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ST. DOMINIC

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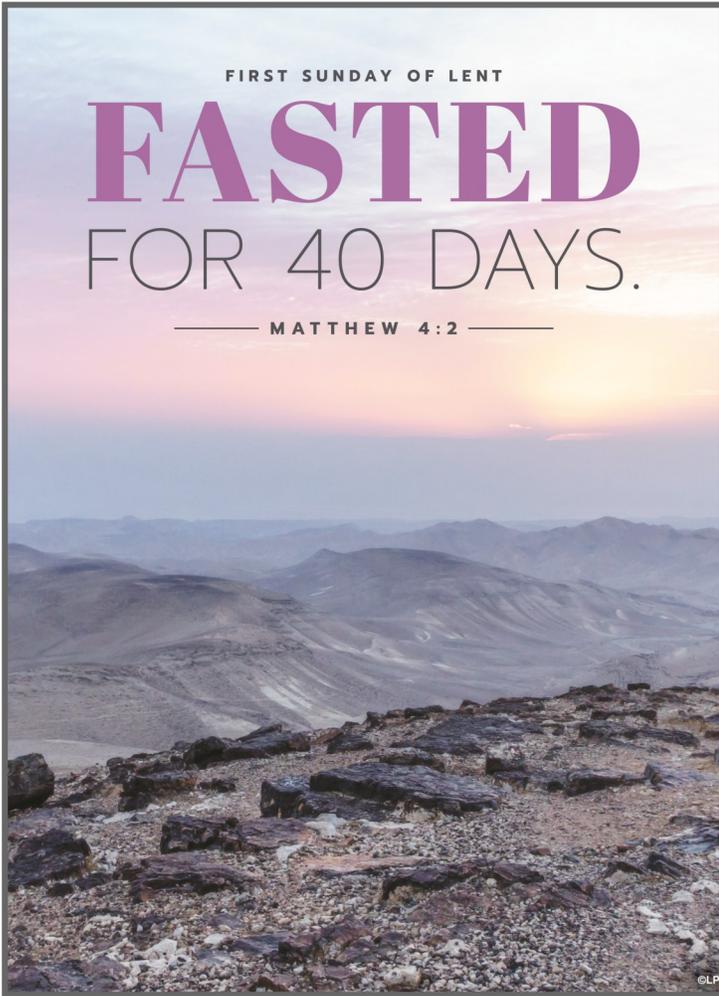


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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The First Sunday of Lent

February 21st & 22nd, 2026



Occupy your mind with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones. Unoccupied, they cannot be. -St. Thomas More

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Weekly Mass Times

St. Dominic:		Immaculate Conception:	
Saturday	4:30 PM	Sunday	8:30 AM
Sunday	10:30 AM	Thursday	9:00 AM
Tues & Wed	10:30 AM	Friday	5:30 PM

Parish Contacts

St. Dominic

Parish Council

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Safe Haven Sunday

A Prayer for Individuals and Families

Loving Father,

Thank you for the gift of marriage and family life. We entrust to you our home, where our marriage and family lives and grows. We ask you to make it a safe haven for all who live and enter these walls. May our home truly be a holy place for both young and old to be formed in the truth regarding life, love, sex, and marriage. May each of our members be protected from and guided in seeking to avoid impure ideas, while embracing the freedom and purity of life in Christ.

If there are past wounds that have occurred due to the availability of suggestive materials on our family's devices, lack of awareness of parents, or because of indifference, we ask you to send forth your Spirit to heal, bless, renew, and consecrate this home as a safe haven with your son Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, today, tomorrow, and always.

We ask this through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Saints Joachim and Anne, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen.

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~~~ **Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of the Gospel** ~~~

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around

roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds.

The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

**Lenten Challenge:** This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



### Lenten Opportunities

#### Exploring Faith in Small Groups

There is still time to join one of our four Lenten small groups. Gathering with others offers us the opportunity for reflection, encouragement and shared prayer that can't happen alone. Let our participation be a meaningful way to let God work more deeply in our hearts during this sacred season and strengthen our journey toward Easter.

**SD:** Tuesday 11:00 am How to Lent and Foretold  
Wednesday 9:00 am Marian Apparitions

**IC:** Tuesday 6:00 pm A Look at Saints  
Thursday 6:00 pm The Holy Spirit

Please let us know which session you wish to attend. That will enable us to plan more efficiently. You may reply to this eblast or email: [marczak@grantsburgtelcom.net](mailto:marczak@grantsburgtelcom.net), or call the office (715-327-8119).

Can't choose? Feel free to join more than one group.

### Sacred Lenten Pause

Our parishes will be offering two two-hour Lenten Devotion opportunities. They will consist of Adoration, a Lenten reflection by Father Thomas Sagili, and time for Reconciliation.

**Saturday, Feb. 28 at Immaculate Conception 9 -11 am**  
Saturday, March 7 at St. Dominic 2 - 4 pm

### Mark your Calendar!

#### Parish Cluster Lenten Retreat

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 21, 2026 1:00 - 3:45 pm  
Mass at 4:00 pm @ IC

**WHERE:** Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

**WHAT:** Parish Cluster Lenten Retreat

**WHO:** All Parishioners, friends and visitors

**PRESENTER:** Fr. Jim Brinkman

**TOPIC:** Hope & Joy, or Gloom & Doom?

The End is Coming—Thru the Christ of the Apocalypse

*This bible presentation looks into the fascinating Book of Revelation. Whenever there are troubled times, there is an increasing interest in apocalyptic literature and its meaning. Bring your bible and experience an exhilarating ride as we unlock the secrets of this New Testament book.*

More information available as we approach the date of this event. Please watch the bulletin and future eblasts.

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our Lord is so humble that he allows us to see him experience temptation. The vulnerability of this moment is awesome to behold. Let us learn from Jesus' interaction with the devil, and be transformed by it. Let us say, with him: "Get away, Satan." ©LPi

### Chrism Mass

If you are interested in attending the Chrism Mass in Superior on Tuesday, March 24 at noon, please call the parish office by *Wednesday, March 4* so we can make our reservations with the diocese.



**Fellowship for Sunday, March 1**

SD: St. Margaret Mary - Cindy Mullner

IC: St. Catherine - Phyllis Larson

**What Can You Do This Lent?**

1. Plan to attend daily Mass - Tuesday and Wednesday @ 10:30 am at SD & Thursday @ 9 am & Friday @ 5:30 pm at IC
2. Spend quiet time with Jesus at Adoration each week.
3. Attend Stations of the Cross - at SD Wednesday @ 6:00 pm; at IC Wednesday @ 5:00 pm and Friday @ 6 pm
4. Join a Lenten Small Group - see schedule in Upcoming Events
5. Attend the Parish Cluster Retreat—March 21 @ IC
6. Attend a Sacred Lenten Pause - Feb 28 @ IC/Mar 7 @ SD
7. Log into FORMED and check out - *How to Lent or Foretold or Restore or Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession.*

Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup); select *I am a member*; enter zip code 54837; select *St. Dominic from the dropdown menu*; register your name and email address; check that email account inbox for a link to begin using FORMED.

The Religious Education students at Immaculate Conception will have adoration on Sunday, March 1 from 9:30—10:30 am. Everyone is invited to join the students.



**Virtues Explained!**

The Catholic Church emphasizes two main types of virtues: the Theological Virtues (Faith, Hope, Charity/Love) which connect us to God, and the Cardinal Virtues (Justice, Fortitude, Temperance, Prudence) that are foundational

for moral life. These act as hinges for other virtues like humility, patience, and chastity, all aimed at living a holy, God-centered life guided by reason and grace. *This week we will look at temperance, the third Cardinal Virtue.*

**Temperance**

“For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to the entire human race...(teaching) us to reject godless ways and worldly desires,” reads Titus 2:11-12, “and in the present age to lead lives that are temperate, just and godly.”

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. “It ensures the will’s mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable,” we read in the Catechism (CCC 1809).

Temperance is not repression of feeling; it is an exercise of the will, a careful and calculated choice. In this way, temperance actually safeguards virtuous love, keeping it “whole and uncorrupted,” said St. Augustine. The practice of temperance is intimately linked to the virtue of chastity, which “protects the intimate center of the person...refusing to unveil what should remain hidden” (CCC 2521). ©LPI

**Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday, February 24**

- SD Lenten Small Group @ 11:00 am - *Foretold*
- IC Lenten Small Group @ 6 pm - *A Look at Saints*
- AA Meeting @ 6:00 pm at Immaculate Conception

**Wednesday, February 25**

- SD Lenten Small Group @ 9 am - *Marian Apparitions*
- IC Bible Study @ 12:30 pm
- SD Bible Study @ 5:00 pm @ [holylandradio.com](http://holylandradio.com)
- IC Stations @ 5 pm
- SD Stations @ 6 pm

**Thursday, February 26**

- IC Lenten Small Group @ 6 pm - *The Holy Spirit*

**Saturday, February 28**

- IC Sacred Lenten Pause @ 9-11 am

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

**Be a Mindful Steward**

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don’t, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI*

**FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

|         | SD    | IC                     |
|---------|-------|------------------------|
| Feb. 22 | CLASS | CLASS                  |
| Feb 25  |       | Confirmation - 6:00 pm |
| March 1 | CLASS | CLASS                  |



# MASSES AND INTENTIONS

## Saturday, February 21

SD 4:00 pm Confessions  
SD 4:30 pm +Larry Axelson by Mark & Sara Ronningen

## Sunday, February 22 *First Sunday of Lent*

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions  
IC 8:30 am People of the Parish  
SD 10:30 am +Pat Murphy by Pat Graves

## Tuesday, February 24

SD 10:30 am Health of Joe Lambin by Ann Froehlich

## Wednesday, February 25

IC 7-10 am Communion Service & Adoration  
SD 10:30 am +Dave Pederson by Grant Pederson  
SD 11-12 pm Adoration

## Thursday, February 26

IC 8:15 am Rosary  
IC 9:00 am No Mass - Father is at a meeting

## Friday, February 27

IC 5:30 pm +Ray Gonsior by Mary Hinrichs

## Saturday, February 28

SD 4:00 pm Confessions  
SD 4:30 pm People of the Parish

## Sunday, March 1 *Second Sunday of Lent*

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions  
IC 8:30 am +Stan Peer by Bill & Linda Schoettle  
SD 10:30 am +Kaye Heine by Greg and Family



### Parish Services

#### Home Bound

Please contact the office to be placed on the communion list or if you would like a ride to Mass on the weekend.

#### Baptism and Matrimony

Please call the office to get all the information you need for your upcoming sacrament.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Available by appointment, please contact the office.

#### Prayer Chain

If you need a prayer said for you or your loved ones, please contact the office to begin the prayer chain.

#### Rosary

The Rosary is recited one half hour before weekend Masses.

| STEWARDSHIP 2/15/2026          | SD                | IC                |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Envelope Collection            | \$1,010.00        | \$1,226.50        |
| Loose Collection               | \$23.00           | \$45.00           |
| Children's Collection          | \$592.00          | \$1,198.00        |
| QCD Donations                  | \$4,254.00        | \$3,500.00        |
| <i>Outstanding CSA Pledges</i> | <i>\$1,220.00</i> | <i>\$1,020.00</i> |

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND SERVERS

#### Saturday, February 28

##### St. Dominic - 4:30 pm

Ushers: Bill Schommer, Don Supinski

Greeters: N - Dave Malinovsky

S - Carol Schommer

Lector: Sara Ronningen

Sacristan: Dave Malinovsky

Communion: Sara Ronningen, Dave Malinovsky

Server: Patrick Chenal

#### Sunday, March 1

##### Immaculate Conception - 8:30 am

Homebound: Barb Hoefler

Lector: Jean McAlister

Communion: Joan Lauer, Kerri Harter

Sacristan: Shannon Webster

Ushers: Brian Webster, Mike Cole

##### St. Dominic - 10:30 am

Homebound: Colleen Draxler

Ushers: John Helling, Joe Draxler

Greeters: N - Mary Wallin

S - Rosmarie Helling

Lector: Ken Deutsch

Sacristan: Elisabeth Franzen

Communion: Myrna Deutsch, Mary Wallin

Server: Youth



### New Parishioners

#### Welcome!

If you would like to become a member of our Parishes, please fill out the following form. Then mail it, drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the collection basket.

St. Dominic  Immaculate Conception

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_