John Palmer, Joe Lussky

**BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT SHARING
PERSONAL INFORMATION**

A scam is being perpetrated across the country by malicious individuals preying on churches and members of the clergy. The scam plays on your sympathies or your natural inclination to be helpful. Any communication asking you to purchase gift cards should be considered a scam. You should always verify such requests by calling the parish directly. Don't use phone numbers in the fraudulent email. Always look for the parish's official phone number found on our website or in your Sunday bulletin. In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for money or personal information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR
CHRISTMAS**

Choir practice for Christmas will begin on Sunday, November 5th, following the 10:30 am Mass. New members are always welcome. Come share your musical talent with your parish family!

**Financial
Report**

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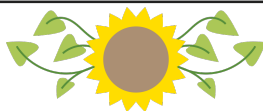
A copy of our Parish Financial Report is available for viewing on the bulletin board at the entrance to Immaculate Conception Church and St. Dominic Church. This report reflects income and expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

BREAKFAST AT STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN

The Knights of Columbus Council #452, Punxsutawney are having a breakfast at SSCD on November 19th from 7 am until Noon. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, and home fries. Cost is \$10. All proceeds benefit the School Scholarship Fund.

**ST. BERNARD CHURCH
FAMOUS SPAGHETTI DINNER**

St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, will have their famous Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 19th. Dinner will be take-out only and available from 11 am to 1 pm or until sold out. Sauce and meatballs only will be available for take-out on Saturday, November 18th after the 4:30 pm Mass. Please bring your own containers for take-out.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

In today's gospel Jesus describes the vocation of marriage and parenting: "The greatest among you must be your servant." Children receive our genes, name and resources; and spouses share a lifelong commitment. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception, and the marriage covenant begins on the wedding day. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW**

A Christmas Holiday Craft Show will be held at the St. Mary Social Hall in Crown, 117 Lencer Dr., Leeper, PA on Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd from 9 am to 4 pm each day. There will be over 40 tables filled with crafts and vendors available to help you complete your holiday shopping. Refreshments and a soup and sandwich lunch will be available for purchase. There will also be a Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle and a special raffle. Admission is free. Proceeds benefit the St. Mary/St. Ann Faith Formation Program.