

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



NOVEMBER 3, 2024

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



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

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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, NOVEMBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 AM Jim Carberry by his Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 AM Joseph Nogachek
by Dave and Diane Nogachek

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00 AM Gilbert Brant by Jim and Susan Brant

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:15 PM Doris Devitorio
by Steve and Ruth Rowan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Donna Kinol
by her Family

10:30 AM Milo Milford by his Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—NOVEMBER 9 & 10

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 | John Matia

Rosary Leaders: Kathy Duvall

STEWARDSHIP - NOVEMBER 2 & 3

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,568.00
Loose.....	\$929.00
World Missions.....	\$25.00
All Saints Day.....	\$20.00
All Souls Day.....	\$90.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$77,906.00
Paid.....	\$72,472.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$75,914.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #17).....	(\$5,788.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in memory
of the Holy Souls.

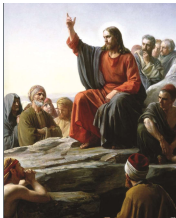
THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped ([chapter 11](#) and part of [chapter 12](#)), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.



USHERS SCHEDULE

November 9 Jim Stanley, John Mester

November 10 Jim Holencik, Brien Alexander



CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS

Choir practice for Christmas will begin on Sunday, November 5th, following the 10:30 am Mass. New members are always welcome. Come share your musical talent with your parish family!



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. Deadline for ordering is November 22nd. Pick-up will be in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception on November 26 or 27th (your choice when you order).

Proceeds benefit our steeple fund.

A FAMILY CONNECTION

As Christians, our moral behavior is guided by the two-part commandment taught by Jesus in today’s Gospel: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Many of us learned to use this framework as an examination of conscience. By examining our lives through the lens of these commandments, we have learned that the challenge of these commandments is not in our desire to follow them but in our capacity to consistently honor these commandments in our daily lives.

LET’S SHOW GRATITUDE FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

During the month of November let us remember to include our parish family when we express gratitude for the abundant gifts we have been given. Our parish families are great blessings because they are signs of Christ’s active presence in the world today. Saint John Paul II once described a parish as a “family of families.” If we accept that the parish is a family, then surely it takes on the characteristics of a family. And just like a family, the gifts of the Holy Spirit to our parishes include the many different talents and temperaments we find in the pews, parish house and parking lot. They become great strengths when we are united in building up the Body of Christ. (From the International Stewardship Council).

Financial Report

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A copy of our Parish Financial Report is available for viewing on the bulletin board at the entrance to Immaculate Conception Church and St. Dominic Church. This report reflects income and expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

ANNUAL VETERAN’S DAY DINNER

The Veterans Day take out Dinner will be held at the Sigel Civic Center on Monday, November 11, 2024, from 4:30-6:30 PM. Advance sale ticket only. Purchase tickets from Rosemary Dunlap 814-752-2879, Jo Schrecongost 814-328-5006, Rosalee Steele 814-752-2484. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, 5 and under eat for free.

Our Church is responsible for the main course this year. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. We will need kitchen workers on Sunday, November 10 at 1 PM to help prepare the chicken. Then on Monday, November 11, the food will need prepared and fill the take out containers. Sign up sheets will be at the back of the church.

If you have a family friend or relative who is active duty military, please contact Rosalee Steele to include their name on the active duty list and they will receive a letter and gift cards for Christmas.



The flowers for the Blessed Mother’s altar and St. Joseph’s altar at Immaculate Conception are in memory of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The flowers for the main altar at Immaculate Conception are in memory of Mary Jo Petulla. They were placed by David and Jennifer Black.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.