

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



OCTOBER 4, 2026

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. Tuesday
through Friday
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: Please consult the
bulletin

St. Dominic

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day (Vigil): Please consult
the bulletin.
Reconciliation: 8 a.m. Sunday

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (IC),
also by appointment
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (SD)



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be
taken away from you and given to a people that will
produce its fruit.” - Mt 21:43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD, ©LPI

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 6

8:00 AM **No Morning Mass Today**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 AM Bob Receski
by Barb, Laurie and Cindy Receski

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 AM Tom Maloney by Myron and Karen McNutt

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

5:15 PM Michael Melillo by Gina and Rick Cherico

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

10:30 AM Salvatore Dresco by Lou and Susan Greer

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—OCTOBER 10 & 11

Altar Servers

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

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

Lectors

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

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Steve French

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. | (St. Dominic) Barb Mueller

Rosary Leaders: Steve French, Mike Kessler



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of J.
Regis and Madeline Kozusko. Requested by
Joyce, Mallory and Taylor Reitz.

STEWARDSHIP - SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$3,640.00
Loose.....	\$1,009.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$44,504.00
Pledged.....	\$95,499.00
Paid.....	\$84,162.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$5,127.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2026	\$50,021.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #13).....	(\$16,630.00)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel follows directly after [last Sunday's Gospel](#) in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist. In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

USHERS SCHEDULE

October 10 Rick Cherico, Bob Deter

October 11 Steve French, Thad Johnson

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 begin on October 5th and will meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall at Immaculate Conception Church.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is Respect Life Month. Please join with others in our community in prayer for all life from conception until death. Events for Respect Life Month begin on Sunday, October 4th with the Life Chain by the bridge at Ace Hardware at 2 pm. Please join with others from our community to promote and defend the dignity of human life.

DONATION OF PINT JARS NEEDED

In anticipation of our annual Apple Harvest Weekend, we are asking for donations of new pint jars with canning lids and rings. If you would like to donate jars and/or rings and lids, they may be left in the Church Hall on the row of tables in front of the kitchen.

Thank you!

APPLE HARVEST WEEKEND

Our annual Apple Harvest Weekend will be held on October 24th and 25th. **We will be cutting up apples for the apple butter on Thursday, October 22nd immediately following the 8 am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Please bring your knife and a bowl.**

Apple Butter will be made on Saturday, October 24th. We will need workers for making the apple butter and in the kitchen for jarring the apple butter.

Our Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner will be on Sunday, October 25th beginning at 11:15 am. Cost of the dinner will be \$14. **TAKE-OUT ONLY.** We will need donations of desserts for the dinner.

Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Please join us for our annual Public Square Rosary, Sunday, October 11th at 2 pm in the parking lot across the street from DeMans on Main St. Please join us in praying the Rosary for the intentions of the reparation of sins. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

The flowers for the main altar at Immaculate Conception Church are in memory of Bob Receski. They were placed by Barb, Laurie and Cindy Receski.

The flowers for the Blessed Mother's altar are in honor of the Wedding Anniversary of Ramona and Bud Beatty. They were placed by Marsha Beatty.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY AT ST DOMINIC**

There will be recitation of the Rosary every Thursday evening at 6 pm at St. Dominic's.

Please join us as we pray for spiritual growth, intercessions for those in need and peace in our world.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Every family faces difficult times that can either unite or divide them. These hardships, which we might quickly reject, have the potential to become the unifying "cornerstone" where we drop our pettiness and defenses, coming together through a common bond and love for one another.