

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**MARCH 17, 2024**

## WELCOME!

### Parish Information

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### Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska  
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### Mass Schedule

#### Immaculate Conception

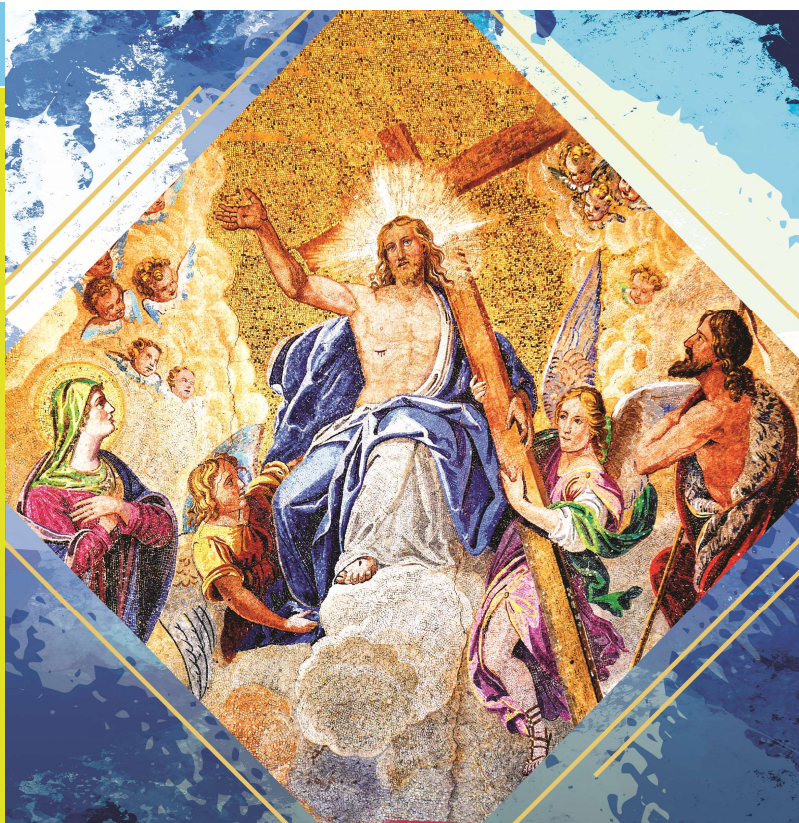
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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



## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

**"And when I am lifted up from the earth,  
I will draw everyone to myself." - Jn 12:32**

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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 18

Monday Mass is offered privately.  
Daniel Laska, Sr.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 AM Dick Ent by Kathy and Porter Duvall  
7:00 PM Catherine Kruckvich  
by Mike and Marie Comment

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 AM Sharon Booser by Alice Orisch & Loretta Gray

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 AM Blake Rowan by John and Marian Palmer  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 AM Margaret Mineweaser by Phyllis & Samantha

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:15 PM Diane Jonischek by Don, Todd, Pam & Emma

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Brian Crissman by his Family  
10:30 AM Alice A. and Adam P. Strollo  
by the Pallone Family

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—MARCH 23 & 24

#### 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. | Mike Chestnut, Jim Stanley

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

St. Dominic | Suzy Walker, John Matia

**Rosary Leaders:** Barb Riggs, Steve French

### STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 9 & 10

#### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$2,575.00
Loose.....	\$336.00
Easter Collection.....	\$50.00
Rice Bowl Collection.....	\$50.00
Good Friday Collection.....	\$50.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$ 71,245.00
Paid.....	\$37,655.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023 .....	\$157,917.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> ) (Week #36).....	<b>(\$15,099.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Richard Wolfe. Requested by his Family.

### THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus

conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.





USHERS SCHEDULE

March 23 John Mester, Jim Stanley  
March 24 Gene Hoak, Jonathan Hoak

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The annual collection for the Holy Land will take place during the Holy Friday Service on March 29th.

Bishop Persico writes:

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, parishes in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land. This collection is the most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Christians continue to be hit especially hard with the war between Hamas and Israel. The money collected helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment. Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived. I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.”

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

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Our area Lenten Penance Services continue today, Sunday, March 17th at St. Tobias, Brockway. The service begins at 3 pm.

The final Lenten Penance Service will be on Sunday, March 24th at 3 pm at Holy Spirit Parish, DuBois.

A FAMILY CONNECTION

Family life is often a balancing act in which we prioritize and attend to a variety of competing needs. We learn the value of putting others’ needs ahead of our own. In family life we also learn that when we make personal sacrifices to serve others, we gain so much more than we may have lost.

As you gather as a family, talk about how important it is to your family life to gladly serve one another. Ask each person to consider the last time that another family member asked for help. What was your response? Did you cheerfully try to honor the request, or did you ask “Why me?” Read today’s Gospel, John 12:20-33. How do you think Jesus would want us to respond when someone in our family asks for help? Invite each family member to make a commitment for the next week to try to respond cheerfully to requests for help. Pray together, asking God’s help with this commitment.

ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick was born in Britain around 386 AD. Patrick’s early life was marked by a terrifying event: at 16, he was kidnapped and enslaved by Irish raiders. It would have been easy for Patrick to abandon his faith during his six years of enslavement, but instead he embraced his work as a shepherd and grew closer to Jesus, The Good Shepherd. Despite being owned by other human beings, he freely and bravely lived the Christian life.



In what he later described as a divinely inspired vision, Patrick found the courage to escape his captors. Despite the risks, he journeyed across Ireland until he miraculously found a passage back to Britain and reunited with his family. After returning to Britain, Patrick experienced another vision, compelling him to return to Ireland, not as a slave, but as a missionary. The natural thing would’ve been to shut down any notion of returning to the land of his former enslavement. But Patrick did not live by his natural inclinations. He lived by the supernatural grace of courage that God gave him. Patrick returned to Ireland, determined to spread Christianity in a land ruled by pagan kings and Druids who were hostile to

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in this type of dying that we find a newer, richer life with others.