

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**APRIL 21, 2024**

## WELCOME!

### Parish Information

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### Our Staff

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

#### Immaculate Conception

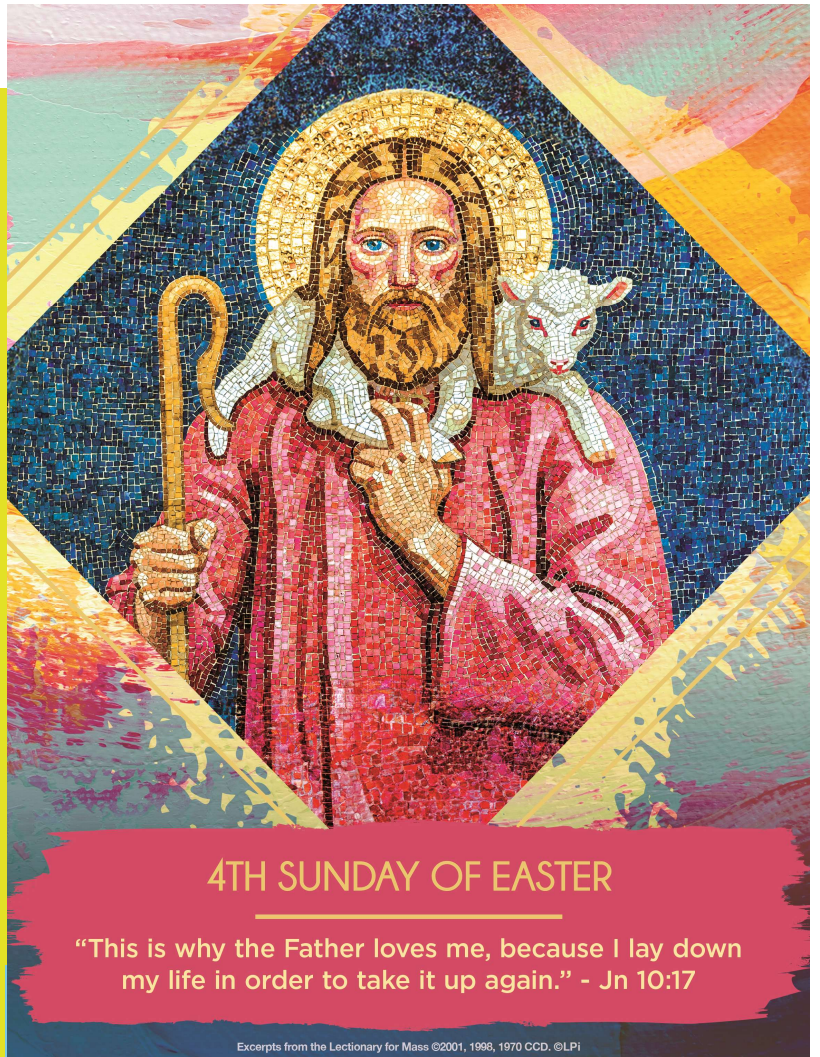
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### 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*  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (SD)



## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down  
my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:17

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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

#### MONDAY, APRIL 22

Monday Mass is offered privately  
Mass of Thanksgiving

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 AM Fr. Richard Lynch

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Boozer and  
Mineweaser Family by the Family

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM Bob Receski by Art Manfroni and Family

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 AM Mary Esther Kordes and Family

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

5:15 PM Ross Ananea by Caron and Family

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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

10:30 AM Felice and Angeline Pallone  
by Jim and Kathy Pallone and Family

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—APRIL 27 & 28

### Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Ellie Gow

### Lectors

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

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

St. Dominic | Suzy Walker

**Rosary Leaders:** Barb Riggs and Steve French

## STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 13 & 14

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$2,044.00
Loose.....	\$872.00
Good Shepherd Collection.....	\$50.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$75,315.00
Paid.....	\$44,022.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023 .....	\$173,936.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> )(Week #40).....	<b>(\$18,304.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of the Wedding Anniversary of David and Jennifer Black.

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today's chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39).

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father. In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

**USHERS SCHEDULE**

April 27 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

April 28 Brien Alexander, Jim Holencki



**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

With the month of May being dedicated to Mary, we will be saying the Rosary on Thursday evenings at St. Dominic’s Church. Recitation of the Rosary will begin at 6 pm. Please join us for the recitation of the Rosary. We will continue to meet each Thursday evening during May at 6 pm at St. Dominic’s to honor the Blessed Mother in prayer.

**GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION**

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. This special collection will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. As the number of retired priests increases in the upcoming years, the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet their future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priest who have served faithfully and serve now as a “thank you” for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Today’s gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherd in their lives is a parent. Every parent is called to be a “good shepherd” to “freely lay down their life” for their children, to “love” and “know” their children and to “lead” them so “they know your voice.”

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

**Child Abuse Prevention Month: National CyberTipline:**

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s CyberTipline is the nation’s centralized reporting system for the online exploitation of children. Anyone can make reports of suspected online enticement of children for sexual acts, molestation, child pornography, child sex tourism, child sex trafficking (includes prostitution), child sextortion and unsolicited obscene materials sent to a child. Misleading domain names, misleading words or digital images on the internet can also be reported to the CyberTipline. All tips are reviewed to find a potential location for the reported incident. It is then made available to the appropriate law-enforcement agency for possible investigation. NCMEC provides resources/help in removing an online image. Reports can be made 24/7 online at [www.cybertipline.org](http://www.cybertipline.org) or by calling (800) 843-5678.



**A FAMILY CONNECTION**

The Good Shepherd makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is required, but because it is a choice. That sounds a lot like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love rather than obligation.

When you gather as a family, invite each family member to consider the attitude that permeates their participation in family life. Read a common examen, such as any of the following: *Do we do family chores cheerfully and without having to be asked multiple times? Do we gladly share with others? Do we willingly contribute to the family good when asked?* Read aloud today’s Gospel, John 10:11-18. Discuss together how the example of the Good Shepherd might inspire your family life. Invite each family member to make a renewed commitment to one action/attitude to focus on in the upcoming week that show that we will choose to follow the example of the Good Shepherd. Pray together that we will be able to honor our commitment. Pray together [Saint Ignatius of Loyola’s Prayer for Generosity](#).