

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Our Staff

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

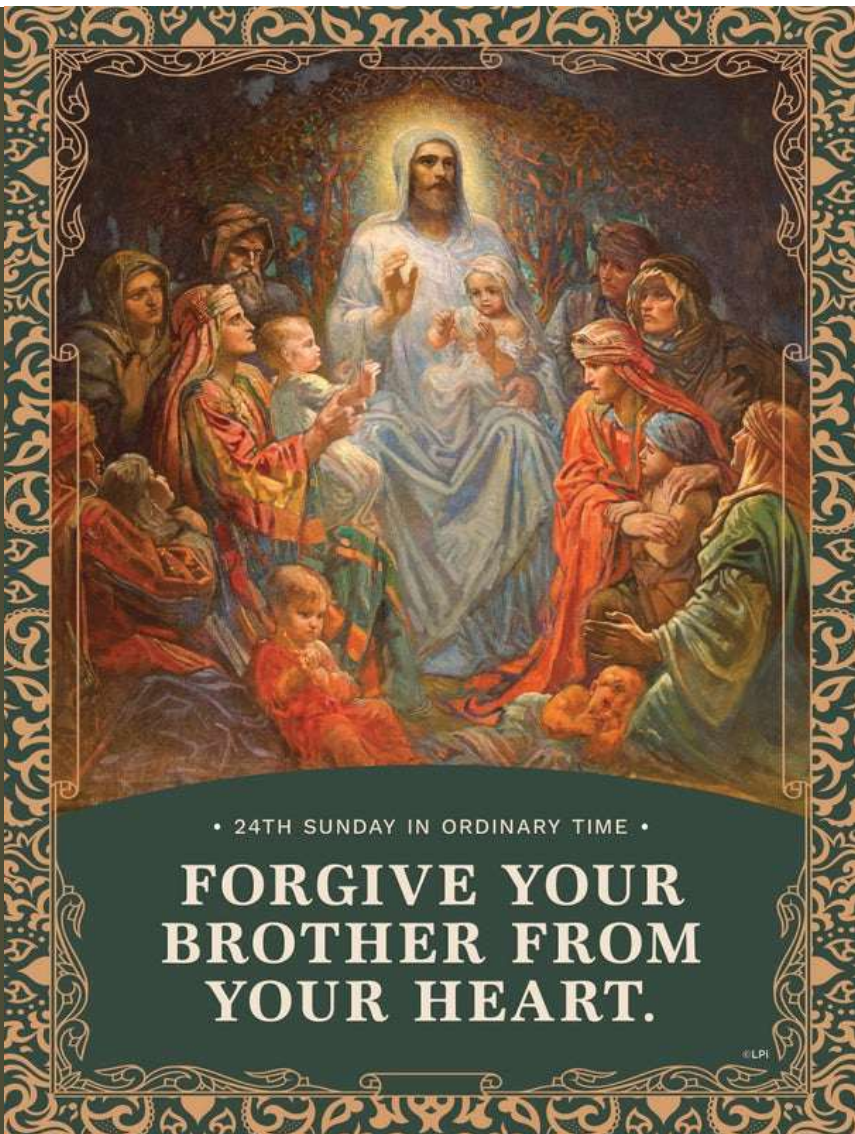
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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)



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, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 AM James and Frances Mineweaser
by their Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 AM Diana Kerr by Joyce and George Haines

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 AM Teresa Conboy by Marie Pucalik

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM Parish Family of Immaculate Conception
and St. Dominic

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Barb O' Donnell
by Jim and Family

10:30 AM Joan Richards by John and Marian Palmer

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Andrew Bazlyak

Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Ann Thacher

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

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. | Rosemary Wolbert

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Patty Butcher

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The “Order of Christian Initiation for Adults” or OCIA is the process where adults express their interest in becoming members of the Catholic Church. Through weekly meetings and instruction, discussion and prayer is offered to help introduce the fundamentals of our Faith.

Please spread the word to encourage family and friends who have expressed even a minimal interest in the past, and offer to accompany them as they take this important first step.

As in the past years, we invite and look forward to having many parishioners attending these classes who simply want to know more about our Catholic Faith. Please contact the church office (814-849-8697) if you know someone who is interested in the OCIA program.

Classes meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church.

PRAYER CHAIN

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 or call Mary Snyder at 814-849-3478. Thank you.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Ryan Dunlap. Requested by Mom and Corry.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel reading directly follows [last week's Gospel](#) in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

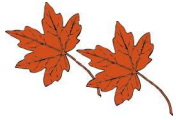
The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

USHERS SCHEDULE

September 19 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter
 September 20 Gene Hoak, Steven Hoak

**FINAL DAYS OF OUR FALL FESTIVAL**

Please join us at our annual Fall Festival. Our hours are until 7 pm on Saturday evening and from 10—2 on Sunday. Our Roast Beef dinner will be available on Sunday for take-out (\$14 per dinner) beginning at 11:15 am in the church hall until sold out. Our drawings for the \$2,500 Cash Raffle, Gift Raffle, Children's Raffle and winners of the Chili Cook-off will be held beginning at 2 pm on Sunday afternoon. Come and enjoy all the activities.

REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR CASH RAFFLE TICKET STUBS AND MONEY BY NOON ON SUNDAY!

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE
 ENVIRONMENTS— DIOCESAN CHILD
 PROTECTION POLICIES**

Everyone that works and interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This includes rules like staying in public view and avoiding isolated one-on-one situations with children and ensuring that two or more adults are always paired together to work with children, as well as other guidelines found in the Policy for the Protection of Children. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and must follow the Policy that includes a Code of Conduct. To read the policy go to: <https://www.eriescd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html>. For additional information, contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

OUR CEMETERIES

Our parish is responsible for maintaining five cemeteries. As our growing season is winding down we want to take this opportunity to remind you that as you may be cleaning off your loved ones graves, we ask that you take all your trash home with you. We have had several complaints from the surrounding neighbors about trash being left on their property by those visiting our cemeteries. Please be respectful of others property and do not leave your trash where it does not belong. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at 7 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception. Please note the day and date change.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFO

Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 20th. Classes are on Sunday morning from 9:00 - 10:20 am in the school. If you are new to the program you can register on your child's first day. If you have changed addresses, phone or email, please make the corrections as soon as possible. Registration fees are: \$20.00 for one child, \$30.00 for two children and \$40.00 for a family of three or more. **Please note: we will be unable to have a pre-school class this year.** We look forward to sharing our Catholic faith with your family.



The flowers at Immaculate Conception are in memory of Ryan Dunlap. They were placed by Chris and Corry Bish.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Holding on to a past wrong and hoping for a better past is futile. We must move on by accepting that we were unjustly treated and that it won't be corrected. This doesn't mean we condone the injustice; it means that we refuse to let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is essential for living a healthy life in the present.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLETION

The second collection, next weekend, is for Catholic Education. This annual second collection supports lifelong education and faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout our diocese. Please generously support this collection. Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in our parish to support our local education and faith formation programs. The other half is used across the diocese for ministry and leadership training, technology support, creative projects in faith formation, as well as tuition assistance for families attending Catholic schools.