

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



MARCH 3, 2024

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
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (SD)



HE MADE A WHIP OUT OF CORDS AND DROVE THEM
ALL OUT OF THE TEMPLE AREA. - JN 2:15A

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Monday Mass is offered privately
Mary Laska

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 AM Al and Toni Kelso by Peggy Wimer
7:00 PM Ron Bowen by Ann Mooney

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 AM Nancy J. Boozer by her Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

8:00 AM Mary Ann Manfroni
by John and Marian Palmer
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 AM Milo Milford by the Milford Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

5:15 PM Al Lefevre by Bonnie, Scott and Doug

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of Immaculate
Conception and St. Dominic
10:30 AM Rita Lee Mojares by John and Marilyn Miller

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—MARCH 9 & 10

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. | Katie Peterson

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | John Pozza

St. Dominic | Teresa Gilbert

Rosary Leaders: B. Riggs and S. French

STEWARDSHIP - FEBRUARY 24 & 25

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$3,158.00
Loose	\$603.00
Steeple Fund	\$38,350.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$41,567.00
Pledged	\$67,345.00
Paid	\$30,744.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$149,936.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #34)	(\$13,468.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Laurie Connor Butler
(Daughter of Bob and Jean Connor)

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshippers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ.

USHERS SCHEDULE

March 9 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish
March 10 Steve French, Jonathan Hoak

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. You have joined together with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie to share of your blessings to help advance the mission of the church.

If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge envelope marked ‘CSA’ in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is appreciated.

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.

MASS REQUESTS

Masses are reserved on a first come, first honored basis. 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. The Sanctuary Lamp schedule also has some dates available. The schedule is on the bulletin board at Immaculate Conception Church.

A FAMILY CONNECTION

Today’s Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God. For Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries, the Temple was an important, holy place where they gathered to worship God. The Christian understanding of worship was transformed in light of Jesus’ Resurrection. In the Christian understanding, God is worshiped in a person, the person of Jesus Christ. As we read in today’s Gospel, Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed, but in three days God will raise him up again.

As you gather as a family, talk about places and times when you have experienced God’s presence. After his Resurrection, Jesus’ disciples understood that Jesus was present with them as they gathered to pray and especially when they gathered to share a meal. Read together today’s Gospel, John 2:13-25. Jesus teaches us in today’s Gospel that he is God’s presence with us. Thank God for Jesus’ presence with us, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

RITE OF ELECTION

We congratulate our Candidate and Catechmens who made their intention of becoming members in full union with the Catholic Church, by signing the Book of the Elect before Bishop Persico last Sunday by attending the Rite of Election at Holy Spirit Parish in DuBois. Those attending from our parish were: Beverly Alexander, Brien Alexander, Daniel Cable, Sarah Graziano, Luke Sorek and Jacob Wyble. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

The Lenten Penance Services for our area begin today, Sunday, March 3rd. The first service will be held at SS Cosmas & Damian at 3 pm. The remaining services will be held at the following locations and times:

Immaculate Conception, Brookville	Sunday, March 10th	3 pm
St. Tobias, Brockway	Sunday, March 17th	3 pm
Holy Spirit, DuBois	Sunday, March 24th	3 pm

Please note that all the Penance Services will take place on Sunday afternoons in the hope that it encourages more people to take advantage of receiving the Sacrament of Penance before Easter and to accommodate those who do not drive after dark.