

# IMMACULATE

## CONCEPTION CHURCH



**JULY 27, 2025**

### WELCOME!

#### Parish Information

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#### Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska  
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#### Mass Schedule

##### Immaculate Conception

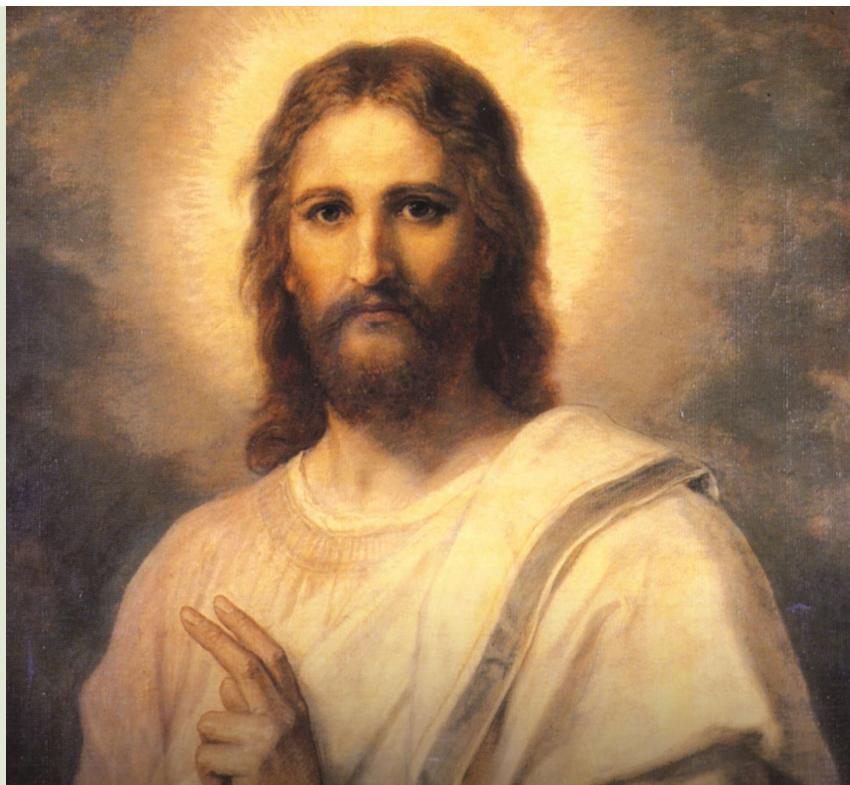
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### 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*



## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

Excerpts 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

There will not be any morning Masses this week.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

5:15 PM Mass of Thanksgiving  
by Steve and Chris Koladish

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of  
Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic  
10:30 AM Tony Viglione

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—AUGUST 2 & 3

#### Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Andrew Bazylak

#### Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Jim Stanley

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

St. Dominic | Teresa Gilbert

**Rosary Leaders:** Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Jessica Joanne. Requested by David and Jennifer Black.

## STEWARDSHIP - JULY 19 & 20

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$2,572.00
Loose.....	\$1,340.00
National Needs Collection.....	\$1,028.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$79,706.00
Paid.....	\$69,821.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023 .....	\$14,308.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> ) (Week #3).....	<b>(\$602.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**

## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying “in a certain place.” They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of “sins” rather than “debts,” which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.



**USHERS SCHEDULE**

August 2 Jim Stanley, Don Jonischek

August 3 Gene Hoak, Steven Hoak

**DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Couples celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations on Sunday, August 3 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie at 2:00 pm or Sunday, August 24 at St. Tobias, Brockway at **3:00 pm**. Celebrations include Mass with Bishop Persico followed by a light reception. To register for St. Tobias in Brockway or to receive a certificate by mail, complete the online registration at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, contact your parish office, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until August 14 for the Brockway celebration or until September 11 to be mailed to you.



The flowers for the main altar at Immaculate Conception are in memory of Bob Receski. They were placed by Barb, Laurie and Cindy Receski.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Today's gospel assures us that if we "ask," we will 'receive'—perhaps not what we wanted, but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us.

**YOUTH GROUP**

The next Youth Group outing for grades 9-12 will be today, Sunday, July 27th from 6-7 pm. We will meet at the school. Hope to see you there!

**FALL FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT  
CHILI COOK-OFF**

Our Chili Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, September 6th during the Fall Festival. Contestants are asked to have 4 quarts of heated Chili at the Cook-Off Room by 9 am. Tasting and voting will begin at 11 am. The votes will be tallied the day of the competition. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded on Sunday, September 7th at the close of the Festival.

**FALL FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT  
SWEET SHOP**

Our Sweet Shop, a most popular stop at our Fall Festival, will be asking for donations of homemade baked goods as well as home canned jams and jellies, relishes, pickles etc. Please keep this in mind as you begin your home canning.

**FALL FESTIVAL**

Planning is well underway for our annual Fall Festival to be held September 5th, 6th and 7th.

We are seeking donations of handcrafted items for our Craft and Christmas Room, donations of completed baskets for our Theme Basket Room, and gifts for our Gift Raffle (Call Brian Ganoe at 814-591-3248).

Donations of good, clean, usable household items for our Flea Market will be accepted on Monday evenings, beginning July 7th. Please remember, due to limited space, we do not accept electronics, tires, exercise equipment, books, clothing, overstuffed furniture, couches/chairs or entertainment centers.

Donations for the Flea Market, Craft and Christmas Room, Theme Basket Room and Gift Raffle can be dropped off at our school building on Monday evenings from 6-8 pm.

Plans for the Festival also include the \$2,500 Cash Raffle, Chili Cook-off, a Gift Raffle for Kids and games and fun for the entire family.

Check out the bulletin each week for the most up to date information for our Festival!

**PLEASE PICK-UP YOUR CASH RAFFLE TICKETS**

**Next meeting is August 19th at 7 pm.**

