

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



DECEMBER 21, 2025

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: 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



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord
had commanded him and took his wife into his home.
- Mt 1:24

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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, December 23

8:00 AM Joe and Pearl Guthrie
by Cathy and John Mester

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

5:15 PM Ernie and Jean Caputo
by Rob and Karen Caputo

9:00 PM Larry Riggs by Barb Riggs

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) William Russell
by Gary and Rosemary Wolbert
10:30 AM Dan Fiscus
by Joe and Jackie (Whitling) Dumm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

No Mass today

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:15 PM Ken and Veronica Emerson
by Amy and Don Jonischek

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Ron Bowen
by Betty and Kathi Ransel
10:30 AM For our Parish Families
by Judy Croxton



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE DECEMBER 24, 25, 27 & 28

Altar Servers

Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, 5:15 PM | Ethan Lauer
Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, 9:00 PM | Andrew Bazylak
Dec. 25th, Christmas Day, 10:30 AM | Nora O'Donnell
Saturday, Dec. 27, 5:15 PM | Please volunteer if you
attend this Mass

Sunday, Dec. 28th, 10:30 AM | Emelia Gow

Lectors

Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, 5:15 PM | Ann Thacher
Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, 9:00 PM | Michele Confer
Dec. 25th, Christmas Day, 8:30 AM | John Matia
Dec. 25th, Christmas Day, 10:30 AM | Barbara Chestnut
Saturday, Dec. 27, 5:15 PM | Jim Stanley
Sunday, Dec. 28th, 10:30 AM | Sara Gow
St. Dominic, Sunday, Dec. 28th | Denny Kinol

Rosary Leaders, Dec. 28th: Barb Riggs
Steve French



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Larry Riggs. Requested by Barb Riggs.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: “Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes. The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means “Yahweh saves.” He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: “. . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us].”

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

USHERS SCHEDULE

December 24, 5:15 PM Please volunteer if you attend this Mass
December 24, 9:00 PM Please volunteer if you attend this Mass
December 25, 10:30 AM Please volunteer if you attend this Mass
December 27 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter
December 28 John Palmer, Jonathan Hoak

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS



Parishioners at St. Dominic are invited to stay following the 8:30 am Mass, today, December 21st to help decorate the Church for Christmas.

Decorating at Immaculate Conception Church will take place at 2 pm, today, December 21st. Anyone who is willing to lend a hand is very welcome to come. The more help we have the quicker the job will be accomplished. Decorating typically takes about an hour. We need some help with moving the nativity display and Christmas trees from the Church basement. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn service hours. All help is greatly appreciated!

OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

We have a limited supply of Oplatki (Eastern European Christmas Wafers) available for \$5. Call the Church office (814-849-8697) if you would like to purchase a package.



O COME, LONG FORETOLD



O come, Desired of nations,
Whom priest and prophet
long foretold
Will break the captive fetters,
Redeem the long-lost fold.
Dear Savior, haste; come,
come to earth,
Dispel the night and show
your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of
grace.

MASS REQUESTS FOR 2026

We have begun 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.** Please be considerate of other parish families and limit your weekend requests to 2 per family until after the initial request period. Weekend Mass requests may be increased after January 18th. 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

SANCTUARY LAMP



The schedule for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2026 is posted on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church. **Please, only one request per family at this time.** Offering for the candle is \$10.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Patricia Deter
(Bob Deter’s Mother)

STEWARDSHIP - DECEMBER 6 & 7

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$3,323.00
Loose.....	\$1,396.00
Retired Religious Collection.....	\$70.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception.....	\$725.00
Flower Fund Collection.....	\$810.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$80,393.00
Paid.....	\$78,555.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025	\$104,442.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #23).....	(\$9,768.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.