

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



AUGUST 9, 2026

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Our Staff

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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),
also by appointment



19th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. 'It is a ghost,' they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.'" Matthew 14:26-27

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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, AUGUST 11

8:00 AM Richard and Louise Boozer by the Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00 AM Albert and Ann Pucalik by Marie Pucalik

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 AM Dolly Kelso by her Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

5:15 PM Betty Cherico by Rick and Gina Cherico

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic
10:30 AM Charles and June Cummings by Mike and Candy Chestnut

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—AUGUST 15 & 16

Altar Servers

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

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

Lectors

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Steve French
St. Dominic | John Matia

Rosary Leaders: Steve French, Mike Kessler



STEWARDSHIP - AUGUST 1 & 2

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,755.00
Loose	\$1,403.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$44,504.00
Pledged.....	\$95,499.00
Paid.....	\$80,157.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$5,127.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025	\$21,289.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #5).....	(\$4,346.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Robert Zacherl.

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in [Chapter 8](#) of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with [last week's Gospel](#) about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

USHERS SCHEDULE

August 15 Pat and Karen Nosker

August 16 Steve French, Thad Johnson

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Our second collection, next weekend, August 15 & 16 is for the Church in Latin America,

This collection supports pastoral, catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers. The Collection for the Church in Latin America also helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford. Catholics like you who generously contribute to this collection help priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Mexico, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Please consider generously supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America on the weekend of August 15th and 16th.

FALL FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT STUFFED CABBAGE ROLLS

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls will be available by pre-order at our Fall Festival for pick-up on Friday September 11th before 6 pm. Orders must be placed by September 1st. Please use the order form in today's bulletin (you can drop it in the collection basket) or call Judy Hopkins at 814-849-7176.

A pan of 5 cabbage rolls is \$20. A limited number of pans may be available for sale at the Festival on Friday, September 11th. To insure you can get the number you want for your family, please order ahead.



The flowers for the main altar for Immaculate Conception are in honor of the wedding anniversary of Pat and Karen Nosker. They were placed by Pat and Karen Nosker.

The flowers for the Blessed Mother's Altar and St. Joseph's altar are in memory of the deceased members of the Kutsch and Arminini Families. They were placed by Dan and Mary Kutsch.

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

FALL FESTIVAL INFO

Our **Children's Gift Raffle** is seeking items for children up to and including 6th grade. Tickets are free to each child. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Our **Gift Raffle** is asking for donations of new items. In the past we have had bicycles, televisions, power tools, paintings, wreaths, gardening items, camping items, kindles, Ipads, rocking chairs, wooden swings etc. If you would like to make a donation to this part of our Festival, please contact Brian Ganoe at 814-591-3248.

Our **Theme Basket Room** is asking for completed baskets using new items. This room has proven to be a very popular area in the past and people are excited to walk away with a beautiful basket filled with useful items. As an added note, if you will be donating a basket that has food items included, please wait to bring your basket after September 6th to insure freshness and quality. If you would like to make a donation to this area of our Festival, but cannot get to the store to purchase the items for a basket, you can make a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you.

Our **Craft and Holiday Room** is asking for handcrafted items and Christmas decorations. Perhaps you have a talent for woodworking, wreath making, tole painting, pottery, carving, making jewelry, quilting, hand-painted or carved signs, Christmas ornaments, soap making or any other craft. Please consider making a few items for our Craft and Holiday Room. Show us what you can do! Donations can be dropped off at our school building on Monday evenings.

The **Flea Market** is seeking donations of good, clean, usable household items. **Please remember, due to limited space, we do not accept fine china sets, electronics, tires, exercise equipment, books, clothing, overstuffed furniture, couches and chairs.** The Flea Market Committee also needs help with carrying items into the school on Monday evenings. Just show up and lend a hand!

Don't forget to plan on helping to supply the Sweet Shop with lots of baked goods, bread, cookies, pies, candy, jams and jellies, pickles, etc. A schedule for donations will be listed in upcoming bulletins.

Plans for the Festival also include the \$2,500 Cash Raffle, Cabbage Rolls by pre-order, Chili Cook-off, sandwiches and pizza, Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, and games and fun for the entire family.

The success of our Fall Festival depends heavily on the sale of the Cash Raffle Tickets. Extra tickets are available at the parish office.