IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



NOVEMBER 8, 2026

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Our Staff

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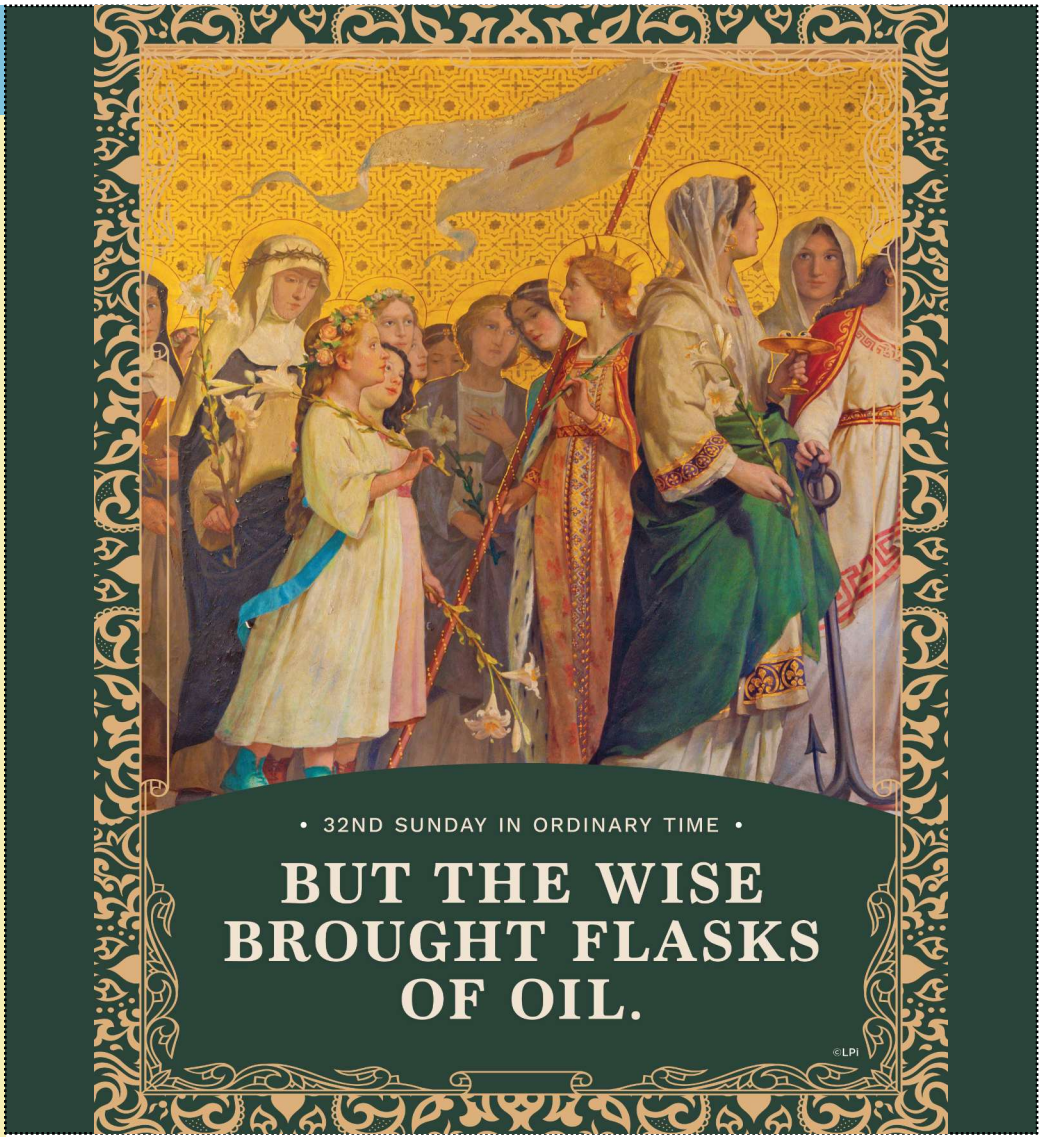
Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. Tuesday through Friday
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: Please consult the bulletin

St. Dominic
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day (Vigil): Please consult the bulletin.
Reconciliation: 8 a.m. Sunday

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (IC), *also by appointment*
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (SD)



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
8:00 AM Joan Tennant
by Richard Dechant and Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
8:00 AM Deb Carberry Fleeger by her Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
8:00 AM Frank Coon by Betty and Kathi Ransel

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
8:00 AM Mary Walsch by Judy Croxton

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
5:15 PM Joseph Nogacek
by Dave and Diane Nogacek

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Rosalee Steele
by Pat and Mike Milford
10:30 AM Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—NOVEMBER 14 & 15

Altar Servers
Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Please volunteer if you attend this Mass
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Oliver Butcher

Lectors
Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Ann Thacher
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Sara Gow
St. Dominic, 8:30 a.m.| Rosemary Wolbert

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Patty Butcher

STEWARDSHIP - OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	$3,445.00
Loose	$1,045.00
All Saints Day	$753.00
All Souls Day	$462.00
World Mission Sunday	$25.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	$44,504.00
Pledged	$95,944.00
Paid	$86,437.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget	$5,127.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2026	$62,804.00
Surplus (**Deficit**) (Week #18)	**($29,482.00)**

Thank you for supporting your parish.



The flowers at Immaculate Conception are in memory of the deceased family members of the Heberling Family. They were placed by Karen and Pat Nosker and Family.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Joseph Nogacek. Requested by Dave and Diane Nogacek.

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

USHERS SCHEDULE

November 14 Steve Koladish, Karen Nosker
November 15 Gene Hoak, Steven Hoak

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY AT ST DOMINIC

Recitation of the Rosary at St. Dominic will be held on Thursday afternoon at 3 pm. Please join us as we pray for the reparation of sin.

Please note the time change.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Choir practice for the Christmas season will begin on today, November 8th immediately following the 10:30 am Mass at Immaculate Conception. We welcome new members to come and lend your voices to our choir.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The Lector workbooks for the new Liturgical year are available in the Sacristy. Lectors are asked to pick-up their copy as soon as possible. Thank you!

TODAY'S GOSPEL

The ten bridesmaids, or maidens, in the parable represent all Christians. On receiving the sacrament of baptism, the Christian starts on the road to heaven; he gets his invitation to the heavenly nuptials but this is only the beginning. From the moment he comes to the use of reason he is expected to prepare himself, by living according to the law of God, for the great moment when the call will go forth: Behold the bridegroom! Come to meet him. This moment will be, first, at the hour of death for each individual when each one's eternal fate will be decided, and again at the general judgment of the human race. During their lifetime all are invited to the heavenly wedding, and all have the necessary means to get ready. But, like the foolish bridesmaids, many will fail to make use of these means and will realize their folly when it is too late. Sad, but true.

Now is the time for all of us to say "Lord, Lord, open to us." open to us the doors of your mercy and kindness. Open to us the eyes of our understanding that we may see our defects and remedy them while there is yet time.

It is up to us now to decide, aided by God's grace, where we shall be found on the last day—with the wise bridesmaids or with the foolish.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE



We are offering pies for Thanksgiving, homemade by Karen Nosker. 10" Apple, Cherry or Pumpkin Pie for $15 each. Orders can be placed by calling Karen at 814-328-2203. Please leave a message with your name and phone number and the flavor and number of pies you would like to order. Deadline for ordering is November 20th. Pick-up will be in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception on November 24th or 25th after 11 am. Indicate your choice of pick up date when you order.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR LOCAL NEEDS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"You, O Lord, are my hope." Pope Leo XIV's message for 2025's World Day of the Poor, which opens with these words from the book of Psalms, reminds us that "every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope."

The annual Collection for Local Needs, to be taken this year on November 14 and 15, offers a concrete way for us to offer hope. This collection helps people living on the margins address the root causes of poverty and injustice, not by giving "one-size-fits-all" handouts, but by funding local organizations that empower people to make positive impacts in their own communities.

When you give to this collection, you make a local impact because 100% of your contribution stays within our own diocese. Your support brings hope to communities and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. This grassroots model allows people to use their experiences and knowledge of their communities to build coalitions of faith leaders, local businesses and other neighbors who work together to find solutions that benefit everyone.

This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Your contributions are helping to build more merciful and just communities in the Diocese of Erie. Please consider helping us to uphold human dignity and eradicate poverty by giving generously to the Collection for Local Needs on November 14 and 15. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
+Lawrence T. Persico
Bishop of Erie