

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



OCTOBER 29, 2023

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

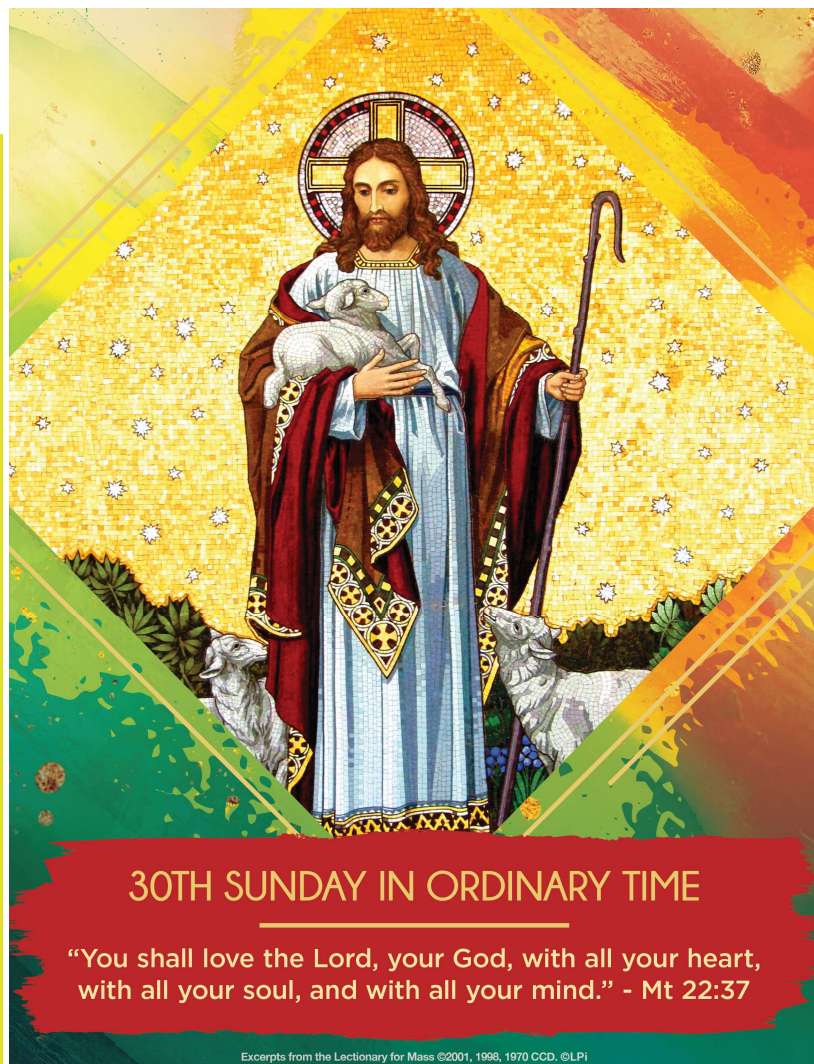
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37**

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPi

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, OCTOBER 30 Monday Mass is offered privately

8:00 AM Ryan Marsh by Diane

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 AM Suzanne Miller by the Estate

6:00 PM (St. Dominic) Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS DAY

8:00 AM Jim and Donna Hetrick by Kathleen McCabe

7:00 PM Ron Bowen by Carol and Rich Wagner

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 AM Paul Haines by George and Joyce Haines

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

5:15 PM Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

10:30 AM Geoffrey Seacrist by Maryann Seacrist

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

November 4 and 5

Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Jessica Greeley

Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Mike Chestnut

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

St. Dominic | Rosemary Wolbert

Rosary Leaders: Kathy Duvall

STEWARDSHIP - OCTOBER 21 AND 22

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

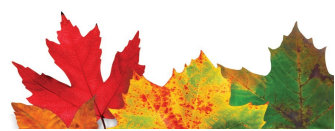
Envelopes	\$2,517.00
Loose.....	\$557.00
All Soul's Day.....	\$35.00
World Mission Sunday Collection.....	\$1,011.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,683.00
Pledged.....	\$67,620.00
Paid.....	\$60,889.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$74,824.00
Surplus (Deficit).....	(\$6,878.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS



Choir practice for Christmas will begin on Sunday, November 5th, following the 10:30 am Mass. New members are always welcome. Come share your musical talent with your parish family!



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Al and Toni Kelso. Requested by David and Jennifer Black.

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

USHERS SCHEDULE

November 4 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

November 5 Steve French, Jonathan Hoak

**ALL SAINTS DAY—NOVEMBER 1ST
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

The schedule for Masses for the Holy Day are listed on page 2 of this bulletin.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

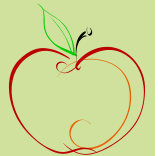
Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because 'remaining' by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end."



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who helped with and supported our annual Harvest Weekend. Special thanks to George Haines, our chairperson for the event and to Mike Chestnut, our master apple butter maker! It was a great success because of all of you! We are grateful to all those who worked, donated and supported all the events we had last weekend. Without your participation, we would not be able to have these activities.



Apple Butter is still available for \$5 per pint.

**CHILD PROTECTION AND
CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children, youth and vulnerable adults from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Anyone who suspects or knows of abuse should report it immediately. For information on reporting child abuse visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection>

BREAKFAST AT STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN

The Knights of Columbus Council #452, Punxsutawney are having a breakfast at SSCD on November 19th from 7 am until Noon. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, and home fries. Cost is \$10. All proceeds benefit the School Scholarship Fund.

**Financial
Report**
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A copy of our Parish Financial Report is available for viewing on the bulletin board at the entrance to Immaculate Conception Church and St. Dominic Church. This report reflects income and expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.