

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**September 15, 2024**

## WELCOME!

### Parish Information

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### Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska  
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Secretary | Chris Koladish

### 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*  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (SD)



## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34

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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

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

No Mass

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 AM Teresa Conboy by Marie Pucalik

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 AM Ray Richards by his Family

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 AM Joan Richards  
by Bill and Priscilla Allgeier

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:15 PM Steve Wolfe by Merlyn Wolfe

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

10:30 AM Clara Gresock by John and Marian Palmer

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—SEPTEMBER 21 & 22

#### Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Nora O'Donnell

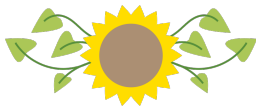
#### Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Ann Thacher

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

St. Dominic | Barbara Mueller

**Rosary Leaders:** Kathy Duvall



## STEWARDSHIP - SEPTEMBER 7 & 8

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

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| Envelopes .....                           | \$1,738.00  |
| Loose .....                               | \$981.00    |
| Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment ..... | \$41,567.00 |
| Pledged.....                              | \$77,565.00 |
| Paid.....                                 | \$68,282.00 |
| Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget..... | \$4,806.00  |
| Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023 ..... | \$49,847.00 |
| Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> ).....           | \$1,787.00  |

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory  
of all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

### THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

**USHERS SCHEDULE**

September 21 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter


September 22 Steve French, Thad Johnson

*Thank You!*

Our Fall Festival was successful because of the great participation of our parish family and friends. Our Festival Committee and volunteer workers are to be commended for a great job. They invested countless hours to present a Festival that was inviting and fun.

Special thanks to Karen Nosker, our Festival Chairperson, and all the committee chairpersons and those who worked behind the scene. Without their efforts this Festival would not have been possible. We extend our thanks to everyone who made donations to help defray the cost of this event. Your participation is so important to the success of our Festival. We are grateful for the support shown from our parish family and community.

Once again, a very sincere thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Festival successful. Proceeds from the Festival will be announced as soon as the final tally is available.

The flowers for the main altar at Immaculate Conception are in memory of Jessica Joanne. They were placed by David and Jennifer Black.

**A FAMILY CONNECTION**

Peter had expectations about what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah, the Christ. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We, too, have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter, however, we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN ANITIATION**

The "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults" or RCIA is the process where adults express their interest in becoming members of the Catholic Church. Through weekly meetings and instruction, discussion and prayer is offered to help introduce the fundamentals of our Faith. Please begin now to spread the word to encourage family and friends who have expressed even a minimal interest in the past, and offer to accompany them as they take this important first step. As in the past years, we invite and look forward to having many other parishioners attending these classes who simply want to know more about their Catholic Faith. Please contact the church office (814-849-8697) if you know someone who is interested in the RCIA program.

**2024 FALL FESTIVAL WINNERS**

Our Fall Festival Cash Raffle winners were:

- \$1,000 Mary Ann Seacrist
- \$500 Carol Wagner
- \$400 Jennifer and David Black
- \$300 Dan Smrekar
- \$200 Teresa Gilbert
- \$100 Diane Harriet

Thank you for supporting our Fall Festival!



**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

If commitment is the choice we make to give up other choices, then it is about "losing ourselves". If we try to be independent from others by "saving ourselves", we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INFORMATION**

The September meeting of the Knights of Columbus is a great opportunity to begin attending our monthly meetings. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17th in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**