

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**APRIL 12, 2026**

## WELCOME!

### Parish Information

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### Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska  
Religious Ed. | Penny Rakovan  
Secretary | Chris Koladish

### Mass Schedule

#### Immaculate Conception

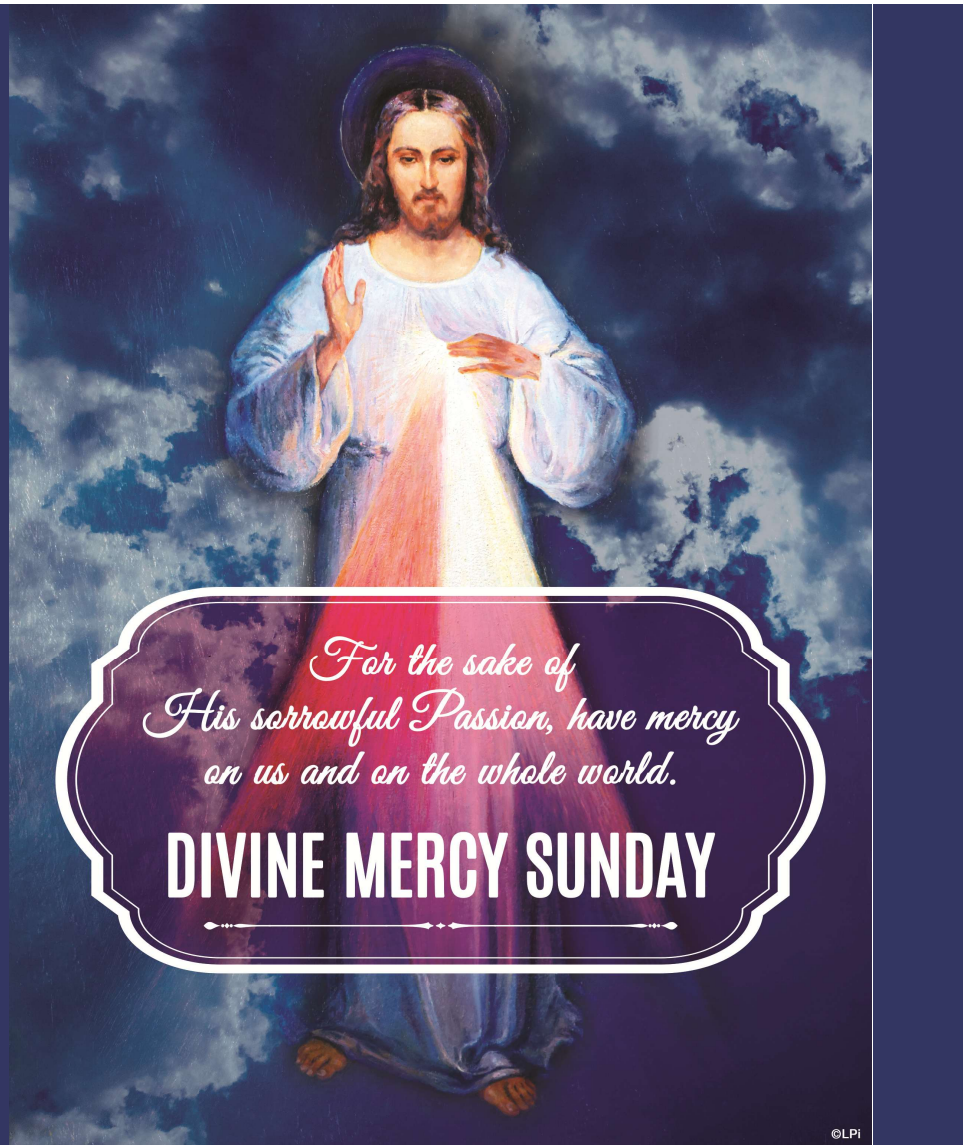
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin for  
Mass times

#### 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),



*For the sake of  
His sorrowful Passion, have mercy  
on us and on the whole world.*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

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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, APRIL 14

No Mass today

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 AM Linda Sytich by Steve and Ruth Rowan

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 AM The Holy Souls

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 AM Danial Laska, Sr.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

5:15 PM Ross Ananea by Caron Ananea

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Deceased of the Mildred and Paul Shaffer Family  
by Joyce and George Haines

10:30 AM Josie Bonfitto

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—APRIL 18 & 19

### Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Oliver Butcher

### Lectors

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

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

St. Dominic | Suzy Walker



## STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 4 & 5

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$5,203.00
Loose .....	\$1,181.00
Rice Bowl Offering.....	\$340.00
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.....	\$1,154.00
Flower Offering.....	\$42.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$44,504.00
Pledged.....	\$93,349.00
Paid.....	\$58,537.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025 .....	\$180,865.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> ) (Week #40).....	<b>(\$17,935.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Leon Senecal by Kay.

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

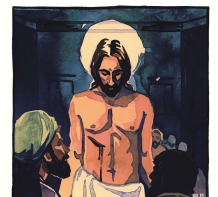
From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples.

Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.



**USHERS SCHEDULE**

April 18 Jim Stanley, Don Jonischek

April 19 Jim Holencik, Brien Alexander

**STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 28 & 29**

**Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic**

Envelopes .....	\$4,087.00
Loose.....	\$620.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$40.00
Flower Fund.....	\$160.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$44,504.00
Pledged.....	\$93,329.00
Paid.....	\$58,362.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025 .....	\$174,481.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> )(Week #39).....	<b>(\$19,349.00)</b>

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**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.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. DOMINIC GOLF SCRAMBLE**

Our 2nd Annual Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, May 30th at Pinecrest Country Club. Registration forms can be found on icbrookville.com. For more information, please contact Bob Deter at 814-715-2939. Not a golfer but still want to help with this event...a donation form is also available at icbrookville.com and as an insert in this bulletin. Help us make this another successful event!

The Committee is also looking for donations for the Chinese Auction and cookies, treats, desserts for the Golfers on the day of the event. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church at Immaculate Conception.



**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Fred and Gloria Wain	James Delo
Jim and Aliene Dunlap	Ross Ananea
Anthony G. Capozzoli	Rob Connor, Jr.
Lewis and Margaret Connor	Laurie Connor Butler

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The Divine Mercy Sunday origin is from a revelation to Saint Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. Between 1930 and 1938 Jesus requested numerous times a Feast of Divine Mercy. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of Saint Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Lord, who reveals the Father’s love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.

—Pope John Paul II, *Regina caeli* message for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005

**THANK YOU!**

We wish to thank everyone for a magnificent Holy Week and Easter. Our Choir and Organists, Lectors and especially our Altar Servers are to be commended for all they did to help us celebrate our Risen Lord. Special thanks to those who cleaned and prepared our churches for the Holy Week services. We also thank all those who contributed to our Flower Fund so that our altars could be decorated with the beautiful lilies.

Thank you to all these people in our midst for leading us more deeply into what Holy Week is all about. May God bless you all!

**2026 DIOCESAN WEDDIING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Mark Your Calendars for the 2026 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 year’s celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2026, at St. George, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 30, 2026, at St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway, 2:00 pm. The registration form and more information will be coming shortly. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful celebration with you in August 2026. Mark Your Calendars!