

The Church of the Immaculate Conception

Welcome to our parish! As a Church Family, we will use the wisdom of the past to shape our thoughts, words and actions, to bring the love of Christ to the world.” (ICC Mission Statement)

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Confessions are held before or after weekend Masses.
Saturday Easter Vigil Mass will begin at 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday Mass will begin at 10:00 AM

To read the readings below on the USCCB website [click here](#)

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

The Saturday Vigil Mass Intention is for Joan Trepa and Phylis Lerwick requested by Bunny Delaney.

The Easter Sunday Mass intention is for Patricia Heisler requested by Dona & Tim Heisler.

(Per the Diocese request, we now ask for \$15 per Mass Intention to help Father with his gas and car upkeep.)



“Lord, hear our prayer” ~ The ICC Prayer Chain requests your prayers for the following people: Marianne Hardy, Mia Murray, Jebediah Trepa, Dilon Dickerson, Felix, Vinny and Frank Lamanna and family, and Selena Wanjiku Wangui, our sponsored friend from Kenya.

Reminder: If you requested prayers for someone and it has been over 2 weeks, please call Ruth Coppola, Pam McLaren or the church office if you would like them to remain as recipients of our prayer chain. Thank you~

Liturgy Team Schedule:

	March 30, 2024 8 PM Easter Vigil Mass	March 31, 2024 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass	April 6, 2024 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass	April 7, 2024 10:00 AM Divine Mercy Sunday Mass
Sacristan	Lorraine Detweiler	Donna Curtis	Lori Edwards & Janet Taylor	Margaret Hanrahan
Lector	Joe Trepa, Joe Henninge, Jerry Lademan and Bonnie Norton	Nate Erickson	Bunny Delaney	Rebecca Banas
E.M.	Bev Doughty and Paul King	Diane & Joe Weiss	Sue Carlin	Kelly Erickson and Joanna Tompkins
Altar	Andrew Erickson, Jim Norton	Alex and Connor Anastos, Jackson Rice and Ben Weiss		Easton Dopp and Adult Server
Counters		Bonnie Norton and Eileen Browning		Jim Norton and Don Brown

* LITURGY TEAM MEMBERS THAT GET SUBS FOR DAYS AWAY SHOULD MARK THE INFORMATION ON THE SCHEDULE IN THE SACRISTY. THANK YOU!



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SUNDAY CONNECTION - A Bible Study on this week's Gospel Reading- By Loyola Press.com

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).



The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Council Nominations will be taken at both Masses April 21 and 28. New members will begin at the May meeting and will serve for 2 years. This council meets 4x per year to discuss the pastoral life of the church. (May, August, November and February) We offer zoom participation for those that cannot make it to these in person meetings. Each meeting lasts 1 hour and is focused on cooperation and thoughtful discussions about the life of our parish. Start thinking of who you could nominate to represent you!



The ICC Volunteer Thank You Luncheon will be immediately after the Sunday Mass on April 28! All volunteers at our parish are invited! Please make sure you are signed up to attend, so we can let the caterer know the right amount of food to prepare. This will be a fun gathering for our parish family!



The Bible Timeline Great Adventure Bible Study- Thursdays- 5:30-7:00 PM

Dear friends,



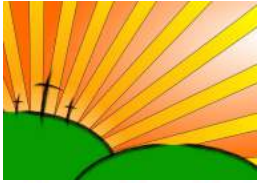
Is it automatic that we look at the calendar and say, "Yep, it's Easter Sunday! Time for chocolate!" We finished Lent and now we're moving on to Easter and spring and garden planting and ... Whoa, let's stop right there. Take a deep breath and pause a moment. Let's reflect on a decision made. The decision Jesus made. The fully human part of Jesus had arrived outside Jerusalem and he had to make a decision. Do I go into this city and face pain and death or do I turn and run? Run far away from humility and the crucifixion? Did you ever stop to consider this decision? Did he waiver? Do **we** waiver in doing what God wants us to do? It's incredibly amazing that Jesus chose to go through his Passion for us. For you and me. That's how much Jesus loves us. So when you walk into a Catholic Church and see the crucifix, that's your reminder of how much you are loved, and you are never alone. We are Easter people. Happy Easter my friends, Mary Wentlent



Final Youth Mass Sunday April 21 - All children and youth in grades k-7 plus our Confirmation Students in grades 8-10 will be participating in the last youth Mass on Sunday April 21. They will serve as greeters, lectors, gift bearers and musicians. They should arrive at 9 am for preparation. Seminarian Cornelius Deep will assist Father Paul this day with a special message for our parish family. Following the Mass we will have a coffee hour in the social hall, and our Confirmation students will begin their Confirmation Retreat. They will be gathering in the church library with some visiting Confirmation students from area churches in Chenango County.



Bread Sunday for our First Communion Students- This annual event at ICC will take place during their First Communion Mass on May 5. The children will prepare a loaf of bread at home with their families and they will give it to someone special in our church in return for special prayers as they begin their Eucharistic Journey with Christ. Please keep these children in your prayers: Ava Dunlap, Stella Gilbeau and Lucas Weiss.



Family page

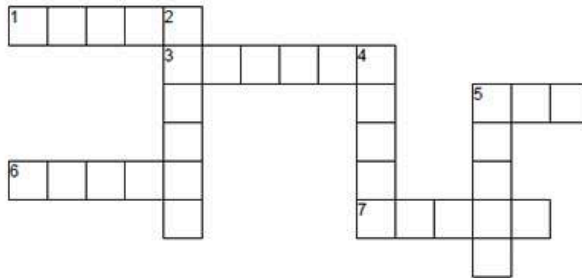


I've Just Seen Jesus

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). John 20:16 (NIV)



Complete the activity below. The words in the puzzle are found in John 20:1-18.



ACROSS

- The color of snow; the opposite of black
- Messengers from heaven
- To produce tears; to weep
- Not dead
- To have nothing inside

DOWN

- The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
- What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb
- A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers

EASTER	CLOTH	CRY	EMPTY
ALIVE	WHITE	STONE	ANGELS

Easter Meaning-
 "Jesus Christ
 Resurrection on the
 Third Day" explained.
[Click here to watch](#) a
 short lesson
 by Jared Dees,
 The Religion Teacher!

Picture Below:
 A few of our youth
 welcome Mary and
 Chris Wentlents
 grandson Amos in the
 church nursery, as they
 gathered to practice for
 their Chime Concert held in March.

Religious Education Gr. K-7 Parent Meeting ~

Sunday April 21 following the Youth Mass

All parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to a special parent meeting to wrap up our educational year for Grades K-7. We will be presenting a new program that will be offered for 2024/2025. We have an exciting format that will support the busy lives of families today. Per our usual here at Immaculate Conception, we are designing a unique program that listens to our families needs, supports them along their parenting journey, and offers them engaging opportunities to share their Catholic faith in Jesus Christ and his teachings. If you are new, please join us! We will gather in the social hall at the coffee hour.

The ICC Confirmation Program - We plan to continue this 2-year program for Grades 9-10 that meets several times each month for in person classes, meaningful conversations and service projects, with teachers Chris Wentlent and Sue Carlin.



