

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!](#)
Confessions are held before or after weekend Masses.
Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass- 10:00 AM

Photo: Ava and Emma Dunlap were baptized on Sunday January 14 during the 10 AM Mass by Father Paul. Welcome to our church family!



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

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5,10
 God spared the people of Nineveh because they heeded the message God sent through Jonah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9
 The Lord teaches us his ways.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Paul warns the Corinthians that they must act differently because the world in its present form is passing away.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20
 Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

“Lord, hear our prayer” ~ The ICC Prayer Chain requests your prayers for the following people: 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~*

The Saturday Mass Intention is for the parish families in our church at Immaculate Conception.
The Sunday Mass intention is for James Clark requested by Anita Urda and Dean Calice.
 (Per the Diocese request, we now ask for \$15 per Mass Intention to help Father with his gas and car upkeep.

Liturgy Team Schedule:

	January 20, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	January 21, 2024 10:00 AM Mass	January 27, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	January 28, 2024 10:00 AM Mass
Sacristan	Sue Carlin	Peggy Stanton & Barb Coleman	Janet Taylor & Lori Edwards	Lorraine Detweiler
Lector	Jerry Lademan	Donna Heisler	Bunny Delaney	Youth
E.M.	Sue Carlin	Diane & Joe Weiss	Joan Trepa	Joanna Tompkins & Kelly Erickson
Altar		Keaton Browning and Connor Anastos		Ben Weiss
Counters		Annie Simpson and sub		Bonnie Norton & Eileen Browning

* 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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Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity Council Chicken & Biscuit Dinner at ICC - Sat. Jan. 20, 5:00-7:00 PM
 All are invited to this appeal by the Knights to raise funds for their council. The Knights are committed to helping seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood. Free will offering- Eat in or Take out.



IGNITE MEN'S CONFERENCE- Saturday March 23, 2024 - This year the annual men's conference will be held at Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School. The speakers this year will be Chris Stefanick, Jim Towey and Deacon Ralph Poyo. You can [register here](#) or go to ignite.catholicmen.org. This is always a great conference for the men in our Diocese and we

encourage you to consider attending.

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.



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

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

In Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

Artwork: "Calling the sons of Zebedee" Artist: Marco Basaiti (1470–1530)



The ICC Football Pool has begun selling squares for this year's Super Bowl Football Pool. Each square costs \$25. Feel free to get as many squares as you would like. Please make your check out to ICC with Football Pool in the memo line. You can also go to our online giving platform to purchase your square. For online giving [click here](#). Please write Football Pool in the text box. If you prefer to use cash, please see the parish rep after

Mass in the church hall. The payout will be: 1st Qtr. winner - \$250, 2nd Qtr. winner - \$250, 3th Qtr. winner - \$250 and Final Score winner - \$500. Thank you for supporting this winter fundraiser for our parish.

Circle of Friends Cards & Conversation! Tuesday January 30, 2024 from 10:30-12:00 PM
Join this fun group of senior members for a morning of the card game "Golf"!

Mass Intentions for 2024- It's time to get your Mass Intentions for 2024 for a friend or loved one. 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. Please remember that Intentions have increased to \$15 each to help Father with gas for his vehicle and car maintenance. Thank you.



Dear friends,

Do you ever find yourself a little lost during the Bible Readings at Mass? While the lector is reading the word of God, do you find yourself confused as you try to relate? Ever since I attended the Great Adventure Bible study, I have a new appreciation for the messages in the Bible. I understand who the author was and why he said - what he said. I understand who the people were, he was writing to. And it is fascinating! I can relate what I hear to my life and challenges I am facing. I invite you all to try the Bible Timeline Great Adventure Bible Study that we are offering this winter. If you can't commit to every week, just come when you can. You will be amazed as that door of knowledge opens and a level of understanding sweeps over you like a breath of fresh air. We have an awesome group of parish members that are coming each week, and we welcome you! I hope to see you next week on Thursday from 5:30-7 PM. We meet in the parish hall and refreshments are offered. If you'd like nursery care for a little one or a ride to church, we can make that happen! Just let me know. Have a wonderful week. Peace my friends, Mary Wentlent



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

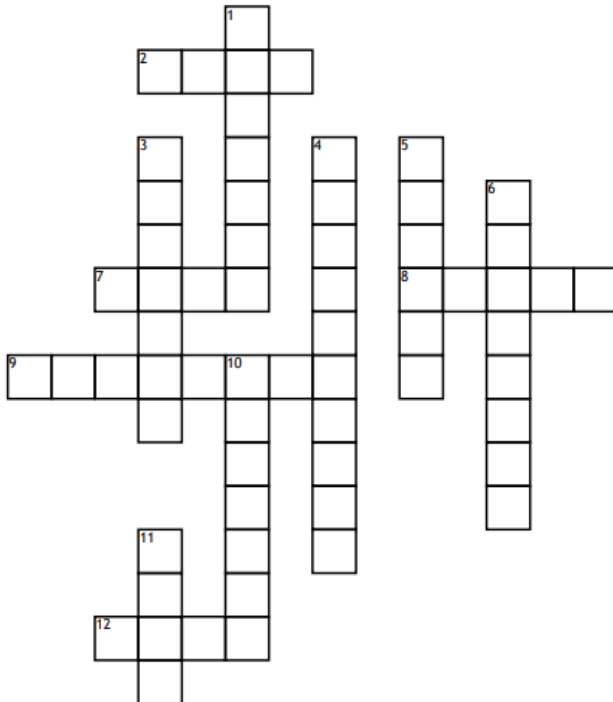
[The Bible Timeline study program](#) will take you on a guided journey to learn the amazing story woven through scripture, revealing the major people, places and events of the Bible. We will discover how these all come together to show the remarkable story of our faith. The weekly sessions will include a video lesson and discussion. This is a 24 week study. If you must miss a lesson, you can access the videos online and use your study binder to stay on track. This is a study that our church offered several years ago, back by popular demand! Old and new friends welcome to come and try it out!



Family page



Jonah



Across

- 2. The people of Nineveh turned away from their ____ ways? Jonah 3:8
- 7. A great ____ swallowed up Jonah. Jonah 1:17
- 8. How many days was Jonah in the whale? Jonah 1:17
- 9. What did jonah do inside the whale? Jonah 2:1-2

- 12. The mariners ____ jonah into the sea. Jonah 1:15

Down

- 1. Where did the Lord tell Jonah to go? Jonah 1:2
- 3. The Lord spoke to the whale and it ____ Jonah on dry land. Jonah 2:10
- 4. Why did the Lord want Jonah to go to Nineveh? Jonah 1:2
- 5. what did the people of Nineveh do when they heard Jonah? Jonah 3:5
- 6. Where did Jonah flee to instead of Nineveh? Jonah 1:3
- 10. There was a mighty ____ in the sea. Jonah 1:4
- 11. What did the shipmaster want Jonah to do? Jonah 1:6

Religious Education

NO In-Person Classes
For Grades k-7 on Sunday
January 21, 2024

NO Confirmation 1 and 2
Class on Sunday
January 21, 2024



Are you curious who Jonah was in the Bible?
[Click here](#) for an interesting lesson by Jared Dees.



The popular 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. We hope to have a great crowd that night enjoying dinner, chatting with friends and playing Bingo.



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 **"Our Lady's Wardrobe" by Anthony DeStefano. This delightful rhyming book introduces children of all ages to the Blessed Virgin Mary in a fun and simple way - through her clothes!**

