

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**April 26, 2026**

## WELCOME!

### Parish Information

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### Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska  
Religious Ed. | Penny Rakovan  
Secretary | Chris Koladish

### Mass Schedule

#### Immaculate Conception

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin for  
Mass times

### St. Dominic

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin for  
Mass times  
Reconciliation: 8 a.m. Sunday

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (IC),



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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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

#### SATURDAY, MAY 2

5:15 PM Donna Kinol by her Family

#### SUNDAY, MAY 3

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

10:30 AM Gus and Pheobe Flynn  
by Susan and Jim Brant

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—MAY 2 & 3

### 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. | Ann Thacher

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

St. Dominic | Teresa Gilbert

## STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 18 & 19

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$2,468.00
Loose .....	\$741.00
Holy Land Offering.....	\$10.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$44,504.00
Pledged.....	\$94,899.00
Paid.....	\$69,027.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025 .....	\$188,439.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> ) (Week #42).....	<b>(\$ 23,492.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of the Cherico and Melillo Families. Requested by Rick and Gina Cherico.

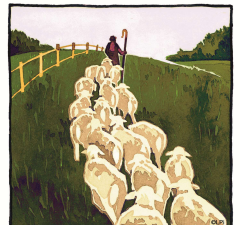
## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.



## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our Religious Education Students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, today, April 26th at St.

Tobias Church in Brockway. Those students receiving the sacrament are: Laura Backus, Ethan Lauer and Austin Werner.

Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as they continue their faith journey. May this be the beginning of a faith filled life for them.

**USHERS SCHEDULE**

May 2 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

May 3 Please volunteer if you attend this Mass

**GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When you look back on your life, you can easily remember times when your life was transformed by the ministry of your parish priest as he celebrated the Sacraments with you and your family. Our priests have given their lives to our Lord and to you, dedicating themselves to the celebration of the Eucharist, to ministry and to service. I imagine that, like me, many of you have feelings of gratitude toward these priests who have served you so well over the years.

On the weekend of May 2 - 3, our annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired diocesan priests will be taken in our parishes. This is our opportunity to express our gratitude with a financial gift to those priests who spent their lives in service to the Church and the Diocese of Erie.

We look to you, to help with the care of those priests who are retired now, and those who will retire in future years. I thank you in advance for your generosity to our annual Good Shepherd Collection and for the support and care of our retired Diocesan priests.

If you prefer to make your gift online, simply scan the QR code below to access the online giving site for the Good Shepherd Collection. Finally, I ask you to remember all our priests in your prayers. Pray for those who are currently serving you, those who have retired and those who have died.

Please also pray for vocations to the priesthood. We pray that others will follow in the footsteps of those who have given their lives as Good Shepherds, leading you, the People of God, by their priestly ministry. I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Lawrence T. Persico  
Bishop of Erie

**FLOWER CALENDAR**



The new flower calendar for 2026 has been posted on the bulletin boards at Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic. If you would like to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special event, please select your date and fill in all the requested information.

**REMINDER**

There will not be any week day Masses for several weeks while Fr. Bill is on medical leave.



**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY AT ST. DOMINIC**

There will be recitation of the Rosary at St. Dominic's at 6 pm on each Thursday evening of May.

Please join us as we pray for spiritual growth, intercessions for those in need and peace in our world.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. DOMINIC GOLF SCRAMBLE**

Our 2nd Annual Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, May 30th at Pinecrest Country Club. Registration forms can be found on [icbrookville.com](http://icbrookville.com) and on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church. For more information, please contact Bob Deter at 814-715-2939. Not a golfer but still want to help with this event...a donation form is also available at [icbrookville.com](http://icbrookville.com) and at the entrance of the church at Immaculate Conception. Help us make this another successful event!

The Committee is also looking for donations for the Chinese Auction and cookies, treats, desserts for the Golfers on the day of the event. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church at Immaculate Conception.



**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Lord Jesus, as you once call the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your invitation continue to resound:

Come, follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support Your bishops, priests and consecrated people in the apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of the life totally consecrated to Your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness, Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord, who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

—Pope St. John Paul II