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> Remember your parish when you write your will!

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Let's keep all victims of abuse in our prayers, "May survivors of abuse experience God's profound love for them, and receive comfort and healing."

Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always

You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize

over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith:

Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness.

Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.





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Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception, St Joseph, and St John Cantius!

The Feast of Divine Mercy, which we celebrate today, is a very special feast in our Church. It is also personally very important for me. In my late-twenties I began to feel the joy of my faith. I moved from treating my faith as an obligation to that of a relationship with Christ. During this time, one of the first things God led me to do was lead the Divine Mercy chaplet. I led it every Thursday evening in Boyd with about ten elderly people present. I was very scared. But this small step in saying Yes to God eventually led to me saying Yes to the priesthood.

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast is given to us by God the Father to show us that mercy triumphs over sin. God's mercy is ever present even for the greatest sinners.

In the decade prior to World War II, Jesus appeared to a Polish nun named St Faustina. Today her encounters with Jesus and God the Father are recorded in a six-hundred-page diary, called the Diary of St Faustina.

Concerning the Feast of Divine Mercy, Jesus said: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary 699)

Please keep me in prayer as I continue the beautiful blessing of shepherding your parishes! I am definitely keeping you all in prayer!

Fr Dan Thelen

PARISH SECRETARY, BOOKKEEPER Dawn Kaufman

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Sun 8:30 am SSJJ 10:15 am IC Tue 5:30 pm IC Spanish Wed 9:00 am IC Thu 9:00 am IC 9:00 am IC 4:30 pm IC Spanish

CONFESSION

Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC Sun 8:00-8:30 am at SSJJ

Saturday April 27

8:30 AM Mass at St Joseph, followed by cleaning day †Frank Traczek (R Traczek)

4:30 PM Mass IC Hispanic

For All Members of Our 3 Parishes

Sunday April 28 Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy

8:30 AM Mass St Joseph

Health & Welfare of Chad Stanley (J&D Matalas)

10:15 AM Mass Immaculate Conception

†Bernard & Dorothy Laufenberg & Family (A Oliver)

Monday April 29

No Mass

Tuesday April 30

No Mass

Wednesday May 1

No Mass

6:30 PM Practice for First Communion Immaculate Conception

Thursday May 2

No Mass

No Bible Study

Friday May 3

5:30 PM Adoration and Confession St Joseph

6:00 PM Mass St Joseph

†Achiel D'Huyvetter

Saturday May 4

3:00 PM Penance Service for First Communion Immaculate Con.

4:00 PM Adoration and Confession IC

4:30 PM Mass IC Hispanic

For All Members of Our 3 Parishes

Sunday May 5 Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Mass St Joseph

†Dan Connelly

10:15 AM Mass First Communion Immaculate Conception

†Tierney Skalitzky

Sunday Social after Mass at IC

Catholic Financial Life Insurance Alma Center Branch will hold an executive board meeting on April 29 at 4:00 PM in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church.

HOME VISITS

If you or someone you know is homebound or in the hospital or nursing home, or not feeling well and unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive a visit or Communion, please contact:

Fr Dan at (715)964-5201 or (715)218-8391, or Bonnie Firkus (715)334-4501.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Contact Jolene Janke at 715-964-6334 or stevenmj@centurytel.net to ask for prayers. If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain and pray for others, contact Jolene. The power of prayer is Amazing!

Please pray for all on the Prayer Chain, as well as our Active Military: Geralyn Janke, Joseph Janke, Katie Kotschi-Nelson, Frank Ueker, Derek Laufenberg, Logan Meacham, Madeleine Searles, Michelle Thompson and Luke Hansen.

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE—PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE Occasionally there are changes to the schedule—watch the bulletin for the latest and correct schedule

Sun. Apr. 28, 8:30 am, St Jos Sun. Apr. 28, 10:15 am, IC R: volunteer

S: E Theiler, S Mayer U: Dave Kaufman, B Connelly EM: C&G Eisberner G: Bill & Peg Connelly

MC: R&P Dimmitt, T Baumann

R: Joan Esser S: G Janke, M King

M Schroeder EM: John Esser, Kathy Esser, Pat Gower

U: L Anibas, G Esser, E Olson,

G: volunteers

MC: M Peterson, M&J Esser

Sun. May 5, 8:30 am, St Jos R: Rozanne Traczek

S: D Scheffer, E Theiler U: Tim Mayer, Tom Baumann EM: P Connelly D Elfering G: Rick & Pam Dimmitt MC: P Connelly, J Scheffer, J Smith

Sun. May 5, 10:15 am, IC R: Leanna Cernohous

S: CCD girls U: M Kujak, A Janicki, C Shramek, D Laufenberg EM: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, JoAnn Kujak G: Andin C, Easton E, Sydney J

Sun. May 12, 8:30 am, St John Sun. May 12, 10:15 am, IC R: Jan Elfering

S: Rick Dimmitt, Victor Firkus EM: Anna Baumann, J Scheffer G: Den & Jan Elfering MC: J&D Elfering, C Eisberner

MC: J&P Hayden, J Esser

R: Bernard Laufenberg S: G Janke, C&S MacFarlane U: Joe Kutchera, Nick Kutchera U: B Leis, L Boehnen, M Esser, A Janicki

> EM: John Esser, Kathy Esser, Pat Gower G: Matt & Steph. Esser MC: L Anibas, volunteers

SECOND COLLECTION AFTER MASS TODAY—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The ladies of our PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) will take up their annual collection after Mass next Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday. This money goes to the Diocesan level of the Women's group, and is used for all the works of charity, education, leadership, spirituality and service they perform year round.

Please see the flyer at the back of church, which shows all that they did last year!

And please be generous!

Please return your filled baby bottles no later than May 12!

WEEKLY TITHING-HOLY WEEK			
4/18-21	IC	St. Jos.	Ѕт. Јони
EASTER	820.00	1165.00	73.00
Adult	310.00	993.00	490.00
PLATE	751.00	670.00	
TOTAL	1991.00	2828.00	563.00
BUDGET	1349.00	898.00	419.00
DIFFERENCE	532.00	1930.00	147.00
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Sunday Fund Day Winner!!

Sunday, Apr. 21, 2019 \$500 winner is Eliza Esser!!

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

We would like to add the following donation to the Easter Flower Donation list. Thank you for helping to make our Easter celebrations so beautiful.

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Dolores Pokorny In Honor of Pokorny Grandchildren



New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class starts in the fall – Registration underway! Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins fall of 2019. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See brochure, schedule and application form at diolc.org/layformation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

New Leader of Prayer Class Begins in June

Applications are open for a new class of men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a three-part course of study by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes by bringing Holy Communion to the sick, conducting a Liturgy of the Word with Communion on weekdays when a priest is unavailable, and leading parishioners in prayer at times of illness or death. In nursing homes or healthcare facilities, when no priest is available, they may also conduct a Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. Completion of the Lay Formation Institute is a prerequisite for acceptance into the Leader of Prayer program, and candidates must be sponsored by their pastors. For complete information, visit www.diolc.org/ministries and click on "Leader of Prayer."

In Memory of

John Selz

Selz-Pralle Dairy Family

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We thank this week's Sponsor of the Week, Selz-Pralle Dairy Family, for their support. We especially remember John Selz this week, who was a life long supporter of St Joseph's Church. Remember him in your prayers as we thank his family.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Parish—Bible Study

Every Thursday Evening - 6pm-7pm

- *Check bulletin for cancellations
- *Currently studying the Book of Exodus *Meet at the Alma Center Rectory

Divine Mercy Novena

Friday, April 19th—Sunday, April 28th **Private Recitation**

SPECIAL FEASTS COMING UP

- *June 2nd—The Ascension of the Lord
- *June 9th—Pentecost Sunday
- *June 16th—The Most Holy Trinity
- *June 23rd—The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)



WHEN LIFE IS GREAT

MONEY COUNTERS **NEEDED AT IC**

We need more volunteers at IC to be money counters! Our list is getting shorter, we need a few more people! Please let us know if you are willing and able to help one weekend a month.

