

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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: 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)



4th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." Mt 5:1

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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 3

8:00 AM Tom Ransel by Darlene and Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM Fr. Nicholas Fratus

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 AM Gene and Betty Zents
by the Zents Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 AM Carol Laska by her Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Jerry Battaglia
by Betty and Kathi Ransel

10:30 AM Sharon Boozer by her Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY 7 & 8

Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | J D Gallagher

Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Ann Thacher

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

St. Dominic | Suzy Walker

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French



STEWARSHIP - JANUARY 24 & 25

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$1,755.00
Loose.....	\$196.00
Catholic Communications Collection.....	\$494.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$81,453.00
Paid.....	\$80,163.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025	\$140,849.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #30).....	(\$8,251.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.



RECITATION OF THE ROSARY AT ST. DOMINIC

There will be recitation of the Rosary at St. Dominic's on Thursday, February 5th at 3 pm, weather permitting.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a Special Intention.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood 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. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.



USHERS SCHEDULE

February 7 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

February 8 John Palmer, Jonathan Hoak

PASCHAL CANDLE

As we prepare for the joy of the Easter season, we invite you to support our parish by sponsoring this year's Paschal Candle. The Paschal Candle is a vital symbol of the Light of Christ. It is lit during the Easter Vigil, during the 50 days of the Easter season and used throughout the year for all baptisms and funerals.

This year's candle honors the Holy Eucharist. Your gift of \$235 will provide this sacred object for our altar, and we will honor your loved one, by placing their name in our bulletin and in our prayers throughout the Easter season. Contact the parish office if you are interested in sponsoring our 2026 Paschal Candle.

FEBRUARY 2026 REFLECTIONS

February 2026 invites us to slow down and turn our hearts toward God. The readings this month teach simple lessons about humility, mercy, and choosing what is good. We hear Jesus call us to serve others, follow God's commands, and trust Him when life is hard. Lent also begins, reminding us to pray, fast, and look at our lives with honesty. The month teaches that faith grows when we let God guide our choices, care for people in need, and stay close to Jesus in times of struggle.



SANCTUARY LAMP

The schedule for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2026 is posted on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church. Offering for the candle is \$10.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for the Easter Season will begin on Sunday, February 8th, following the 10:30 am Mass. New members are always welcome. Come share your musical talent with our Parish.



MASS REQUESTS FOR 2026

We are 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.** 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Nicholas Konior

(Brother of Roberta Ganoe)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

It is within our family that we learn to be merciful, peaceful, and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God start at home and rely on you. Parents set the example.

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The readings for this Sunday remind us to seek God with humility. The first reading tells us that God protects those who are humble and follow His ways. The psalm praises God for caring for the weak and needy. The second reading says that God chooses the lowly to show His greatness. The gospel gives us the Beatitudes, where Jesus tells us who is truly blessed. These are the people who trust in God, show mercy, seek justice, and endure hardship for their faith.

We are called to live in a way that is different from the world. The Beatitudes show us that true blessing comes from following Jesus, not from wealth or power. God blesses those who are humble, kind, and faithful. We should ask ourselves if we are seeking God or just waiting for something to happen. We should also reflect on how we can be a blessing to others.