

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



JANUARY 12, 2025

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Our Staff

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

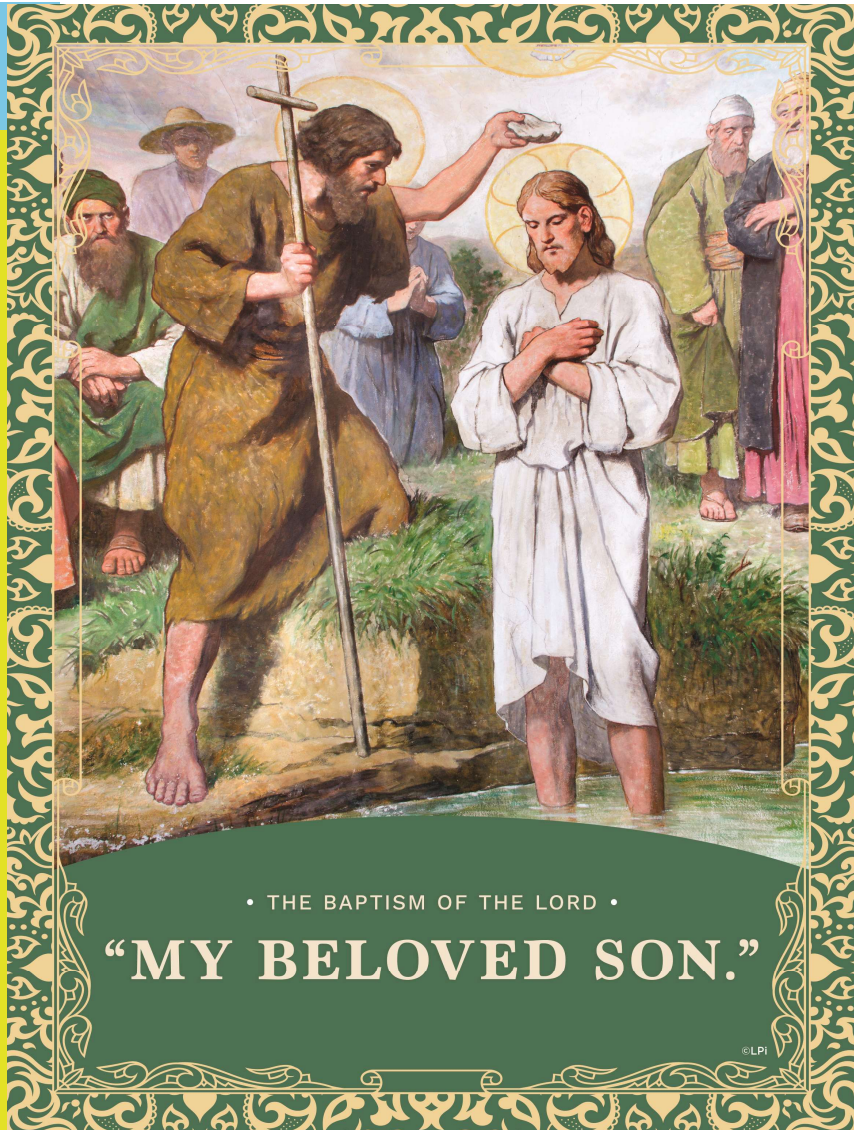
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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



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, JANUARY 14

NO MORNING MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

NO MORNING MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 AM Sharon Boozer by her Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 AM Donna Kinol by her Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

5:15 PM Steve Wolfe by Bob Mineweaser

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Richard Mauersberg
by Betty and Kathi Ransel

10:30 AM Andrew Gresock, Sr.
by John and Marian Palmer

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—JANUARY 18 & 19

Altar Servers

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

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

Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Michele Confer

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

St. Dominic | John Matia

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French



STEWARDSHIP - DECEMBER 28 & 29

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,313.00
Loose.....	\$859.00
Christmas	\$190.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$40.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$78,813.00
Paid.....	\$76,033.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$112,537.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #24).....	(\$2,807.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Robert Zacheral
(Father of Chris Bish of our Parish)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is

communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.



USHERS SCHEDULE

January 18 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish
January 19 Gene Hoak, Steven Hoak

CHILD PROTECTION AND
CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
3 WAYS FOR TEENS TO REBOOT

Sending and receiving messages late at night can make it hard to fall asleep or interrupt sleep. Teens want to stay connected to friends, but the lack of sleep or interrupted sleep can affect everything from their mood to their sports performance. Here are 5 tips to follow at night that will help boost energy and focus in the morning. 1.) Log off your messaging apps, social media and email at bedtime. 2.) Turn off your phone when it’s time for bed don’t just set it to vibrate. 3.) Get in the habit of powering off your devices – especially if they are in your room. Turn off all electronics, like laptops, tablets, TVs, and video game consoles. Blinking lights and glowing screens can make it harder to fall and stay asleep. Sticking to a cut-off curfew each night for your devices will give your brain some much needed tech-free downtime. For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

HELP NEEDED

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at St. Dominic’s on Sunday, January 12th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, January 12th at 2 pm.

Anyone who would be able to help is asked to come at that time. All help is greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity for high school students who need service hours for church or school.

STEWARDSHIP - JANUARY 4 & 5	
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Loose.....	\$687.00
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Pledged.....	\$78,813.00
Paid.....	\$76,183.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$115,627.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #25).....	(\$4,523.00)

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A FAMILY CONNECTION

Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, “What are some of the things that make our family life unique?” Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Sweetheart Dinner will be held on Wednesday, February 12th at 6 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church. Prime Rib Dinner—\$30 or Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner—\$25. Tickets are limited and will be available by advance purchase only and on a first-come basis. Last day to purchase tickets will be January 31st. Tickets available following weekend Masses or call Karen at 814-328-2203 or Chris at 814-849-2023



SANCTUARY LAMP

The schedule for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2025 is posted on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church. Offering for the candle is \$10.