

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! Click on the words in [blue!](#)
To watch our Sunday Mass via livestream [click here.](#)

Confessions are held before or after weekend Masses.

Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass- 10:00 AM

Artwork: From the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library. This mural places Jesus centerstage with arms outstretched, welcoming all people to him. Incorporated into the figure of Jesus is a mosaic quality that undoubtedly represents his multifaceted nature as well as the ability for all peoples to claim him as their own. Surrounding him is a diverse group holding hands in unity.



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

First Reading

Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job laments his sufferings and his life.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:1-6

A song of praise for the Lord's goodness to the lowly.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Paul explains the conditions under which he preaches the gospel and the reasons why he will not accept financial help from the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others as well.

"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, Marie Carucci, Bonnie Norton, Joan Schlacter, 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~*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Clarence Cerwonka, who passed away Jan. 27, 2024. May he rest in peace.

The Saturday Mass Intention is for our parish family.

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

Liturgy Team Schedule:

	February 3, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	February 4, 2024 10:00 AM Mass	February 10, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	February 11, 2024 10:00 AM Mass
Sacristan	Lori Edwards and Janet Taylor	Donna Curtis	karen and norm Montgomery	Margaret Hanrahan
Lector	Joe Tropa	Bunny Delaney	Joan Tropa	Rebecca Banas
E.M.	Holly Connelly	Jackie & Joe Henninge	Sister Margaret	Paul King & Bev Doughty
Altar		Arie King and Alex Anastos		Andrew Erickson & Connor Anastos
Counters		Jim Norton and Don Brown		Joanna K. and Mary W.

* 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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IGNITE MEN'S CONFERENCE- Sat. March 23, 2024 - This annual men's conference will be held at Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior H.S.I in Syracuse. You can [register here](#) or go to ignite.catholicmen.org.



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

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee. Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

End of Year Tithe letters of parishioner tax deductible donations

If you would like a letter detailing the total amount of your donation to Immaculate Conception, please sign up in the vestibule and a letter will be mailed to your house.



Ash Wednesday News ~ The beginning of Lent is just around the corner. Our parish will provide the following:

12:00 PM- Greene Ecumenical Service with Ashes followed by a Soup luncheon. We are happy to host the community again this year. We are looking for folks to donate a homemade crock pot of soup. Please sign up in the vestibule or contact Deb Rice if you can help out.

5:30 PM- Communion Service with Distribution of Ashes- This will be led by Mary Wentlent, the Parish Life Director.



The ICC Football Pool- If you purchased a square in our pool this year, please check out the completed board in the social hall for your numbers. The payout will be: 1st Qtr. winner - \$250, 2nd Qtr. winner - \$250, 3th Qtr. winner - \$250 and Final Score winner - \$500. Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for 2024- Please stop by the church office on Wednesdays between 9-11 or fill out one of the Mass Intention envelopes located at the rear of the church, and drop it in the collection plate. We will try to accommodate the dates you request and will send you a confirmation letter in the mail. Intentions have increased to \$15 each to help Father with gas for his vehicle and car maintenance. Thank you.

Dear friends,

I am happy to share some wonderful news about Selena, the child we sponsor in Kenya. Our church gave Fr. Paul the funds so that Selena could attend an assessment on her condition, with the hopes that she could begin to attend school. Most of the schools in this part of Africa are boarding schools, and up until now, Selena has not been able to attend school because of her inability to walk very well and care for herself. She has braces on her legs and uses crutches as well as a walker at times. The good news is that she passed her assessment and she will be able to attend school with other children soon. She went to the assessment with her aunt and her grandfather. Selena lost her parents to an epidemic many years ago, and now lives with her elderly grandfather. She has a sister and a brother but they attend a boarding school and are not home to help care for Selena. Her aunt has her own family but has been kind enough to go with Selena to the assessment appointment. Father Paul's brother lives nearby and sent this picture. Selena is wearing a red and white sweater, and is sitting with her aunt, who is wearing the pink shirt. We were also told Selena might undergo another surgery on her hips later this year. I was told she was very happy to receive the books we sent last fall. Thank you for your continued support of our church and the outreach we are able to give to help those in need. Keep up the prayers for Selena and her family!



Peace my friends, Mary Wentlent

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

[The Bible Timeline study program](#) will take you on a guided journey to learn the amazing story woven through scripture, revealing the major people, places and events of the Bible. All are welcome.





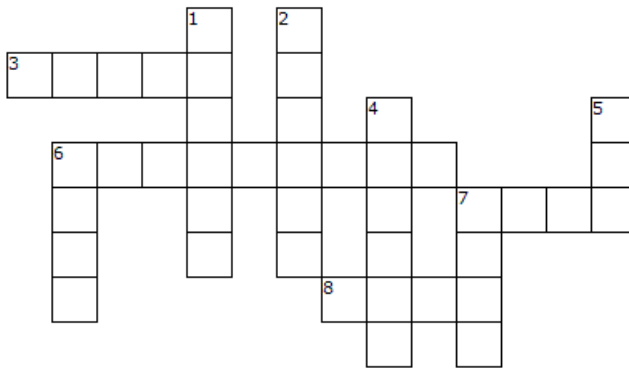
Family page



Jesus Ministers in Galilee

So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. Mark 1:39

Based on Mark 1:29-39



ACROSS

3. A condition when the body temperature is higher than normal
6. A place of meeting for worship in the Jewish faith
7. The body part used for holding things
8. To cure from sickness or disease

DOWN

1. To deliver a sermon
2. Evil spirits
4. The time of day when the sun disappears below the horizon
5. A piece of furniture for sleeping
6. To be ill or have a disease
7. To give assistance; to aid

FEVER	HEAL	HAND	BED	SYNAGOGUE
SICK	HELP	PREACH	DEMONS	SUNSET

Religious Education

In person classes for K-7
On Sunday February 4.

Confirmation 1 & 2

on Sunday
February 4, 2024. This week we welcome the parents who will share their faith by presenting a short life lesson.



[Click here to watch this short video lesson by Jared Dees on the Christian origin of Groundhogs Day! \(Catholic Candlemas\)](#)



The ICC Chili Bingo Night will be Sat. Feb 3 from 5-7 PM. Please sign up in the vestibule if you can bring a crock pot of chili or a dessert to share.



Resources for young parents at ICC Greene!

Children's Bulletin - Each week we leave copies of the The Kids Bulletin at the back of the church. These are colorful, educational and entertaining with a lesson each week based on the Bible readings for that Sunday. There is also a short story about the life of a saint. Feel free to pick one up for a child you know or even for an adult who is young at heart!

Children Book Shelf- There is a little book shelf located by the nursery in the social hall. There are classic and contemporary books for children there. Stop by and borrow one to take home for some fun weekly family reading. This week we are highlighting "**Louis and Zelig Martin- Saints for Matrimony**". **This is another colorful and engaging children's book in the Saints and Me series.**

