

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



MARCH 30, 2025

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

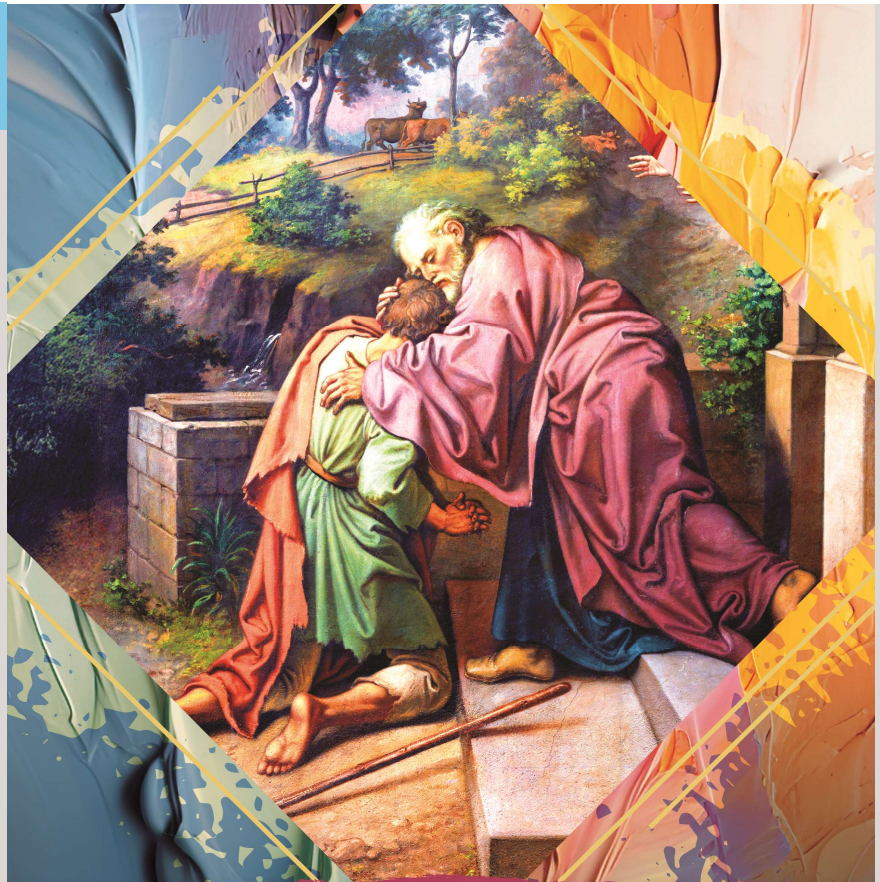
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

**"This son of mine was dead, and has
come to life again." - Lk 15:24a**

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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, APRIL 1

8:00 AM Harold Zulick
7:00 PM Msgr. Thomas McSweeney

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 AM Bibiana Chestnut by Helen Chestnut

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 AM Mary Laska
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 AM Sharon Boozer by Sue Hammer

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

5:15 PM Ross Ananea by Nellie Grace Morey

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Kathy Stephen
by Betty and Kathi Ransel
10:30 AM Frank Gresock by John and Marian Palmer

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—APRIL 5 & 6

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. | John Pozza

St. Dominic | Barb Mueller

Rosary Leaders: Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan

STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 22 & 23

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,099.00
Loose.....	\$958.00
Flower Offering.....	\$110.00
Rice Bowl Offering.....	\$30.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$63,248.00
Paid.....	\$36,743.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$155,410.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #36).....	(\$ 17,606.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father. First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father. We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

USHERS SCHEDULE

April 5 John Mester, Steve Koladish

April 6 Steve French, Thad Johnston

DIOCESE OF ERIE E-NEWS

The Office of Communications distributes a weekly email newsletter to parishioners who sign up to receive it. This newsletter provides updates about our diocese, the Catholic Church nationwide and worldwide and includes special messages from the bishop or other import To sign up for the e-newsletter, visit <https://bit.ly/Dioenews>.

RICE BOWL-PROTECTING CROPS

Shahadat’s village, and much of Bangladesh, is located on flat lowlands. The intense rainy season causes flooding that often destroys farms and crops. Find out how Shaha-dat learned new farming skills from a Catholic Relief Ser-vices program that enabled him to increase the yield of his vegetable crops despite the challenges of climate change. Visit csricebowl.org/week-4 to read this week’s Story of Hope.

CRAFT, VENDOR AND GARDEN SHOW

The annual Craft, Vendor, and Garden Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the St. Mary Social Hall in Crown. Admission is free. Tables will showcase handcrafted items including jewelry, woodcrafts, home décor items, potpourri, country primitive, tote bags, and more. Plants, trees, herbs, and other garden products will also be available. Food will be available for purchase. **Proceeds benefit the St. Mary/St. Ann Faith Formation program.**



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

EVENING MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our evening schedule for Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent is as follows:

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Nicholas Church will have their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 13th from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Cost of the dinner is \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children under 12. Free for children 5 and under. Dinners are Dine-In or Take-out. There will also be a Quilt Raffle, Basket Raffle and a Country Store. Proceeds benefit St. Nicholas Church and the Ryan Kemmer Family.

FREEZE DRIED SNACK SALE



\$7 per bag. Choose from Wildberry Skittles, Nerds Clusters, Milk Duds, Fruit Roll Ups or Bananas. Pre-order by April 7th. Pick up on April 13th following the 10:30 am Mass until 1 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception. To order, please call Ashley Thorpe at 814-573-1070. Proceeds benefit the Steeple Fund.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR AREA

Our Lenten Penance Service will be held, today, March 30th at 3 pm.

The remainder of the schedule for the Lenten Penance Services is listed below:

- Sunday, April 6th Holy Spirit Parish at St. Catherine’s Church, DuBois. 3 pm
- Sunday, April 13th St. Tobias, Brockway 3 pm