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Spring Mass at St. Malachy's

The Spring Mass at St. Malachy's Catholic Church, rural Melrose, will be on Sunday, May 26, at 1:30 p.m. Father Bob Streveler, priest-in-residence at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center, Marathon, WI, will officiate. The Mass will mark Fr. Bob's 50th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained a deacon in 1968 and ordained a priest by Bishop Freking on May 24, 1969 at St. Patrick's Parish in Halder, WI. Following the Mass, a reception honoring Fr. Bob will be held at Guardian Angel Parish, S. Joseph's, Black River Falls. All are welcome to attend. Fr. Bob served the parish of St. Joseph's from 2002-2008.

Prior to the Mass, a Memorial Service will be conducted at 1:15 p.m. in the cemetery. Veterans buried at the cemetery are: Civil War-James Bulger, Michael Bulger, Michael Crawley, James Dunnigan, and Frank Melvin; WWII-Claire "Junior" McCormick, Eugene McCormick, Gordon McCormick, James Savage, and Wayne G. Hansen; Korean War-Harold Krosinski, and Vietnam-David W. Hansen.

St. Malachy's Church was built in the early 1870's. It was closed in July 1980. Since a successful restoration project in 1990, a Spring Mass and a Fall Mass of Thanksgiving are held annually.

The Mass is open to the general public. For more information contact Mary I. Murray Woods at (608) 488-5981

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TRI-PARISH BULLETIN May 19, 2019

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

St Paul speaks of Faith, Hope and Love. The Church has called these three the Theological Virtues. They relate directly to God and dispose us to live in relationship with the Holy Trinity. These three virtues go beyond natural virtue. They are in fact supernatural virtues infused into the soul. The Catechism states, "The theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life."

The Theological virtues are received from God as a gift. They cannot be earned. We simply dispose ourselves to them. God then, in his providence, infuses them into our souls. This is demonstrated most vividly in the three Catholic prayers entitled, "Act of Faith", "Act of Hope", and "Act of Love", in which we beseech God for the three Theological virtues.

The first of the three is Faith. Faith allows us to see beyond our circumstances. St Paul says, "We walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Cor 5:7) Each of us will encounter moments in our lives where Faith becomes exceedingly difficult. In these difficult times, if we ask God for the gift of Faith, we will be given the strength to keep our Faith and to see beyond our present struggle.

The theological virtue of hope keeps us from discouragement. It gives us joy even under trial. We keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Kingdom of God and place all our desires for happiness on God's promise of eternal life. Through this virtue we rely not on our own strength but on the help of the Holy Spirit.

The theological virtue of Love (or Charity) is spoken of in our Gospel today. Jesus says, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (Jn 13:35) All human beings have a natural capacity for love. However, the love spoken of here is a love that participates in God's Divine Love. It is a love by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. The fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy

Ask God always for these three gifts: Faith, Hope and Love. The Catechism makes the beautiful statement, "They are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being." 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

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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
Fri 9:00 am IC
Sat 4:30 pm IC Spanish

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

Saturday May 18
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception - Hispanic
For All Members of Our 3 Parishes

Sunday May 19 Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†Betty Kohn (L Kohn)

10:15 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Martin & Dorothy Kalina
Planning meeting for ALL Parishioners after Mass for August dinner and raffles

Monday May 20
No Mass

Tuesday May 21
5:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception - Hispanic
All stressed Families

Wednesday May 22
9:00 AM Mass
†Achiel D'Huyvetter (D&D Kaufman)
6:30 PM Handicap Accessibility Committee meeting - St Joseph

Thursday May 23
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Pat Rice
6:00 PM Bible Study - Immaculate Conception

Friday May 24
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Leroy Kranz (D Pokorny)

Saturday May 25
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception - Hispanic
For All Members of Our 3 Parishes

Sunday May 26 Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM Mass St John Cantius
†Frank Traczek (R Traczek)

10:15 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Bernard & Dorothy Laufenberg & Family

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.

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. May 19, 8:30 am, St Jos.	Sun. May 19, 10:15 am, IC
R: C Eisberner	R: Kathy Esser
S: S Mayer, L Kutchera	S: J&J Rowekamp, A&A Cernohous
U: J Kutchera, C Kutchera	U: J Hayden, C Cray, K Ristow, C Trautlien
EM: R Traczek, P Connelly	EM: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, JoAnn Kujak
G: G&C Eisberner	G: Chris & Carrie Trautlien
MC: R&P Dimmitt, T Baumann	MC: M&J Kujak, P Gower
Sun. May 26, 8:30 am, St John	**Sun. May 26, 10:15 am, IC**
R: Rozanne Traczek	R: Barb Meacham
S: Doug Scheffer, Victor Firkus	S: G Janke, C Pineda, Andin C
U: Jeff Smith, Pat Kutchera	U: L Anibas, G Esser, E Olson, M Schroeder
EM: C&G Eisberner	EM: John Esser, Kathy Esser, Pat Gower
G: D Boullion & R Traczek	G: George & Kathy Esser
MC: P Connelly, J Sheffer, J Smith	MC: M Peterson, M&J Esser
Sun. Jun. 2, 8:30 am, St Jos.	**Sun. Jun. 2, 10:15 am, IC**
R: C Eisberner	R: Leanna Cernohous
S: Sierra Mayer, Luke Kutchera	S: J&J Rowekamp, E Janicki, Jaida Clarke
U: Dave Kaufman, Bill Connelly	U: M Kujak, A Janicki, C Shramek, D Laufenberg
EM: R Traczek, D Elfering	EM: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, JoAnn Kujak
G: Tom & Anna Baumann	G: Chris & Stacy Shramek
MC: J&D Elfering, C Eisberner	MC: John Esser, P&J Hayden

2nd Collection at St Joseph's May 19th

There will be a second collection taken up at St Joseph's today to help cover the cost of items needed for the rectory. Many items have been donated, but there are still some needed, such as a room air conditioner for the big bedroom upstairs, ceiling tiles, paint, and misc household items. Contact Jan Elfering if you would like to donate items (262)914-5949.

Remember your parish when you write your will!

WEEKLY TITHING

5/11&12	IC Sat	IC Sun	St. Jos	St. John
Adult	225.00	485.00	440.00	480.00
Plate	85.00	180.00	20.00	101.00
Misc		110.00		
Total	**1085.00**		**460.00**	**581.00**
Budget	1349.00		898.00	419.00
Difference	**(264.00)**		**(483.00)**	**165.00**
Budg Diff YTD	13,960.05		5,861.55	(5,063.25)

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!

Sunday, May 12, 2019 $50 winner is Caitlin Laudon!

IC PARISH MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY!!

There will be a Parish meeting after Mass at Immaculate Conception on May 19th to discuss the August Dinner and the upcoming raffles that are being planned. PLEASE stay for the meeting and share your input on what is happening to help raise funds for the church.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

St Joseph—Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 at St Joseph's

Bishop Callahan with Jessica Jaime and Ximena Lopez and their families. Jessica and Ximena were Confirmed on Saturday, May 11th.

Blest Art coming May 25 & 26

Blest Art will set up displays at all Masses the weekend of May 25/26. They sell carved olive-wood religious items to help support the minority of Catholic families living in the Holy Land. Your support is greatly needed and sincerely appreciated.

Their carvings make beautiful gifts for all occasions. If every family purchased just one item, you would not only get something special, unique, and hand carved from the Holy land, but you would also help make a huge difference in the history of Catholics in the Holy Land.

We accept cash, checks, and all credit and debit cards; but please, we do not accept any donations. Please take five minutes to stop by our display, it can truly mean a huge difference between a Catholic family leaving or staying in the Holy Land.

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Parish—Bible Study
Every Thursday Evening - 6pm-7pm
*Check bulletin for cancellations
*Currently studying the Book of Exodus
*Meet at the Alma Center Rectory

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)

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If you would like to become part of the Prayer Chain, please send Jolene Janke a request, preferably by email, and she will add you to the list of people she contacts whenever there is a request for prayers.
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PARISH DIRECTORY THROUGH LIFETOUCH

To prepare for St Joseph's 150th Anniversary, we will be creating a Parish Directory, as we have done with past anniversary celebrations in our churches.

We have contacted Lifetouch to take pictures of each family in our 3 parishes this coming fall. The dates we have set up are Sept. 16th through the 18th. We will ask each family to make an appointment on one of those dates to get family photos taken for the directory. To keep things simple and more efficient, all the photos will be taken in Alma Center. We will have more info later on appointment times and how to sign up.

MYPARISH APP

If you have not yet downloaded the "myParish" app, text "APP" to 88202 or go to your phone's app store and download it today! Once you are connected, you can receive messages about changes in Mass time, special events, help with prayers (including St Michael the Archangel), watch televised Masses, donate to the Annual Appeal, follow the readings at Mass, and so much more!