

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



DECEMBER 1, 2024

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
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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 AM Richard Boozer by his Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 AM Nancy Boozer by her Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 AM Donna Kinol by her Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 AM The Wargo and Pucalik Families
by Marie Pucalik

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:15 PM Dick Wolfe by Merlyn Wolfe and Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Barb O'Donnell
by Jim and Family

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—DECEMBER 7 & 8

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. | Ann Thacher

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

St. Dominic | Suzy Walker

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French

STEWARDSHIP - NOVEMBER 16 & 17

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,565.00
Loose.....	\$1,013.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$1,149.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$78,024.00
Paid.....	\$73,727.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$88,988.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #19).....	(\$2,326.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

William Russell
of St. Dominic Parish



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of
Al Lefevre. Requested by Bonnie, Scott and Doug.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed. Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

USHERS SCHEDULE



December 7 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

December 8 Jim Holencik, Brien Alexander

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR
RETIRED RELIGIOUS**

Our second collection, next weekend, is for the Retirement Fund for Retired Religious. From Bishop Persico: We are again approaching the annual collection for our Retired Religious, to be held in parishes on December 7th and 8th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as for the over 30,000 retired religious throughout the country.

The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support for those Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked for years for little or no stipends. Last year, the people in our diocese contributed \$140,304 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs. Your generous gift is vital for their ongoing health care, supporting them so that they may age safely, with dignity and comfort.

Please join me in supporting this year's Retirement Fund for Religious. I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life and for God's blessing on all our women and men religious. Know you remain in their prayers and mine.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
+Lawrence T. Persico
Bishop of Erie

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

The Advent Penance Services for our area will begin on Sunday, December 1st at SS Cosmas and Damian, Punxsutawney at 3 PM.

The schedule for the remaining services is listed below.

Holy Spirit Parish, Dubois (St. Catherine's)	Sunday, December 8th	3 pm
Immaculate Conception, Brookville	Sunday, December 15th	3 pm
St. Tobias, Brockway	Sunday, December 22nd	3 pm

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent, appreciate the gift of the people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



**FEAST DAY OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

In honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, (observed this year on **Monday, December 9th**—a Holy Day of Obligation) we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 AM Mass on December 9th. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar throughout the day. Please come and spend some time with our Lord.

ST. DOMINIC'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Saint Dominic's will hold their annual Christmas get together at the Sigel Civic Center on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 1:00 PM. All are invited.

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and ham will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. Also, beverages, plates and silverware will be provided. Hope to see you there to help celebrate the Reason for the Season.

