

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



MARCH 15, 2026

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

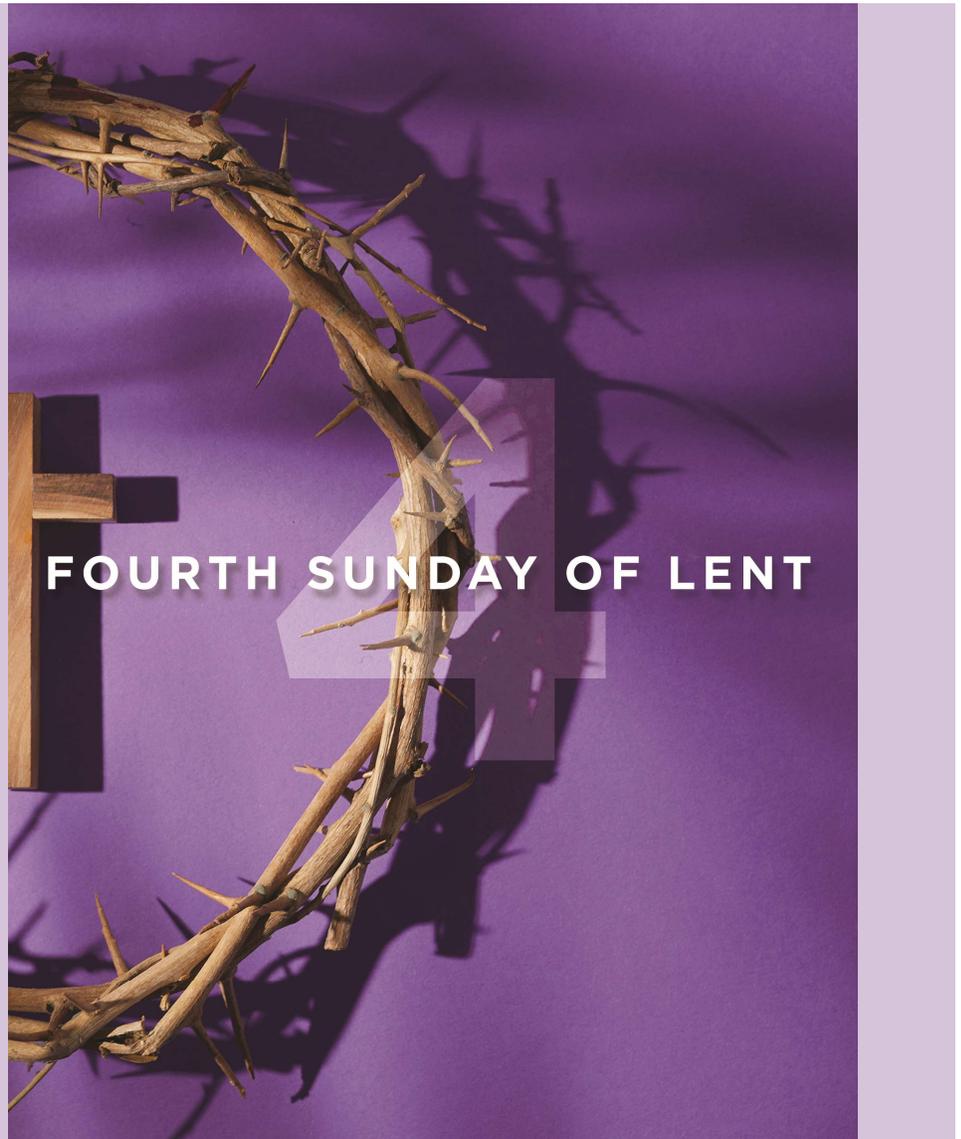
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin for
Mass times

St. Dominic

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

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 17

8:00 AM Jessica Black by Steve and Ruth Rowan
7:00 PM Ernie Caputo by Friends

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 AM Daniel Laska, Jr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 AM Catherine Kruckvich
by Michael and Marie Comment
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 AM Joan Wierbinski by Rosemary Wingard

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

5:15 PM Margaret Mineweaser
by Don and Amy Jonischek

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of
Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic
10:30 AM Donna Chestnut by Mom and Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE-MARCH 21 & 22

Altar Servers

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | JD Gallagher

Lectors

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

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

St. Dominic | Jo Schrecongost

Rosary Leaders: Barb Riggs, Steve French

STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 7 & 8

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$3,380.00
Loose	\$1,483.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$190.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$44,504.00
Pledged.....	\$75,229.00
Paid.....	\$39,815.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,970.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2025	\$161,630.00
Surplus (Deficit)(Week #36).....	(\$18,900.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.



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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

USHERS SCHEDULE

March 21 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

March 22 Steve French, Thad Johnson

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 **169%** 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 to replace and repair the gutter damage at St. Dominic and for painting the outside trim work at Immaculate Conception and towards the carpeting of the Sanctuary.

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.

2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mark Your Calendars for the 2026 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This year’s celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2026, at St. George, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 30, 2026, at St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway, 2:00 pm. The registration form and more information will be coming shortly. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful celebration with you in August 2026. Mark Your Calendars!

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.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” —

which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (John 9:1, 6-7)

Today is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent. This Sunday is known as **Laetare Sunday** for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon *laetare* (rejoice); it is a Sunday of joy. The celebrant has the option to wear rose-colored vestments. This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil.

The Church’s liturgy, on this the Fourth Sunday of Lent, invites us to retrace one of the fundamental dynamics of our baptismal re-birth through the Gospel account of the healing of the ‘man born blind’. It is the passage from the darkness of sin and error to the Light of God, who is the Risen Christ.



**HELLO
SPRING**

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR AREA

Our Parish Lenten Service will be held this afternoon, Sunday, March 15th, at 3 pm. The remainder of the Lenten services are listed below. Please note the change in the schedule.

Sunday, March 22nd	St. Tobias, Brockway	3 pm
Sunday, March 29th	Holy Spirit Parish at St. Catherine’s Church, DuBois.	3 pm