

# IMMACULATE

## CONCEPTION CHURCH



**February 23, 2025**

### WELCOME!

#### Parish Information

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#### Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska  
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Secretary | Chris Koladish

#### Mass Schedule

##### Immaculate Conception

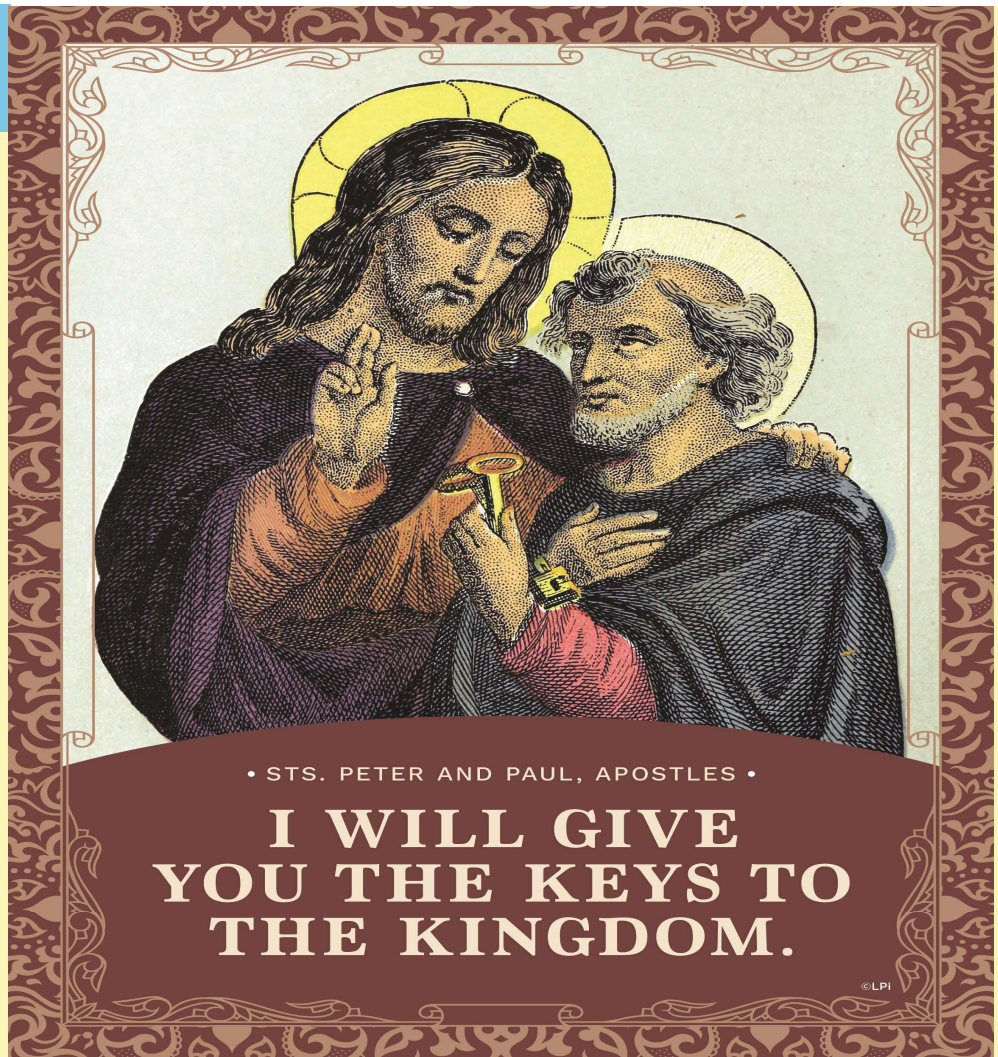
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

##### 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),



## 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, FEBRUARY 25

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

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM Leo Rowan by Steve and Ruth Rowan

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 AM Monica Sipf by Judy Croxton

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 AM Helen Rhodes by Steve and Ruth Rowan

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

5:15 PM Bette Milford by Rick and Gina Cherico

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Donna Kinol by her Family

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

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—MARCH 1 & 2

### Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Ethan Lauer

### Lectors

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

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

St. Dominic | Suzy Walker

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



## STEWARDSHIP - FEBRUARY 15 & 16

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$3,000.00
Loose.....	\$536.00
Fuel Offering.....	\$60.00
Help Spread the Faith Collection.....	\$5.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023 .....	\$135,868.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> ) (Week #31).....	<b>(\$13,118.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of the Senecal Family. Requested by Barb Riggs.

### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged. There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the **Beatitudes**. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.





USHERS SCHEDULE

March 1 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish  
March 2 Jim Holencik, Brien Alexander

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

As we enter this new year of 2025 and join with Catholics around the world on the “Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope”, we will be having a monthly day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following the 8 am Mass and continue to 7 pm. when Benediction will conclude the period of adoration.

Our next day of Adoration will be on **Thursday, February 27th**. We are asking you to commit to a half hour (or longer) of adoration by placing your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. This is to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament will never be left alone as it is exposed on the altar.

Please plan on joining your parish family on this Jubilee Journey as we pray for all those who have requested our prayers, for our parish families and for all those who have needs and no one to pray for them.

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

**Commitment Sunday for the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal** *One Faith, One Family* will be held on March 1st and 2nd . Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church.

The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God’s work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish projects. Keeping our two churches and school building in good repair is our main focus. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.

2025 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This years celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 24, 2025 at St. Tobias, Brockway, **3:00 pm**. More information will be coming shortly as will the registration form. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful sacrament with you in August 2025. Mark Your Calendars!

22:32 MEN’S CONFERENCE

The 22:32 Men’s Conference will be held in Erie, PA on March 1st from 8:30 am to 1 pm. This event features two inspiring speakers.

We will be live-streaming this event in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception. Registration information is on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. If you have any questions, please call Denny Kinol at 814-849-5950.

A FAMILY CONNECTION

It is easy to choose to be with others when they are acting politely and respectfully. But children do not always act this way, especially with other family members. We can probably all recall a family meal in which such behavior was not observed. Yet we probably chose to sit through the meal anyway. We regularly give our children second chances—and often third and fourth chances—hoping that our generosity will be rewarded. That is how God acts with us. The ethic that Jesus describes seems like an impossible task: to give when asked and to do good to those who hate us. Yet family life is filled with opportunities to act generously and to love without measure. This is what we parents try to do every day. This is what we ask our children to learn. We are reminded that when we love generously and gratuitously, we love as God loves us. This is the meaning of mercy.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TURKEY DINNER

Our Knights of Columbus will be having a Turkey Dinner on Sunday, March 2nd in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church.

Dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, mixed vegetables and dessert. All dinners are Take-out only. \$12 for adults, \$6 for children.

The Knights are asking for donations of desserts. Please bring them to the Church Hall on Saturday night (March 1st) or Sunday morning (March 2nd).

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who attended our Sweetheart Dinner. Special thanks to those who helped to prepare and serve the meal! Hope to see you all again next year!

