

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION CHURCH



November 19, 2023

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Our Staff

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

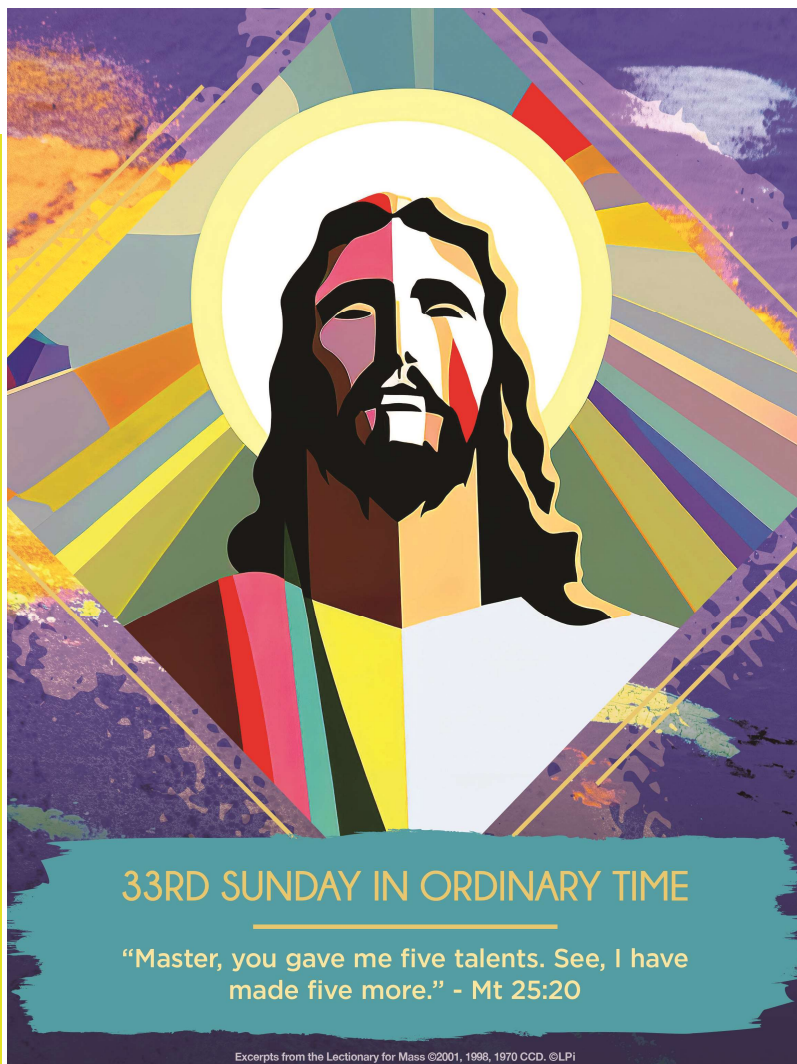
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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



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, NOVEMBER 20 Monday Mass is offered privately

Suzanne Miller by her Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 AM The Wargo and Pucalik Families
by Marie Pucalik

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 AM Tom Ransel by Anthony and Kay Salandra

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 AM Myrla Carberry by her Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 AM Sarah Brocious by her Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

5:15 PM Steve Wolfe by his Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

10:30 AM Bill Kerr by his Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

November 25 & 26

Altar Servers

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

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

Lectors

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Sara Gow

St. Dominic | John Matia

Rosary Leaders: Kathy Duvall

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Gilbert Brant
(Father of Jim Brant)



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Jessica Joanne. It was requested by David and Jennifer Black.

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thanksgiving Prayer

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything thy
goodness sends.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



USHERS SCHEDULE

November 25 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

November 26 John Palmer, Joe Lussky

USCCB CALLS FOR LASTING SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

In response to the escalating Israel-Hamas war, Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, Illinois, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on International Justice and Peace, has issued a statement saying, "We must not grow weary of offering our prayers and support for peace and justice for all concerned," and that "a lasting solution respecting the rights, needs, and aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians remains essential to these ends." His statement and other resources for Catholics interested in commentary on national and international from the US bishops and the Vatican can be found at www.usccb.org/newsroom.

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An **Engagement Encounter weekend** is scheduled for January 19-21 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261, or email familylife@erieRCD.org. For more information and registration visit <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/>. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime".

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children, but in the United States up to 2.5 million youth experience homelessness every year. Each year up to 50,000 youth sleep on the streets for six months or more. One of the main causes of youth homelessness is family instability, which includes child abuse and/or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance abuse and family conflict. The website of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (www.nctsn.org) offers information on a range of child safety topics. For additional resources on recognizing and reporting child abuse visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting monetary donations for the Brookville Food Pantry on Thanksgiving Weekend. Collection jars will be at the exits of the church following all Masses that weekend. All money collected will be given to our local food pantry. Please be as generous as you are able to help those in need.

PROCEEDS FROM OUR FALL FESTIVAL AND HARVEST WEEKEND

We are pleased to announce that our profit from our annual Fall Festival was \$32,804.44

Our profit from our Apple Harvest Weekend was \$4,286.00.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make these events possible and successful!

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW**

A Christmas Holiday Craft Show will be held at the St. Mary Social Hall in Crown, 117 Lencer Dr., Leeper, PA on Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd from 9 am to 4 pm each day. There will be over 40 tables filled with crafts and vendors available to help you complete your holiday shopping. Refreshments and a soup and sandwich lunch will be available for purchase. There will also be a Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle and a special raffle. Admission is free. Proceeds benefit the St. Mary/St. Ann Faith Formation Program.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has 'entrusted' our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.