

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



DECEMBER 29, 2024

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

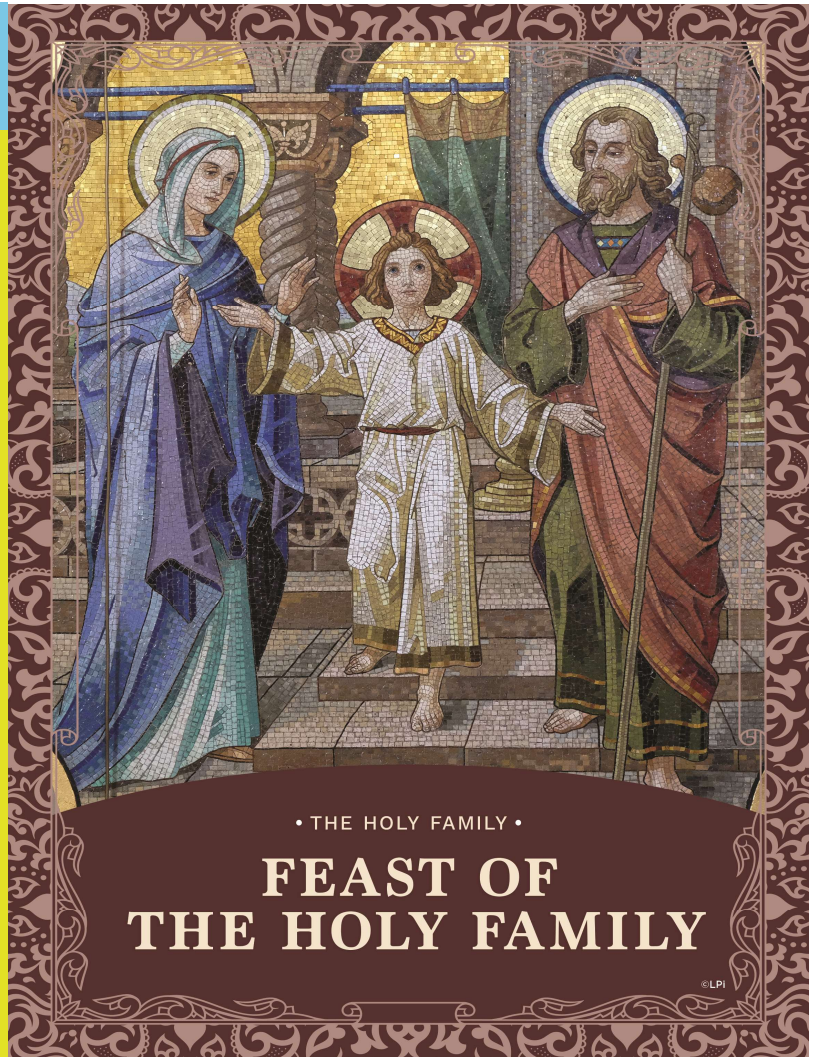
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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



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 31

8:00 AM Joan Bonfitto
 5:15 PM **Anticipated Mass for the Holy Day**
 Margaret and Steve Mineweaser
 by Bob Mineweaser

WEDNESDAY, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) William Russell
 by Betty and Kathi Ransel
 10:30 AM Trevor Peterson by Kathy McCabe

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 AM Jon Noonan by Sandy Noonan

FRIDAY, January 3

8:00 AM Albert and Ann Pucalik by Marie Pucalik

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:15 PM Dan Songer by Molly and Greg Carberry

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic
 10:30 AM Delmar Lauer by the Lauer Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—DECEMBER 31, JANUARY 1, JANUARY 4, AND JANUARY 5

Altar Servers

December 31, 5:15 p.m. | Andrew Bazylak
 January 1, 10:30 a.m. | Emelia Gow
 January 4, Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Please volunteer if you attend this Mass
 January 5, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Nora O'Donnell

Lectors

December 31, 5:15 p.m. | Jim Stanley
 St. Dominic, January 1, 8:30 a.m. | Jo Schrecongost
 January 1, 10:30 a.m. | Sara Gow
 January 4, Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Ann Thacher
 January 5, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Barbara Chestnut
 January 5, St. Dominic | Teresa Gilbert

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Elizabeth (Bette) Milford



The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.

STEWARDSHIP - DECEMBER 14 & 15

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$3,497.00
Loose.....	\$1,011.00
Retirement fund for Religious.....	\$100.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception.....	\$100.00
Christmas.....	\$70.00
Solemnity of the Mother of God.....	\$50.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$78,483.00
Paid.....	\$75,343.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$101,889.00
Surplus (Deficit).....	(\$3,843)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

USHERS SCHEDULE

January 4 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

January 5 Jim Holencik, Brien Alexander



I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with cards, gifts and goodies this Christmas season. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and touches me deeply. I pray the gentle blessings of Our Savior are bestowed upon you all and that your faith may be renewed and strengthened in the New Year.

*Thank you,
Father Bill*

MASS REQUESTS FOR 2025

We are accepting Mass requests for 2025. Masses are reserved on a first come, first honored basis. **Mass intentions are to be for one person or for one couple or listed as the Deceased members of the family or in honor of a special event.** 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 20th. 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.



Called to Connect: Pilgrims of Hope

As we prepare for this upcoming Holy Year, I want to share with you some reflections on the significance of this Jubilee Year: “Pilgrims of Hope”. The Holy Father has called us to “fan the flame of hope that has been given us” and to help others “gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”

This theme underscores the commitment we have made in our own diocese to look forward after facing the challenge of pastoral planning to embrace our future with trust and faith. As we unite during this sacred time, may our hearts be opened to the graces and blessings of this extraordinary celebration. Whether you are making a pilgrimage to Rome or encountering the Lord in your local community, let us honor this Holy Year with a renewed sense of mission and hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Lawrence T. Persico
Bishop of Erie

As we gather to celebrate this sacred year, we extend an invitation to explore the themes of reconciliation, unity and renewal, connecting with pilgrims from around the world. Let this year be a beacon of hope and a source of inspiration, as we open our hearts to the grace and blessings bestowed upon us. More resources are available on the Diocesan webpage at www.eriecd.org.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

As we enter this new year of 2025 and join with Catholics around the world on the “Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope”, we will be having a monthly day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following the 8 am Mass and continue to 7 pm. when Benediction will conclude the period of adoration. More information will be published in our weekly bulletin as it becomes available. Please plan on joining your parish family on this Jubilee Journey.

Our monthly Day of Adoration will be announced soon.

Happy New Year!