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720 Liberty Street
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

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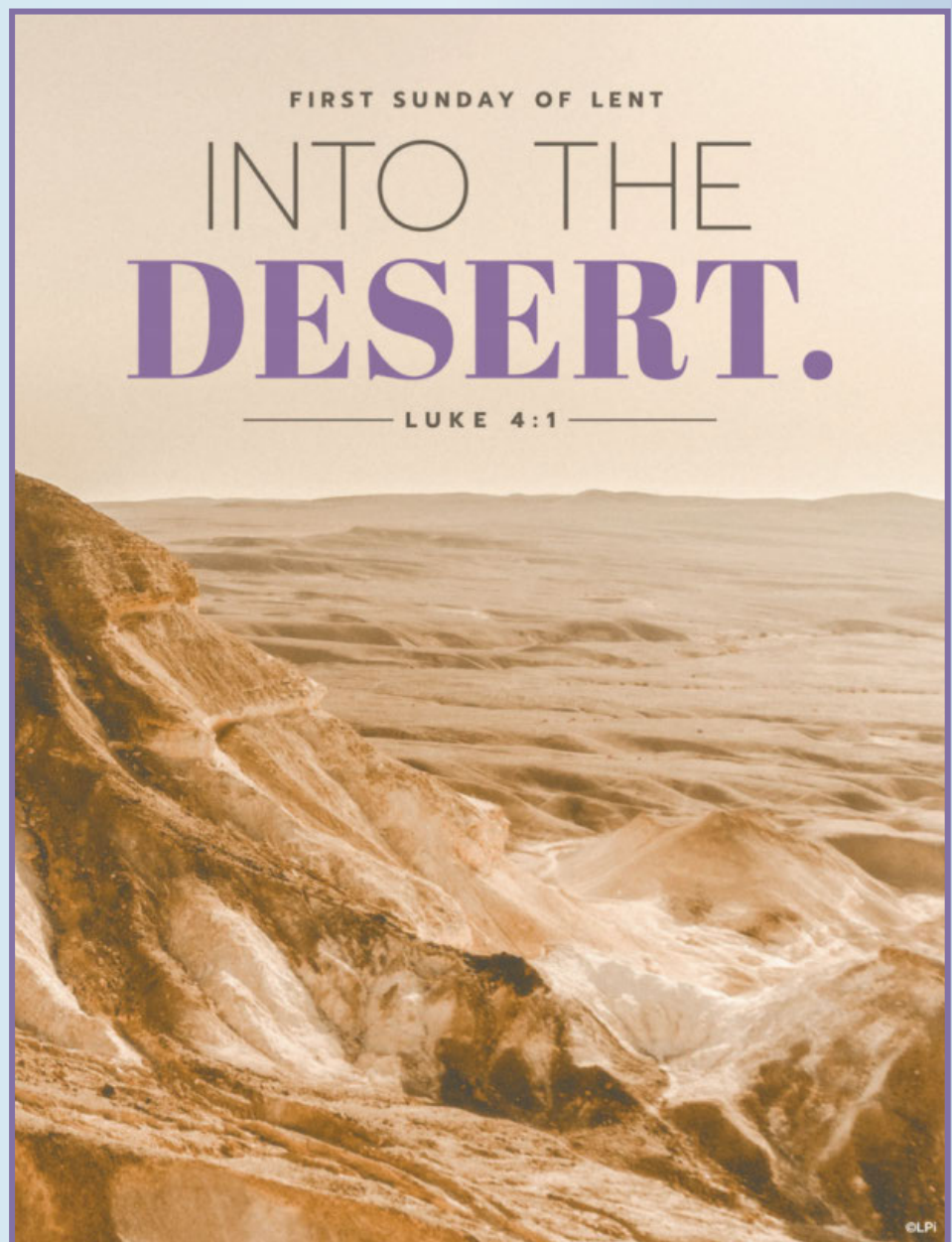
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Parish Membership

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



- **“Little Black Books”** for Lent are available on the lobby bookrack. This year's Lent book focuses on the Passion according to John's Gospel. Pick one up today for a suggested donation of \$1.00.
- **Wednesday Evening Devotions** - “The Way of the Cross According to Saint Luke” begins Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. Other dates are March 26, April 2 and April 9 (all Wednesdays) at 5:30 p.m.
- **St. Joseph Day** - A special Mass on the solemnity of Saint Joseph is scheduled for March 19 at 5:30 pm.
- **First Penance Family Retreat** – Our Second Grade students and their families will celebrate this sacrament for the first time on Sunday, March 16. Retreat: 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHAT THE DEVIL DOESN'T HAVE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The devil knows all the rules. The devil knows all the Bible verses. He probably knows them better than you do (certainly better than I do).

He knows them so well that here, in today's Gospel, he thinks he can outsmart the Son of God. He thinks he can out-argue him.

See, the thing you need to know about the devil is that he could have a master's degree in theology. Maybe even a doctorate. But have you ever met a master's student, or even a doctoral one, who doesn't have a particular passion for what they're studying? I sure have.

The devil didn't rebel against God because he didn't understand God's will. He rebelled because he understood God's will perfectly — and he didn't like it.

The devil knows that Jesus is human, and so in today's Gospel he employs all the very best tricks he has for getting humans to break. Physical hunger. Insecurity and a desire for power. The yearning to appear learned and wise.

The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives.

It doesn't work with Jesus, because, of course, Jesus is not just human. He can feel temptation, but he will not submit to it. But how are we supposed to do the same? We're not divine. We're just human.

Well, here's the thing. We may be only human, but as Christians, we have a secret weapon. (No, it's not a master's degree in theology. Some of you may have that, but it probably doesn't make you holier.)

We have a love of what the devil has renounced — those things belonging solely to God. Truth. Joy. Humility. Sanctifying sacrifice.

Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond.

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FOOD PANTRY — During the month of March, please donate cans of **Chicken, Tuna, and Spam**. Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated. Please use the containers in the lobby marked for the food pantry. Thank you for your support of this great cause!



The 8th (and final) aspect or characteristic of Jubilee 2025 is **CHARITY**.

Charity is a principal characteristic of the Christian life. No one can think that pilgrimage and the celebration of the indulgence of the Jubilee can be reduced to a form of magical ritual, without knowing

that it is a life of charity that gives them ultimate meaning. Furthermore, charity is the preeminent sign of the Christian faith and its specific form of credibility. In the context of the Jubilee, the apostle Peter's invitation cannot be forgotten: "Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pet. 4:8).

According to John the evangelist, love toward one's neighbor, which comes not from man but from God, will ensure that true disciples of Christ will be recognized in the future. It is apparent, therefore, that no believer can claim to believe if they do not then love, and conversely, they cannot say they love if they do not believe. Paul the apostle also reiterates that faith and love make up the identity of the Christian; love is what begets perfection (see Col. 3:14), faith what enables love to be such. Charity, therefore, has its special place in the life of faith; moreover, in light of the Holy Year, Christian witness must be reaffirmed as a more expressive form of conversion.



THE 2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

One Faith, One Family

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. United as *One Faith, One Family*, your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over our goal will be used to finance projects here in our parish.



Lent invites us to leave behind our old lives of sin and walk forward confidently as pilgrims into a new way of being. Inspired by the Jubilee Year 2025 and its theme of “Pilgrims of Hope,” we'll explore how to be *Pilgrims Through Lent*.

This daily e-mail series will introduce saints of pilgrimage as examples of faith and hearten us in our ongoing pilgrimage through reflections by Loyola Press authors and bloggers.

Sign up to receive the daily messages via e-mail from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday by going to

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily/>

The messages will come from the Year in Our Church from Loyola Press.

KINDERGARTEN and PRE-SCHOOL ENROLLMENT — IC PARISH SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION — Families who are interested in registering children for Preschool or Kindergarten are invited to attend Open Registration on Wed., March 19, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten a child must be 5 by August 1st, 2025. For preschool, a child must be 4 by August 1st, 2025. There is a \$50 registration fee due upon enrollment. Call 814-226-8433 Ext. 105 or check the school website (www.icclarionschool.org) for more information.

Immaculate Conception Parish School warmly welcomes children of all denominations.

Tuition assistance is available for qualifying families.

Generous scholarships are provided through the Children’s Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania.



SPIRITUAL CAMPAIGN—SERVE! Please pray with the small groups who are participating in the Spiritual Campaign using this prayer for the week of March 9.

Dear Heavenly Father,
We long to serve you and our journey continues! Help us to be mindful of your life and death on the cross and how the path of greatness comes through service. Let us become more like you. Let us remember that no task is too small or mundane. Help all of us to grow in our knowledge of you and serve our community. Give us eyes to see those opportunities and act on the behalf of others. You have created us for good works. Help us to better understand the work you have for us and through that work let us grow closer to you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m.

MASS Intentions

Monday, March 10

8:30 a.m. Peter Van Ruiten (Rosemary Van Ruiten)

Tuesday, March 11

11:00 a.m. Jim and Rose Selker (Lee and Linda Dechant)

Wednesday, March 12

— NO MASS —

Thursday, March 13

11:00 a.m. Liz Proud (Father Monty)

Friday, March 14

8:30 a.m. Donna Shelatree
(John and Paulette Colantonio)

Saturday, March 15

4:00 p.m. James Hartle (Bryan and Teri Wagner)

Sunday, March 16 – Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Robert Selker (Kristen Selker)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Gerald and Ruth Bauer
(Kathy Reed)

11:00 a.m. For the People

Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,
7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8
/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

2025 MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA — Girls who are 10 years of age or older, along with their mothers are cordially invited to the Diocese of Erie Mother-Daughter Tea. A special time to connect, talk about becoming a woman, and prepare for puberty. There are two dates available:

April 5, 2025 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Mary’s Church, 315 Church St., St. Marys, PA 15857 (RSVP by 3/28/25) and **May 3, 2025** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Saint Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16504 (RSVP by 4/25/25).

For more information and to sign up, scan this QR code or go to

<https://www.eriecd.org/chastity/tea.html>



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