

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



**APRIL 14, 2024**

## WELCOME!

### Parish Information

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### Our Staff

Pastor | Rev. William M. Laska  
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Secretary | Chris Koladish

### Mass Schedule

#### Immaculate Conception

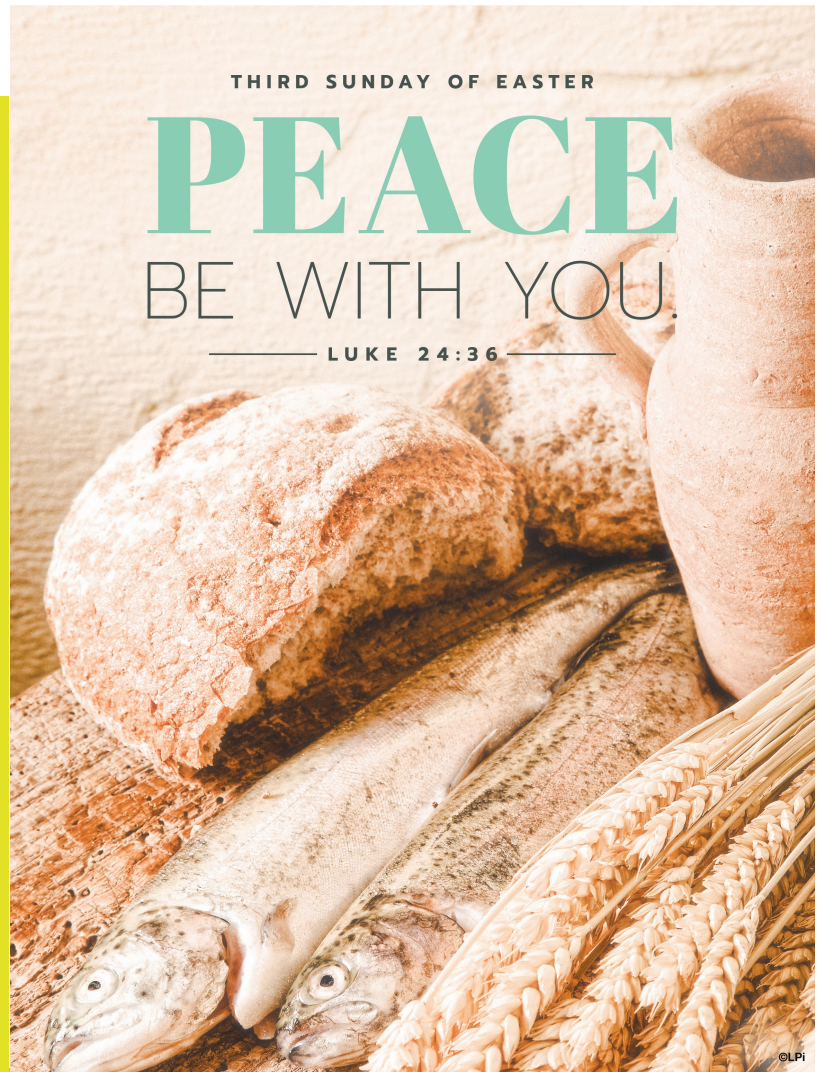
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### 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)



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**PEACE**  
BE WITH YOU.

LUKE 24:36

## 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, APRIL 15

Monday Mass is offered privately  
Suzanne Miller by her Family

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 AM The Wargo and Pucalik Families  
by Marie Pucalik

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 AM Daniel Laska

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 AM Tom Haines by George and Joyce Haines

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 AM Josie Bonfitto

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

5:15 PM Gene, Rachel and Michael Melillo  
by Rick, Gina and Family

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of Immaculate  
Conception and St. Dominic

10:30 AM Daniel Laska, Jr.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—APRIL 20 & 21

### 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. | Jim Stanley

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

St. Dominic | Ashley Thorpe

**Rosary Leaders:** Denny Kinol and Steve Rowan

## STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 6 & 7

### Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes .....	\$4,184.00
Loose.....	\$921.00
Easter Offering.....	\$55.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment .....	\$41,567.00
Pledged.....	\$75,265.00
Paid.....	\$41,567.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023 .....	\$171,020.00
Surplus ( <b>Deficit</b> )(Week #39).....	<b>(\$16,414.00)</b>

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory  
of Bill Kerr. Requested by his Family.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

## USHERS SCHEDULE

April 20 Pat Nosker, Steve Koladish

April 21 Gene Hoak, Jonathan Hoak

### GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION

Our second collection, next weekend, will be for the Good Shepherd Collection. Bishop Persico, writes:

“Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the course of my lifetime, I have met many priests who have given their lives to the service of our Lord and His people. By their ministry, they have made a positive impression on me and inspired me in my vocation as a priest and now as your Bishop. I imagine that, like me, many of you have feelings of gratitude for the ministry of the priests who have served you so well over the years in the Diocese of Erie.

On the weekend of April 20 – 21, the annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired diocesan priests will be taken in our parishes. This is your opportunity to express your gratitude with your financial gift to help these priests who spent their lives in service to the Church. We look to you, the members of our Diocese, to help us with the care of our priests who are retired now and those who will retire in future years.

I know first-hand how generous our people are in responding to the needs of the Church in the Diocese of Erie. I thank you in advance for your generosity also to the Good Shepherd Collection to support our retired diocesan priests.

Finally, I ask you to remember all our priests in your prayers. Pray for those who are currently serving you and those who have retired and those who have died. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, that others may follow in the footsteps of those who have given their lives as good shepherds leading you, the People of God, through their ministry. I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season.

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



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 7 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church. All members are encouraged to attend.

### CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

#### Child Abuse Prevention Month:

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. **Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report child abuse. All clergy, employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated both legally and morally to report any reasonably suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit [www.erieecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.erieecd.org/childprotection/) to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

### FAMILY CONNECTION

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God’s word in Scripture and by Christ’s presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today’s Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favorite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God’s Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today’s Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ’s witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God’s word and by Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. Pray together *Tantum Ergo* or today’s psalm, Psalm 4.