



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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720 Liberty Street  
Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekdays - Consult the bulletin or phone the parish office

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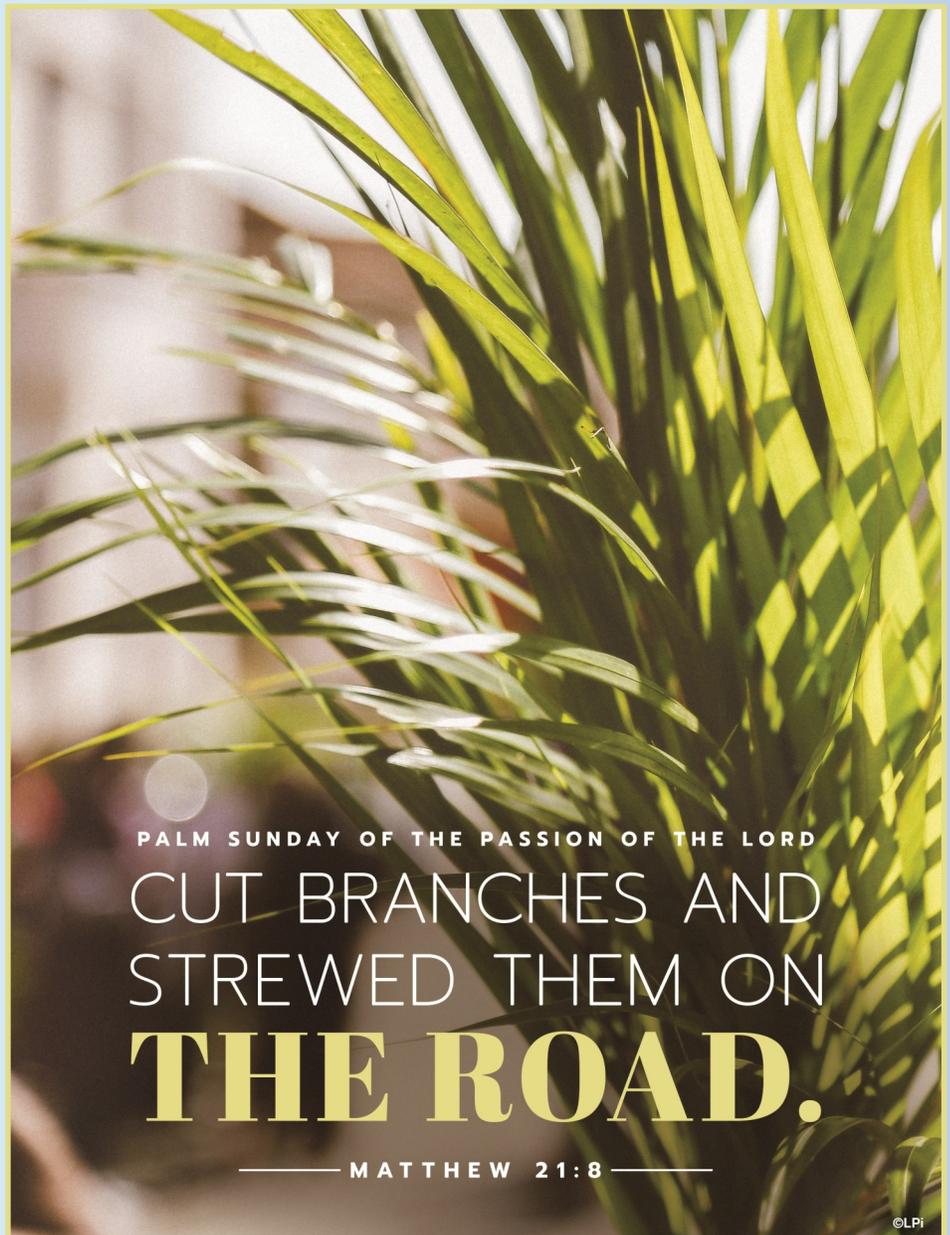
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#### Parish Membership

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

CUT BRANCHES AND  
STREWED THEM ON  
**THE ROAD.**

— MATTHEW 21:8 —



### GOSPEL MEDITATION - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord by Father John Muir

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: "A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: "She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted. ©LPi

**FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY** – Immaculate Conception's Fellowship Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist with set up and cleanup, greet parishioners and make them feel welcome. Fellowship is at each Mass on the third weekend of each month.

Why not make it a family activity?

Gather your friends or sign up solo and make new ones!

All supplies are provided.

Volunteers prepare the coffee and other beverages and bring on the smiles!

Ask a volunteer how to sign up or add your name to the clipboard at the fellowship table.

**NOW HIRING** – Immaculate Conception Parish School is looking for a long-term substitute teacher (from now until the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year). Anyone interested should submit the following:

- A letter of interest
- Resume
- PA Standard Teaching Application
- A copy of PA Certificate
- Clearances
- 3 letters of reference

Please send the above application materials by email to

Mrs. Laura Lauer, Principal  
[llauer@clarionichawks.net](mailto:llauer@clarionichawks.net)

# JOIN US THIS ©LPi HOLY WEEK

PLEASE SEE A  
 MORE DETAILED  
 SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK  
 ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP** – As a Catholic, I am very grateful for the wonderful expression of the Mass. When united in this liturgical experience, we are not only present to the reality of the bread and wine becoming the real presence of Jesus, but are also connected spiritually to the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper and to the future heavenly banquet at the end of time. During the Eucharistic Prayer, this is a time to be truly as mindful as we can to what is happening in our midst. Our effort to completely surrender ourselves to the moment is a true act of stewardship.

When we hear the Gospel reading of the passion and death of Jesus at Mass, we are also being called to give of ourselves completely to the moment and to be truly caught up in the story. We should strive to be there at the events of over two thousand years ago, but also to what the reality of those events mean for us today. To do this effectively, we need to spend more time reflecting on the dynamics of the events of Jesus' passion. Hopefully, our Lent has been fruitful and we have spent time with devotions like the Stations of the Cross. Maybe we have taken time to read Scripture slowly and deliberately, taking time to let each aspect sink into our mind and spirit. If Lent has been instead a time of too much business and not much prayer and reflection, the good news is that it is never too late.

During this Holy Week, take some time to enter into the story of the Passion. Good stewardship calls us to not only give of that which can be seen, but also that which cannot be seen. Surrender your mind, body, and spirit to Jesus. He carries his cross before you and beckons you to follow him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### SR. MARIAN and SR. TINA WITH AN INVITATION TO PRAY

– As we know, the Diocese of Erie is presently searching for other Sisters to continue Catholic Rural Ministry in this area, please join us in prayer that at least two Sisters will answer the call to serve here in our five county deanery area. Please pray with us:

*Dear Jesus, We thank you for the gift and presence of Women Religious in our church and world. We ask that you open the hearts of Sisters to serve the people of the Oil City Deanery with their presence and the talents you have given them. We pray this in your name and according to your Divine Will.*

*St. Benedict and St. Scholastica, patrons of Benedictines, pray for us. Blessed Catherine McAuley, founder of the Mercy Sisters, pray for us. Mother Agnes Spencer, founder of the St. Joseph Sisters in Erie, pray for us. AMEN.*

**CENTURY CLUB TICKETS** –

Only a few days until the Early Bird drawing on March 31. Winner gets \$200. The tickets are \$100 each with nearly \$5000 in cash prizes. Tickets are available after Masses in the church lobby or through the week at the parish office.



**30th ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Support this fundraiser by enjoying a homemade spaghetti dinner (dine in or take out) on **SUNDAY, APRIL 19** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the St. Nicholas Church Social Hall at 3028 Shannondale Rd, Mayport, PA.

Tickets are \$10. Half of the proceeds support A.J. Smathers' fight against Ewing Sarcoma. The event includes a basket raffle, quilt raffle, 50/50, and country store.

For more information and questions, contact Karleigh Aaron at (814) 715-1942.



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**MOTHER - DAUGHTER TEA**

(for girls age ten and older with their moms)  
A special time to connect, talk about becoming a woman, and prepare for puberty.

April 18, 2026 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. RSVP by April 13.

May 2, 2026 at Saint Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd in Erie.

RSVP by April 24.

<https://www.eriecd.org/chastity/tea.html>



**Readings for the week of March 29, 2026**

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 /Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 /Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 /1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday: Easter Vigil:** Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a /Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b) /Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1 / Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14 /Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11 /Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

**MASS Intentions**

**Monday, March 30**

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Gary and Tracie Kriebel Family

1:00 p.m. Chrism Mass livestream on IC's Social Media

**Tuesday, March 31**

8:30 a.m. Dennis and Mary Ochs & Family (Ruth Ochs)

**Wednesday, April 1**

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Gary and Karen Lewis Family

6:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross — Stations of the Cross Confession following Stations

**Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday**

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Living and Deceased Members of IC)

**Friday, April 3 – Good Friday**

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord – Reconciliation to follow



**Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday**

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Blessing of Easter Food

**3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. CONFESSIONS**

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Living and Deceased Members of IC)

**Sunday, April 5 – EASTER SUNDAY**

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

8:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of IC

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** –

Living and Deceased Members of IC

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**BLESSING FOR HOLY WEEK –**

Be with us this week, Lord, journeying closer and closer to Your pierced and Sacred Heart.

Immerse us in Your intense and undying love.

Help us to encounter Your passion in new ways that inform, surprise, and inspire us.

Amen.

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**BLOOD DRIVE** – The IC Knights of Columbus Council #7549 invites to you give the gift of life by donating blood at the Clarion Mall Monday, March 30, 2026 from Noon to 5:30 pm. The Knights are sponsoring this event with food and registration assistance.

Sign up to donate blood by using the link below, enter zip code 16214, select the March 30th event and choose a time. After selecting a time, sign in if you have an account, or create a new one to confirm an appointment. Contact Gary Wolbert at (814) 229-0219 or email [gmwolbert@gmail.com](mailto:gmwolbert@gmail.com) if you have questions. Thank you!  
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