

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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Sunday Announcements: December 31, 2023 Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity

Sunday, December 31

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity

For the Ed & Barb Pelzer Family (*Barb Pelzer*)

Pro Populo

For the Choir Members

Monday, January 1

7:00 AM

9:00 AM (*High Mass*)

11:00 AM

Circumcision of Our Lord (Holyday of Obligation)

For Kimberly Parker (*Louise Malecha*)

Pro Populo

For the Ushers & Servers

(No Mass this Tuesday)

Wednesday, January 3

6:30 AM

8:00 AM

Feria

RIP Poor Souls (*Barbara Roetzler*)

For Jack Purtle (*Jim & Dawn Purtle*)

Thursday, January 4

8:00 AM

Private

Feria

For the Tarcisians of the Sacred Heart

For Bob & MaryAnn Harris (*Jim & Dawn Purtle*)

Friday, January 5

8:00 AM

6:00 PM

Feria (First Friday)

Distribution of Holy Communion

RIP Poor Souls (*Brian & LuAnn Bedel*)

Saturday, January 6

8:00 AM

Private

Epiphany of Our Lord (First Saturday)

Pro Populo

For Private Intention

Sunday, January 7

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Holy Family Sunday

For our children & their spouses

& grandchildren (*P & M Ruegemer*)

Pro Populo

Christian Mothers

Confessions: 30 minutes before each scheduled Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & holyday Mass; during the 8:00 Wednesday Mass; and after Saturday Mass.

**DIVINE INFANT
JESUS, COME
DOWN INTO
OUR HEARTS!**



Welcome To Newcomers!

We gladly welcome visitors and newcomers. At the same time, we respectfully remind them that to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, one must be:

- A baptized Catholic, free from any mortal sin committed since one's last confession,
- Fasting for three hours from any food and alcoholic drink and one hour from any other drink except water.

(Unless you have been attending the traditional Latin Mass exclusively, you should refrain from receiving Holy Communion until you have had an opportunity to meet with one of the priests.)

If this is the first time you have attended the Traditional Latin Mass, you may have noticed that our parishioners do not dress casually in church. Before the changes in the Church, Catholic parishes had standards for modest and appropriate attire, which are important both for the edification of others and out of respect for the house of God. Please observe these standards of dress for attendance at church:

- Women and girls must cover their heads. If you do not have a hat or veil, you may borrow a veil from the vestibule. You should also wear dresses or skirts that cover the knees when standing or sitting. Pants, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing are not permitted.
- Men and boys should wear a dress shirt and dress pants. Jeans, shorts, and casual attire are not appropriate for attendance at Mass.

We are happy to see new faces at Immaculate Conception Church, and we look forward to seeing you again!

- **ICE SKATING PARTY:** All parishioners are invited to Bernick's Arena on Pinecone in Sartell from 12:30 to 2:30 PM this Thursday, January 4. The ice rink on the north side of the building will be rented for our whole group, so you may come to skate for free. Please bring your own ice skates if you have them. There are skates to borrow, but large sizes are limited. *(If there is bad weather and the public schools are closed, then the skating party will be canceled. If in doubt, you may check with Sr. Philomena.)*
- **CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ENROLLMENT** of new members will be this Saturday, January 6. Any ladies who would like to be enrolled, please contact LuAnn Bedel (761-1720) or Michele Ruegamer (533-1805).
- **TARCISIANS** of the Sacred Heart will have a meeting and fun activity after the morning distribution of Holy Communion on first Friday, January 5.
- **BOOK SALE:** New books are for sale in the vestibule and hallway, many for a very low price!
- **EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS** may be given from January 6 to January 13. If you would like your house to receive the Epiphany blessing, please contact one of our priests.
- **BLESSED CHALK** for the Three Kings door post blessings in your homes will be available after the Epiphany. Please return it to the bowl the following week after you use it. See the prayer in the box below.
- **SAINTS AND SAYINGS:** There are baskets in the vestibule with saints and sayings to take as an Epiphany custom. Feel free to pick a patron and a quote to be your inspiration for the new year!
- **POTLUCK EPIPHANY PARTY** will be after all three Masses on January 14.
- **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & INFIRM OF THE PARISH:** Gloria Kovall, Richard Frank, Eileen Sand, Debbie Laschinger, Carol Nistler, Joseph & Barbara Kampa, Carol Salzer, April Rabbie, Dominica Braun, Bob Harris, Viola Buetz, Pauline Sherman, Herman & Eunice Will, Delores Busche, Debbie Fischer, Diane O'Hehir, Melanie Doroff, Harry Prom, Mary Bauer, Donald Fournelle, Michael Cruze, Mary Schmitz, Connie Reichle, Arlin Wertish, Christine Elwood, Pat Rehbein, Angeline Frank, Dave & Bina Huebsch *(Contact one of the priests or sisters if you would like a parishioner to be added to or removed from this list.)*

*There is no Sunday Catechism class on
Dec. 31 and January 14.*

Upcoming Events

- Ice Skating – Thursday, January 4, 12:30 – 2:30 PM
- Tarcisians - First Friday, January 5
- CMRI Confraternity- First Saturday, January 6
- Christian Mothers' Enrollment – First Saturday, Jan. 6
- Potluck Epiphany Party – January 14

Serving Schedule:

Dec. 31	7:00	Kurt Goering, Blaise Fournelle
	9:00	Arlin & Andrew Wertish
	11:00	Dan Roetzler
Jan. 1	7:00	David Ruegamer, Tyler Wertish
	9:00	Dominic Lehnen, Daniel & Benjamin Lauer, Massimo Turri
Jan. 7	7:00	Kurt Goering, Damian Fournelle
	9:00	Sam & Albert Theisen
	11:00	Brady Then

** Please find a replacement if you cannot serve!*

Usher Schedule:

Dec. 31	7:00	Brian Bedel, Anthony Nohava
	9:00	Daryl Boch, Ed Pelzer
	11:00	Peter Wilson, Pat Boldt
Jan. 1	7:00	Paul Ruegamer, Matt Fournelle
	9:00	Daryl Boch, Jeff Baert
Jan. 7	11:00	Peter Wilson, Pat Boldt
	7:00	Brian Bedel, Steven Mader
	9:00	Daryl Boch, Ed Pelzer
	11:00	Peter Wilson, Pat Boldt

** Please find a replacement if you cannot usher!*

EPIPHANY BLESSINGS: The top of the inside of the exterior doorways of the home are marked **(20 G+M+B 24)** with the blessed chalk while praying:

Let us pray: Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angels from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in this house. I call upon Thy Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect our Family and our home from every harm and danger, and I place their mark over this door to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that this home is truly a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thine Eternal Kingdom. I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

“For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.”

-St. John Chrysostom

“Give me, therefore, I pray Thee, this gold, this incense, and this myrrh. Give me the gold of Thy holy love; give me the spirit of holy prayer, give me the desire and strength to mortify myself in everything that displeases Thee. I am resolved to obey Thee and to love Thee; but Thou knowest my weakness, oh, give me the grace to be faithful to Thee!”

-St Alphonsus Liguori