

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



MARCH 22, 2026

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: Consult Bulletin for
Mass times

St. Dominic

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin for
Mass times
Reconciliation: 8 a.m. Sunday

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (IC),



5th Sunday

O F L E N T

"'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go.' Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him." Jn 11:43-45

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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, MARCH 24

- 8:00 AM No Morning Mass
- 7:00 PM Al Lefevre by the Walkowiak Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

- 8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

- 8:00 AM Dick Ent by Mike and Pat Milford
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

- 8:00 AM Dorothy Love by Dave Love

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- 5:15 PM Terry and Wayne Smith by Betsy Milford

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- 8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic
- 10:30 AM Deceased members of the Michael and Aline Pallone Family by Jim and Kathy Pallone

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—MARCH 28 & 29

Altar Servers

- Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Please volunteer if you attend this Mass
- Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Andrew Bazylak

Lectors

- Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Jim Stanley, Ann Thacher
- Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Barbara Chestnut, Sara Gow
- St. Dominic | John Matia, Debbie Thorpe

Rosary Leaders: Steve Rowan

STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 14 & 15

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$4,004.00
Loose	\$635.00
Rice Bowl Offering.....	\$40.00
Easter Flower Offering.....	\$895.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$44,504.00
Pledged.....	\$90,329.00
Paid.....	\$54,915.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025	\$166,269.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #37).....	(\$17,621.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Today’s Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John’s Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today’s reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders’ growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus’ obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus’s resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha’s sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus’s tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus’ death.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin’s power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.



USHERS SCHEDULE

March 28 Jim Stanley, Don Jonischek

March 29 Please volunteer if you attend this Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our next day of Adoration will be on **Thursday, March 26th** from 2 to 7 pm. We are asking you to commit to a half hour (or longer) of adoration by placing your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. This is to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament will never be left alone as it is exposed on the altar. Our day of Adoration ends at 7 pm with the Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

Please plan on joining your parish family as we pray for all those who have requested our prayers, for our parish families and for all those who have needs and no one to pray for them.

EVENING MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our evening schedule for Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent will begin on Tuesday, February 24th.

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Richard Wolfe. Requested by Stephanie and Ashley Wolfe.

2026 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal.

Today our parish is at **202%** of our goal. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over our goal will be used for our own needs. Work has already begun to replace and repair the gutter damage at St. Dominic's and we will soon be seeking bids for the painting of the outside trim and new Sanctuary carpeting at Immaculate Conception.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

This week's Lenten Penance Service will be held today, Sunday, March 22nd, at St. Tobias Parish in Brockway. The Service begins at 3 pm.

The final Penance Service for our area will be held on Sunday, March 29th at Holy Spirit Parish, Dubois at 3 pm.

EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE RICE BOWL 2026

God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can help our sisters and brothers fulfill their potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-5 to read this week's Story of Hope.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, He will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (John 11: 21-27).

'Out of the depths I call to you O Lord: Lord hear my cry. Listen attentively to the sound of my pleading!' (Ps 129: 1-2). In this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the church invites us to turn our attention to the realities that are perhaps the most 'scandalous' in human experience, the death of a loved one. In this Gospel we see all those who are being supportive of Martha and Mary at the moment of their brother, Lazarus' death. The Fifth Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent.