

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



JANUARY 25, 2026

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Our Staff

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

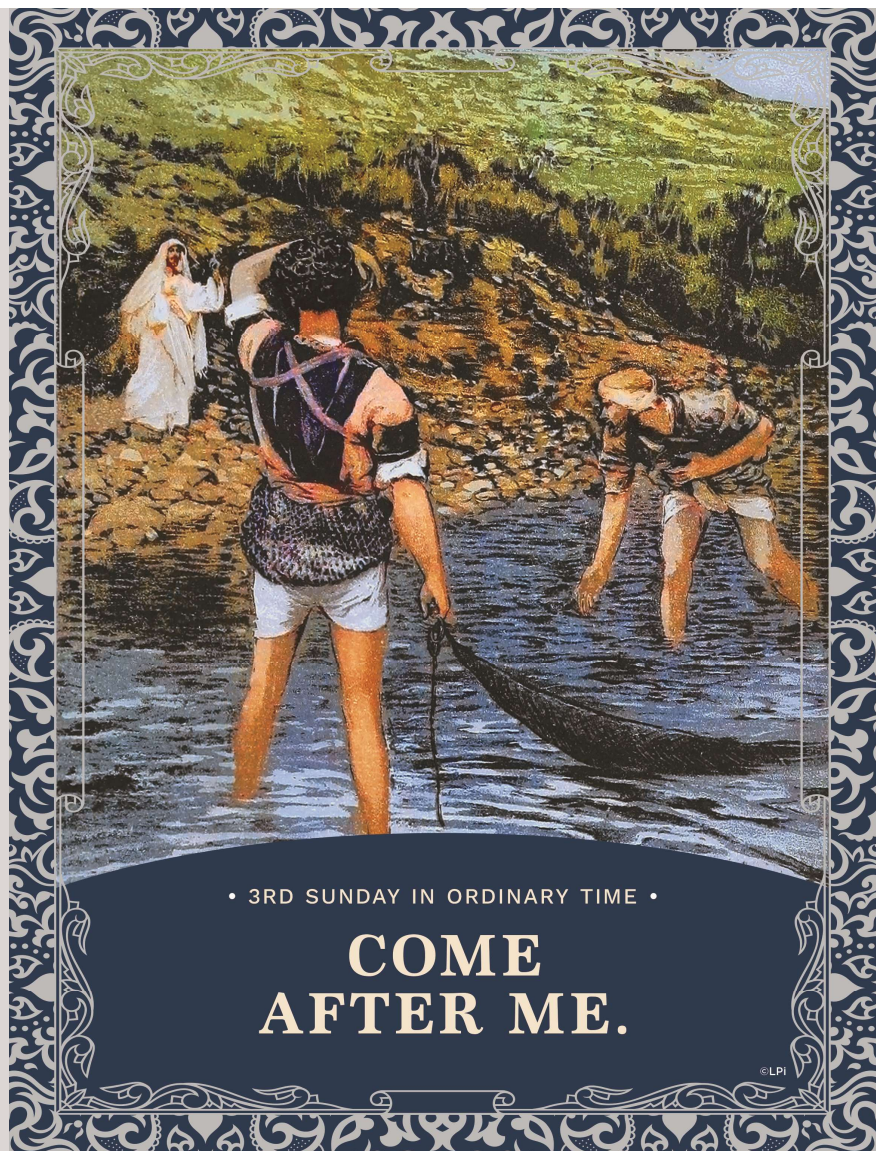
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin for
Mass times

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),



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, JANUARY 27

8:00 AM Catherine Shannon Morin
by Marie Pucalik

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM Alfredo Tangaha
by Rob and Karen Caputo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM Joan Wierbinski by her Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM Dorothy Love by Dave Love

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

5:15 PM Priscilla Allgeier by Bill Allgeier

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

10:30 AM Donna Kinol by her Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—JAN. 31 & FEB. 1

Altar Servers

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

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

Lectors

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

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

St. Dominic | Debbie Thorpe

Rosary Leaders: Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan



STEWARDSHIP - JANUARY 17 & 18

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,592.00
Loose.....	\$665.00
Help Spread the Faith Collection.....	\$25.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$5.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$81,453.00
Paid.....	\$80,163.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025	\$138,898.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #29).....	(\$10,232.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Michael Reitz. It was requested by Joyce, Mallory and Taylor.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today’s Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus’ public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today’s Gospel places Jesus’ ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people’s diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus’ ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for the Easter Season will begin on Sunday, February 8th, following the 10:30 am Mass. New members are always welcome. Come share your musical talent with our Parish.

USHERS SCHEDULE

January 31 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

February 1 Gene Hoak, Steven Hoak

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our next day of Adoration will be on **Thursday, January 29th** from 2 to 7 pm. 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. Our day of Adoration ends at 7 pm with Benediction.

Please plan on joining your parish family 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.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you need a Church contribution statement for tax purposes, please contact the rectory at 814-849-8697 or by email at: icbrookville@windstream.net.

Statements will not be automatically mailed out, you must request a statement to receive one. Requests should be made as soon as possible.

A FAMILY CONNECTION

Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. We are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In [Matthew 8:14-15](#) for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. [Matthew 20:20-28](#) relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

MASS REQUESTS FOR 2026

We are accepting Mass requests for 2026. Masses are reserved on a first come, first honored basis. **Mass intentions are to be for one person, one couple, deceased of the family, or in honor of a special day.** You may reserve your masses by calling the office at 814-849-8697 or by email at icbrookville@windstream.net or drop your requests in the mail slot at the rectory. Mass stipends remain at \$10 per Mass.



SANCTUARY LAMP

The schedule for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2026 is posted on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church. Offering for the candle is \$10.

HELP SPREAD THE FAITH COLLECTION

Your gift to the Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection ensures that the Gospel continues to reach hearts and homes across northwest Pennsylvania—through trusted storytelling, digital outreach, and timely communication.

By supporting *Faith* magazine and diocesan communications, you help share hope, invite deeper faith **and keep Catholics connected to the life of the church—especially those who may not be present in the pews** but remain open to the message of Christ.

Give today to help proclaim the Good News, strengthen digital evangelization, and ensure clear, faithful communication in every season of church life.

RESPECT LIFE—FRUITFULNESS

Did you know that fruitfulness is the task of every Christian? It is a creative cooperation with God in acts of service, our prayers for those in need, and being in communion with others. The call to be life-giving can seem challenging for couples who are experiencing infertility, but through their openness to the gift of life, husband and wife entrust their marriage and any fruit it bears to God. Importantly, a marriage's capacity for fruitfulness is not limited to bearing and raising children! Couples walking this path can still be life-giving in a season of waiting, and in their faithful carrying of this cross, they are witnesses in their community to the goodness of marriage. For more resources and support, visit www.springsinthedesert.org.