

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



JANUARY 5, 2025

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska
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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



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

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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, JANUARY 7

8:00 AM Mary Esther Kordes and Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 AM Suzanne Miller by her Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM Kathy Stepman by Betty and Kathi Ransel

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 AM Mary Ann Manfroni
by Peg Pearsall and Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:15 PM Ron Bowen by Rick and Gina Cherico

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish family of Immaculate
Conception and St. Dominic

10:30 AM Eric Schrantz by Lorraine Powell



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—JANUARY 11 & 12

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. | Jim Stanley

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Steve French

St. Dominic | Denny Kinol

Rosary Leaders: Denny Kinol, Steve Rowan

STEWARDSHIP - DECEMBER 21 & 22, 24 & 25

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,878.00
Loose.....	\$578.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$3,790.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$50.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$78,593.00
Paid.....	\$75,643.00
Outstanding Balance.....	\$2,950.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$109,135.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #23).....	(\$1,403.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

PRAYER CHAIN

Because of the sensitivity of peoples names being published, we will respect their privacy and no longer list names of the sick in our bulletin.

If you wish to have a loved one or friend remembered on the prayer chain, please contact the Church Office at (814) 849-8697 and leave a message. Thank you.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of the deceased members of the Carberry and Koladish Families.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.



USHERS SCHEDULE

January 11 John Mester, Jim Stanley

January 12 Steve French, Thad Johnson

JUBILEE JOURNEY: PILGRIMS OF HOPE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

A FAMILY CONNECTION

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."



MASS REQUESTS FOR 2025

We are accepting Mass requests for 2025. Masses are reserved on a first come, first honored basis. **Mass intentions are to be for one person or for one couple or listed as the Deceased members of the family or in honor of a special event.** Please be considerate of other parish families and limit your weekend requests to 2 per family until after the initial request period. Weekend Mass requests may be increased after January 20th. You may reserve your Masses by calling the office at 814-849-8697 or by email at icbrookville@windstream.net or drop your requests in the mail slot at the rectory. Mass stipends remain at \$10 per Mass.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you need a Church contribution statement for tax purposes, please contact the rectory at 814-849-8697 or by email at: icbrookville@windstream.net.

Statements will not be automatically mailed out, you must request a statement to receive one. Requests should be made as soon as possible.

Thank you!

SANCTUARY LAMP

The schedule for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2025 is posted on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church. **Please, only one request per family at this time.** Offering for the candle is \$10.

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.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you are involved in any of the Parish Ministries, and we don't have your current e-mail address, please send an email to: icbrookville@windstream.net so we can add you to our address book. Schedules can then be sent to keep you informed and up to date.