

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



MARCH 29, 2026

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: Consult Bulletin for
Mass times

St. Dominic

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin for
Mass times
Reconciliation: 8 a.m. Sunday

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (IC),

PSALM 22

My God,
why have You
abandoned me?

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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, MARCH 31

8:00 AM James and Alberta Best by their Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 AM Harold Zulick

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Mary Laska

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, GOOD FRIDAY

Noon Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM Gene Melillo by Rick and Gina Cherico

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Ree Shannon Morin
by Phil Dougherty, Jane Simelis and
Andrea Molchan and Families

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—APRIL 2,3, 4 & 5

Altar Servers

Holy Thursday, 7 pm | All Servers to attend
Good Friday Service, Noon | Emelia Gow, Nora O'Donnell
Holy Saturday, 8 pm | Ethan Lauer, Andrew Bazylak
Easter Sunday, 10:30 am | Oliver Butcher, JD Gallagher

Lectors

Holy Thursday, 7 pm | Barbara Mueller
Good Friday Service, Noon | Rosemary Wolbert
Suzy Walker
Holy Saturday, 8 pm | Michele Confer, Ashley Thorpe
Steve French
Easter Sunday, 8:30 am @ St. Dominic | Rosalee Steele
Easter Sunday, 10:30 am @ IC | John Pozza

STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 21 & 22

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

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| Envelopes | \$2,885.00 |
| Loose..... | \$620.00 |
| Flower Fund..... | \$250.00 |
| Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment | \$44,504.00 |
| Pledged..... | \$92,829.00 |
| Paid..... | \$57,110.00 |
| Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget..... | \$4,970.00 |
| Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025 | \$169,774.00 |
| Surplus (Deficit) (Week #38)..... | (\$19,086.00) |

Thank you for supporting your parish.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you wish to have a loved one or friend remembered on the prayer chain, please contact the Church Office at (814) 849-8697 and leave a message or call Mary Snyder at 814-849-3478. Thank you.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Pam Cook. Requested by Molly Northey.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Today, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)



USHERS SCHEDULE

April 3, Good Friday, Noon Service: Please volunteer if you attend this service

April 4, Holy Saturday, 8 pm: Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

April 5, Easter Sunday, 10:30 am: Please volunteer if you attend this Mass

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

As we enter into Holy Week, we are reminded of the extra services that will be offered.

The Triduum begins on Holy Thursday evening, April 2nd at 7 PM. Good Friday Service begins at Noon on April 3rd. Holy Saturday Night Mass, April 4th, begins at 8 PM.

Easter Sunday Masses will be at 8:30 AM at St. Dominic and at 10:30 AM at Immaculate Conception.

PONTIFICAL 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

CALL TO SHARE BREAD FOR LIFE

Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and resurrection to the world. Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS

In Slavic countries the blessing of Easter foods was an important tradition. This blessing is still found in the updated Roman Ritual, and is a wonderful practice. Father Bill will bless Easter Baskets of food at the Holy Saturday Night Mass and again at the Easter Sunday Masses. Please place your baskets of food at the Blessed Mother's altar before Mass.

**PENANCE SERVICE**

The final Penance Service for our area will be held this afternoon at Holy Spirit Parish, DuBois at 3 pm.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

PALM
Sunday
