

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION CHURCH



OCTOBER 26, 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),



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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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, OCTOBER 28

8:00 AM Brian Conboy by Marie Pucalik

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 AM James Laska by Diane Marsh

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 AM Ethel Reynolds by Mary Snyder

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINT'S DAY

5:15 PM Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Paul Haines
by George and Joyce Haines

10:30 AM Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—NOVEMBER 1 & 2

Altar Servers

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

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

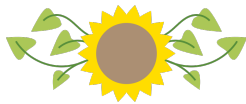
Lectors

Saturday, 5:15 p.m. | Michele Confer

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

St. Dominic | Barbara Mueller

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French



STEWARDSHIP - OCTOBER 18 & 19

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$3,211.00
Loose	\$1,052.00
World Mission Collection.....	\$1,165.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$79,678.00
Paid.....	\$75,010.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$63,381.00.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #15).....	(\$11,169.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

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 Joseph Nogacek. Requested by Dave and Diane Nogacek.



THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.



USHERS SCHEDULE

November 1 Steve Koladish, Pat Nosker
November 2 John Palmer, Jonathan Hoak

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Thursday, October 30th** 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 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.

Financial Report

A copy of our Parish Financial Report is available for viewing on the bulletin board at the entrance to Immaculate Conception Church and St. Dominic Church. This report reflects income and expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

SSCD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The SS Cosmas and Damian Knights of Columbus will be having a Breakfast and Bake Sale on November 2nd from 7 until Noon in Punxsutawney. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, coffee, tea or juice. Adults \$10, kids \$5 and free for kids under 5.

PARENTING POINTERS

Halloween: beyond scary and sweets. As the “evening before All Saints Day,” Halloween reminds us of the holy people who have gone before us. Ask your child who their favorite saint is? Who are they named after? Who do they admire as a living saint?

[Learn together. http://www.catholic.org/saints/](http://www.catholic.org/saints/)



The flowers for the main altar at Immaculate Conception Church are in memory of Jim and Myrla Carberry. They were placed by their family.

APPLE HARVEST WEEKEND

Our Apple Harvest weekend continues today, Sunday, October 26th with our Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner beginning at 11:15 am. Dinner is Take-Out Only. Cost of the dinner is \$12. Pick up some copper kettle cooked apple butter for \$5 per pint and gourmet caramel apples and apple dumplings also. Thank you for supporting our Apple Harvest Weekend!



TODAY’S GOSPEL

In this parable which He addressed to the Pharisees themselves, He tells them once more where their pride will lead them. They will be excluded from the kingdom of God, because they will not admit or repent of their pride and their lack of charity. Instead of thanking God for the many gifts He had given them, they almost demanded thanks from God for being such pious people. They had virtues. They avoided serious injustices. They did not commit adultery. They fasted often. They paid all their Temple dues, but it was all done, not for the honor and glory of God, but for their own honor and glory. They told the world about it. They demanded the first places in the synagogues, and special marks of reverence on the streets. They had to be called "masters" as they claimed to represent and interpret Moses to the ordinary people.

One thing that we can learn from this sad story of the Pharisees is that, while God approves of no sin, His mercy and His forgiveness is available for all sinners except the proud. It isn't that God cannot or will not forgive the sin of pride but that the proud man will not ask for God's forgiveness.

We must all be on our guard against this insidious and destructive vice. It is insidious because it can grow in us almost without our knowing it, and once it has taken root it is difficult to eradicate. It is destructive because it spoils every other virtue we practice and every good work we do. Charity, or brotherly love, cannot flourish in a proud heart, for a proud heart is so full of self that it has no room for others. No true love of God can exist in a proud heart, for even the very acts of religion which a proud man performs, are done for the motive of self-glory and not for the glory of God. The Pharisee in this parable proves that fact. He boasted of his good works.