

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



MARCH 9, 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF

LENT



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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, MARCH 11

8:00 AM Irene Solensky
7:00 PM Jon Noonan by Sandy Noonan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 AM Sharon Boozer by her Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 AM Brother Martin Zatsick, T.O.R.
by Patty and Gary Anderson
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

5:15 PM Dan Songer by Barb Riggs

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Mary and Paul Haines
by George and Joyce Haines
10:30 AM Special Intention by Mary Park

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—MARCH 15 & 16

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. | Jim Stanley

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

St. Dominic | Denny Kinol

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French

Cross Bearer for Stations of the Cross— March 13:

Jonathan Wyble

STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 2 & 3

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$3,143.00
Loose	\$772.00
Fuel Offering.....	\$170.00
Rice Bowl Offering.....	\$238.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$37,803.00
Paid.....	\$19,208.00
Total Pledges Made.....	48
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$143,694.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #33).....	(\$14,904.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Charlene Tattersall, Requested by her Family.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.



USHERS SCHEDULE

March 15 Jim Stanley, John Mester

March 16 Gene Hoak, Steven Hoak

EVENING MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our evening schedule for Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent will begin on Tuesday, March 11th.

Tuesday evening at 7 pm for Mass

Thursday evening at 7 pm for Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

This gives us the opportunity to do something extra for Lent.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. United as *One Faith, One Family*, your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support. We have received 48 pledges totaling \$37,803.00. Our diocesan assessment is \$42,385.00.

If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over our goal will be used for our own needs at Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic's.

COME JOIN US!

As Fr. Peter Lyons, T.O.R. guides us through *Pilgrims of Hope in the Holy Year*, at SSCD Auditorium on March 22nd from 10 am to 3 pm. Sponsored by St. Clair Fraternity. RSVP by March 17th to Kati at 814-939-9483 or Anne at 814-661-3710.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

As we continue this 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.

Our next day of Adoration will be on **Thursday, March 27th**. We are asking you to commit to a half hour (or longer) of adoration by placing your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. This is to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament will never be left alone as it is exposed on the altar. Please plan on joining your parish family on this Jubilee Journey as we pray for all those who have requested our prayers, for our parish families and for all those who have needs and no one to pray for them.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS IN OUR AREA

Holy Spirit Parish at Assumption B.V.M., Sykesville, will be hosting a fish dinner beginning Friday, Mar. 7 through Apr. 11 from 4pm to 6pm in the church social hall at 20 Shaffer St., Sykesville. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Handicap accessible.

St. Joseph Parish School, Lucinda, will be hosting Lenten Fish Fry meals the following days through Lent. March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 and 11. They are offering lunch from 11 am-1 pm which includes a fish sandwich or hoagie, coleslaw and french fries or dinner which includes your choice of fish (baked or fried) or fish hoagie or jumbo shrimp dinner and sides (choice of french fries, baked potato, mac and cheese or coleslaw).

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR AREA

The first Lenten Penance Service will be today, Sunday, March 9th at SSCD in Punxsutawney. The service begins at 3 pm.

The remainder of the services are listed below:

Sunday, March 30th	Immaculate Conception, Brookville	3 pm
Sunday, April 6th	Holy Spirit Parish at St. Catherine's Church, DuBois.	3 pm
Sunday, April 13th	St. Tobias, Brockway	3 pm