

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



APRIL 6, 2025

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: 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



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her.” - Jn 8:7

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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, APRIL 8

8:00 AM Frances Tattersall by Betty and Kathi Ransel
7:00 PM Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 AM Brian Robert Crissman by his Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 AM Steve Koladish, Sr.
by Steve and Chris Koladish
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 AM Ernie Caputo by Rob and Karen Caputo

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

5:15 PM Margaret Mineweaser
by Don and Amy Jonischek

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, PALM SUNDAY

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Fr. Gregory Leopold
10:30 AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—APRIL 12 & 13

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. | Ann Thacher, Jim Stanley

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | John Pozza, Barbara Chestnut

St. Dominic | Debbie Thorpe, John Matia

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French

STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 29 & 30

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,333.00
Loose	\$860.00
Flower Offering.....	\$700.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$63,469.00
Paid.....	\$37,438.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2024.	\$159,303.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #37).....	(\$18,519.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (See Luke 18:9-14).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.



USHERS SCHEDULE

April 12 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

April 13 Gene Hoak, Steven Hoak

EVENING MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our evening schedule for Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent is as follows:

Tuesday evening at 7 pm for Mass

Thursday evening at 7 pm for Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

This gives us the opportunity to do something extra for Lent.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of John and Ethel Mineweaser and Family. Requested by their Family.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, parishioners in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land. This collection is a most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Christians continue to be impacted especially hard with the war between Hamas and Israel as well as the instability caused by events in Lebanon and Syria. The money collected helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment. Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest, and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived. I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Lawrence T. Persico
Bishop of Erie

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST DOMINIC 1ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

A Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 14th at Pinecrest Country Club. Proceeds benefit our Parish. More details to follow soon.

FISH DINNERS IN OUR AREA

Holy Spirit Parish at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sykesville, PA Fridays from 4-6 pm in the Church Hall.

St. Joseph Parish, Lucinda, PA. Fridays for lunch from 1-3 pm and dinner from 5-7 pm. Dine-in or Take-out.

FREEZE DRIED SNACK SALE



\$7 per bag. Choose from Wildberry Skittles, Nerds Clusters, Milk Duds, Fruit Roll Ups or Bananas. Pre-order by April 7th. Pick up on April 13th following the 10:30 am Mass until 1 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception. To order, please call Ashley Thorpe at 814-573-1070. Proceeds benefit the Steeple Fund.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR AREA

This week's Lenten Service will be held today, April 6th at Holy Spirit Parish at St. Catherine's Church, Dubois at 3 pm.

Next week's service will be:

Sunday, April 13th St. Tobias, Brockway 3 pm