

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**OCTOBER 6, 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*



## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"  
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce  
and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of  
your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning  
of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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, OCTOBER 8

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

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 AM Charlotte Koladish  
by Steve and Chris Koladish

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00 AM Carol Hoak by Cindy Turnbull

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM Jon Noonan by Sandy Noonan

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:15 PM Steve Wolfe by Merlyn Wolfe

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic  
10:30 AM Special Intention by Judy Croxton

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—OCTOBER 12 & 13

### Altar Servers

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

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

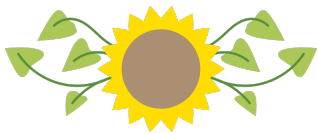
### Lectors

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | John Pozza

St. Dominic | Suzy Walker

**Rosary Leaders:** Kathy Duvall



## STEWARDSHIP - OCTOBER 5 & 6

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$3,069.00
Loose.....	\$1,240.00
Catholic Education Collection.....	\$40.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$77,785.00
Paid.....	\$69,502.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023 .....	\$61,236.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> ) (Week #13).....	<b>(\$1,215.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Mary Jo Petulla, requested by David and Jennifer Black.

## THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.



**USHERS SCHEDULE**

October 12 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

October 13 Brien Alexander, Jim Holencik

**APPLE HARVEST WEEKEND**

In anticipation of our annual Apple Harvest Weekend, we are asking for donations of new pint jars with canning lids and rings. If you would like to donate jars and/or rings and lids, they may be left in the Church Hall on the row of tables in front of the kitchen. Thank you!

**PRO-LIFE MONTH INFORMATION**

October is Pro-Life Month. Please join with others in our community in prayer for all life from conception until death. Events for Pro-Life Month begin today, Sunday, October 6th with the Life Chain by the bridge at Ace Hardware (time to be announced).

Sunday, October 13th, we will be praying the Rosary on the sidewalk across from DeMan's on Main St. at 2 pm.

Sunday, October 20th, there will be a Rally for Life at the Brookville Alliance Church at 2 pm.

Please join us as we pray for an end of abortion.



The flowers for the main altar at Immaculate Conception are in memory of Bob Receski. They were placed by Barb, Laurie and Cindy Receski.

The flowers for the Blessed Mother's altar and St. Joseph's altar are in honor of the 100th Birthday of Bette Milford. They were placed by her family.

The flowers at St. Dominic are in memory of Bill Ransel. They were placed by Betty Ransel.

**CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS**

The winners from our Fall festival Chili Cook-Off Contest were:

1st Place: Randy Walker

2nd Place: Karen Nosker

3rd Place: Josh Thorpe

**Congratulations and thanks for participating!**

**RCIA**

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 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.

**The first session will be on October 7th.**

**A FAMILY CONNECTION**

The second part of today's Gospel contains a strong message for those who share the responsibility of fostering faith. It is indeed an awesome responsibility. Today's Gospel reminds us that faith is a lifelong journey toward God. We don't always get it all or even get it right. But we pray for the grace to acknowledge and build upon even the smallest signs of faith, in ourselves and in others. There are plenty of obstacles that might prevent the growth of faith. Let us pray that we are not contributing to the obstacles that might hinder another person's faith in Jesus.

As you gather as a family, observe that there are things in our lives that nurture our faith and things that can hinder it. Talk about some of the things that nurture our faith—healthy family relationships, healthy friendships, good literature, and so on. Name some of the things that might be an obstacle to faith—unhealthy relationships, scandals, and so on. Observe that Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we are to do everything we can to help one another have faith in Jesus and do all that we can to avoid creating obstacles that might hinder another person's faith. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48. Conclude by praying together that we will be a family that helps each other grow in faith. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 19, or the [Lord's Prayer](#).