

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)

Online Opportunities in this newsletter! Click on the words in blue! You can also find this newsletter on our website iccgroene.com. From there, click on weekly bulletins. Scroll down to find the bulletin or flier you want to see, then click the words in blue to access the extra news and articles.

To watch our Sunday Mass via livestream [click here](#) for our Youtube channel.

Confessions are held before or after weekend Masses.

Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass- 10:00 AM

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

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:10,15,16-17,18-19

A prayer of faithfulness to God

Second Reading

Romans 8:31b-34

God’s faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.



The Saturday Mass Intention is for Irene White and Joan Tropa requested by Roger & Holly Connelly.

The Sunday Mass intention is for Phylis Lerwick requested by Bev Doughty, Merelyn Michelet requested by the parish family.

(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: Jebediah Tropa, Kristin and Justin and their family, Gary Husband, Dilon Dickerson, Felix, Vinny and Frank Lamanna and family, and Selena Wanjiku Wangui, our sponsored friend from Kenya.

As a parish family we pray for the repose of the souls of these dear family and friends who passed away this past week. Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Patricia Heisler, Merelyn Michelet and Joan Tropa.

May they rest in peace.

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:

	February 24, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	February 25, 2024 10:00 AM Mass	March 2, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	March 3, 2024 10:00 AM Mass
Sacristan	Janet Taylor & Lori Edwards	Lorraine Detweiler	Karen & Norm Montgonery	Donna Curtis
Lector	Bunny Delaney	Youth	Joe Tropa	Bonnie Norton
E.M.	Father Paul	Joanna Tompkins and Kelly Erickson	Bev Doughty	Lorraine Detweiler and Jim Norton
Altar		Ben Weiss and Connor Anastos		Arie King and new server
Counters		Bonnie Norton and Eileen Browning		Jim Norton & Don Brown

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



Please consider donating to the work of our parish using online giving. [Click here](#) for a direct link to WeShare, our safe online giving platform. It will take you to an option for a one time or a recurring donation.

IGNITE MEN'S CONFERENCE- Sat. March 23, 2024 - Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior H.S.I in Syracuse. [register here](#)

The Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity Council will hold a boot drive after both Masses the weekend of Feb. 24 & 25 at ICC Greene. These funds will go to support young men studying for the priesthood. Please consider donating to the Knights Boot Drive.



Wednesday Stations of the Cross opportunity.

The church will be open for individuals to pray at the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday mornings from 9-11:30 AM. Booklets will be available to assist you on this powerful prayer journey. Karen will be in the church office if you need other assistance.

Good Friday Stations at ICC- 5:30 PM - March 29 We will once again offer this special sung version of the Stations of the Cross prayer called, "He knows my pain". All are welcome.



SUNDAY CONNECTION - A Bible Study on this week's Gospel Reading- By

Loyola Press.com

On the second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. There is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead.

As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.



The next American Red Cross Blood Drive at our church will be Wednesday **March 13, 2024** from 12:30-5:30 PM. Generous supporters are offering incentives for folks to donate blood. If you give this month you will receive a \$10 pet supply e-gift card which means you can use it for online orders of pet supplies. You will also be enrolled in a chance for a \$3k gift card. Please [click here to sign up to reserve a time](#) for your donation.

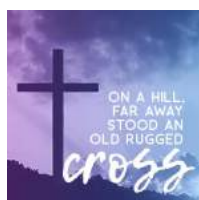


Cards & Conversation- Tuesday February 27 - The Circle of Friends at ICC welcome you to a morning of cards and conversation beginning at 10:30 AM. We will play a fun game of the card game "Golf" while catching up with friends.



Dear friends,

Who are we living our lives for? Our parents? Our friends? The Gospel invites us to live our lives as an audience of one. And God is that audience. Are we living our lives for other people, or are we living our lives for the one who created us; for God. If we live our lives for an audience of one, how much more peaceful would our lives be? What kind of clarity would come from that simplicity? [This Lenten reflection](#) was shared by Matthew Kelly from Dynamic Catholic. He closes each reflection with these words: Don't just be yourself- be the very best version of yourself. Be Bold! Be Catholic!" Peace my friends, Mary Wentlent



Family page

Religious Education

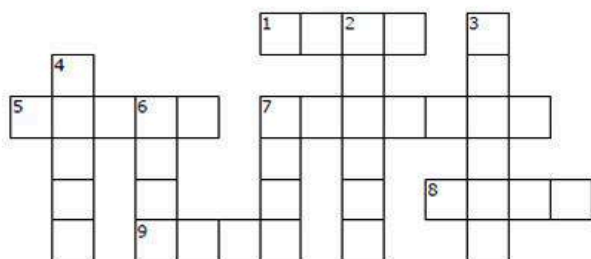
Grades k-7 Youth Mass Sunday Feb. 25
Children and youth should bring their Baby Bottle Collections to this Mass. The church will mail a check to Birthright to support their work with unwed mothers. No Confirmation Classes this week.



Take Up Your Cross

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36

Based on Mark 8:34-37



ACROSS

- The period between birth and death
- The object upon which Jesus was crucified
- To care about what you want without thinking of others
- To refuse to allow yourself something
- To no longer have something because it has been taken away

DOWN

- To be guided by someone else; to go behind
- The teachings of Jesus and the Apostles
- A large number of people gathered together
- The part of a person that continues to live after a person dies
- To keep someone or something safe from harm

FOLLOW	CROWD	SELFISH	LIFE	SOUL
GOSPEL	LOSE	SAVE	CROSS	DENY



Why don't Catholics eat Meat on Fridays during Lent?

[Click here](#) for a quick video lesson from Jared Dees.



The Bible Timeline Great Adventure Bible Study- Thursdays- 5:30-7:00 PM Thursday Feb. 29 Session 7- Egypt & Exodus

The picture of the Icon on the front cover of this newsletter is the beautiful artwork that has come home to the parish family of ICC Greene. Marian

Rogan painted this icon many years ago and after she passed away, it was given to Lourdes Hospital to grace the wall outside their chapel. Because Lourdes will no longer be a Catholic Hospital, donated artwork was sent to their respective parishes. It now hangs in our church sacristy. All are welcome to stop in the sacristy to view this amazing icon.

AUTHENTIC INTELLIGENCE

THEOLOGY ON TAP LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-39)

BEER TREE FACTORY, JOHNSON CITY
TUESDAYS, 7-9 PM
FEBRUARY 27 | MARCH 5 | MARCH 12 | MARCH 19

ABBIOTTO BY A MANO, SYRACUSE
THURSDAYS, 7-9 PM
FEBRUARY 29 | MARCH 7 | MARCH 14 | MARCH 21

Theology on Tap is a gathering for young adults (ages 18-39) looking to connect and learn more about the Catholic faith. More information can be found on the diocesan website:

<http://syracusediocese.org/theology-on-tap>

