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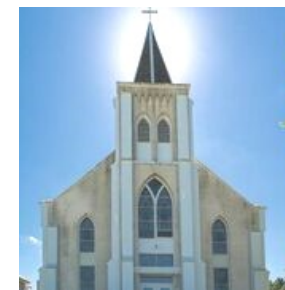
**The Conversion of a Master Hunter**

Have you ever seen a bottle of Jagermeister? If so, you'll no doubt have noticed a majestic looking deer with a cross suspended between its antlers. Jagermeister is not known as a particularly Christian company, so what does this image mean? It's a reference to the story of St. Hubert, the master hunter.

Born around 705 A.D., St. Hubert was quite the philanderer. As nobility, he had the freedom and wealth do as he pleased, and what pleased him more than anything was hunting. But after his wife died in childbirth, hunting went from a hobby to an obsession, and Hubert devoted nearly all his time to the sport. What he didn't know, however, was that all the while, God was hunting him.

On Good Friday morning one year, faithful flocked to the churches for Mass. But Hubert was not among them. He had no time for pious devotions, and he was in the woods pursuing a magnificent stag. Hubert was closing in for the kill when, without warning, the stag he was pursuing turned and looked directly at him. Suspended between its majestic antlers was a glowing crucifix. Hubert was dumbfounded. A voice from heaven boomed, "Hubert, unless thou turnest to the Lord, and leadest an holy life, thou shalt quickly go down into hell." Deeply moved, Hubert asked what he must do. He was instructed to go seek Lambert, the holy bishop of his diocese, to learn what God required of him. The vision was the beginning of a profound conversion for Hubert, a conversion that led him to renounce his wealth and titles, study for the priesthood, and ultimately to be consecrated a bishop. As a bishop, Hubert was known for his great holiness, and especially for his daring evangelization of the rather dangerous pagans who lived in the Ardennes forest. This zealous missionary efforts earned him the reputation of being a skillful "hunter of souls."

St. Hubert is also known as one of the first to promote ethical hunting practices, encouraging hunters to avoid cruelty and treat animals with respect and dignity as God's creatures.



**Immaculate Conception Parish**  
341 W Main St PO Box 188  
Alma Center WI 54611-0188  
715-964-5201



**St. Joseph Parish-Fairview**  
N13740 Fairview Rd  
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**St. John Cantius Parish**  
306 2nd St.  
Fairchild WI 54741-8514  
715-964-5201

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

This weekend we conclude the church year by celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King. Next weekend begins the season of Advent, and the beginning of a new church year. The Solemnity of Christ the King is indeed a very fitting feast for the capstone of the year. Everything in the church leads in a sense to this feast. Scripture says, "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:10-11; cf. Rom 14:11)

Our faith leads us to the point of total surrender to the Lordship of Christ. His love is ever perfect; thus our surrender to Him leads to perfect love. The most visible place of Christ's Lordship is in the celebration of Holy Mass. It is here that we encounter the divine mystery of our redemption. Central to every Holy Mass is the offering of the Son to the Father, where the saving events of Calvary are made sacramentally present. This divine exchange of Christ's sacrifice is what saves us.

Mass is often said to be the greatest of prayers. Why? Pope Emeritus Benedict said in 2012, "Mass is an extraordinary experience of the prayer which Jesus made, and continues to make for us all." The primary actor in Mass is not the congregation, the ministers or even the priest. Rather it is Christ himself. Christ acts in and through the liturgy, transforming us by our very presence at Holy Mass.

Christ is King! As we begin this new year I will be speaking more urgently about the need for Sunday Mass attendance. Many who read this bulletin column deeply desire to attend Mass. However, poor health or advanced age prevent them from doing so. Please know that your situations are a valid excuse for missing Mass. However, for all others, Sunday Mass is an obligation. Only serious reasons should prevent one from missing Mass, such as illness, dangerous weather, or caring for infants.

Jesus stands at the door and knocks. (Rev 3:20) For anyone that hears His voice and opens the door, He will enter that house and dine with him. It is Holy Mass where Jesus begins his reign as Christ the King. It is here that he knocks and desires to enter into our lives. Please encourage your family and friends to attend Mass every Sunday. Untold graces are present at each and every Holy Mass. Thank you for the beautiful blessing of shepherding your parishes! I am definitely keeping you all in prayer!

Fr Dan Thelen

<p><b>PARISH SECRETARY, BOOKKEEPER</b> Dawn Kaufman 715-334-3931 or 715-533-8344</p> <p><b>DIR. OF SACRED MUSIC</b> Jolene Janke 715-964-6334</p> <p><b>TRI-PARISH FACEBOOK</b> Immaculate Joseph John</p>	<p><b>PASTOR</b> <b>Fr. Daniel Thelen</b> <b>715-964-5201</b> <b>or 715-218-8391</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE PHONE</b> 715-964-5201</p> <p><b>TRI-PARISH EMAIL ID</b> icjosephjohn@hotmail.com</p> <p><b>TRI-PARISH WEBSITE</b> www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org</p>	<p><b>REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>Sun 8:30 am SSJJ 10:15 am IC</p> <p>Tue 5:30 pm IC Spanish</p> <p>Wed 9:00 am IC</p> <p>Thu 9:00 am IC</p> <p>Fri 9:00 am IC</p> <p>Sat 4:30 pm IC Spanish</p> <p><b>CONFESSION</b></p> <p>Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC</p> <p>Sun 8:00-8:30 am at SSJJ</p>
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**Saturday November 23**  
**4:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception - Hispanic  
 Marci Baugher, for her birthday  
**Baptism** of Sofia Jaime and Isaias Jaime during Mass

**6:00 PM Mass** St Joseph **Hunter's Mass**  
 †Members of All Three Parishes

**Sunday November 24 Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**8:30 AM Mass** St Joseph  
 †Bernard & Anne Scheffer (M Louie)

**10:15 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
 †Robert & Mary Palubicki Family (D&J Stephens)

**Monday November 25**  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday November 26**  
**1:00 PM Meeting for St John Parishioners** St John Cantius  
**5:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
 †Obrest Family (T Thompson)

**Wednesday November 27**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
 †Joseph Skalitzky (J&B Giunta)  
**12:00 PM Baptism** of Wesley Kaufman St Joseph  
**No CCD**

**Thursday November 28**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception **Thanksgiving Mass**  
 †Barbara Anibas (L Anibas)

**Friday November 29**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
 Health & Well-being of All the Esser Family

**Saturday November 30**  
**4:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception - Hispanic  
 †Members of All Three Parishes

**Sunday December 1 First Sunday of Advent**  
**8:30 AM Mass** St Joseph  
 †Deceased members of the Kutchera Family (P Kutchera)  
**Baptism** of Harlow Villaume during Mass

**10:15 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
 For Kyle Lang and his vocation

**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 Kotsch-Nelson, Frank Ueker, Derek Laufenberg, Logan Meacham, Madeleine Searles, Michelle Thompson, Luke Hansen, Brandon Ripp, Alex Ripp, Andrew Elfering and Holden Mitchell.

**Remember your parish when you write your will!**

**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

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

<b>Sat. Nov. 23, 6:00 pm, St Jos</b> R: Bonnie Firkus S: Sierra Mayer, volunteer U: Joe Kutchera, Nick Kutchera EM: B Firkus, P Connelly G: Bill & Peg Connelly MC: J Smith, J Scheffer, P Connelly	If you are unable to fulfill your role due to hunting this weekend, please find a substitute or help out on the day you do attend
<b>Sun. Nov. 24, 8:30 am, St Jos</b> R: C Eisberner S: E Theiler, volunteer U: volunteers EM: C&G Eisberner G: volunteers MC: T Baumann, J&D Elfering	<b>Sun. Nov. 24, 10:15 am, IC</b> R: Bernard Laufenberg S: Ariana & Annika C., J Clarke U: J Hayden, C Cray, K Ristow, G Seichter EM: John Esser, Kathy Esser, Pat Gower G: Carlos & Jennifer Pineda MC: L Anibas, E&J Olson
<b>Sun. Dec. 1, 8:30 am, St Jos</b> R: Bonnie Firkus S: D Scheffer, R Dimmitt U: J Kutchera, C Kutchera EM: B Firkus, D Elfering G: Tom & Anna Baumann MC: C Eisberner, J Smith, P Connelly	<b>Sun. Dec. 1, 10:15 am, IC</b> R: Eugenia Cray S: C Pineda, E Esser, vol U: B Leis, L Boehnen, M Esser, V: C Trautlein EM: M&J Esser, J Kujak G: Marcel & JoAnn Kujak MC: E&J Olson, P Gower
<b>Sun. Dec. 8, 8:30 am, St Jos</b> R: Rozanne Traczek S: V Firkus, G Eisberner U: Jeff Smith, Pat Kutchera EM: R Traczek, P Connelly G: Dennis & Jan Elfering MC: R&O Dimmitt, J Scheffer	<b>Sun. Dec. 8, 10:15 am, IC</b> R: Kathy Laudon, Lily Swenson S: J&J Rowekamp, vol U: J Hayden, C Cray, K Ristow, G Seichter EM: Kathy Esser, Pat Gower, Barb Meacham G: Swenson Family MC: B Meacham, M&J Kujak

**There will be a Sunday Social after Mass at St Joseph on Dec. 8th**

**DON'T FORGET THOSE ADDRESSES AND OLD PHOTOS FOR ST JOSEPH'S 150TH!** If you wait until the last minute, we won't have time to put the pics in the video presentation.

WEEKLY TITHING				
11/16&17	IC SAT	IC SUN	ST. JOS	ST. JOHN
ADULT	145.00	700.00	1022.00	15.00
PLATE	40.00	166.00	26.00	
UTILITIES		50.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1101.00</b>	<b>1048.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	
BUDGET	1531.00	998.00	332.00	
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>(430.00)</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>(347.00)</b>	
BUDG DIFF YTD	5417.20	(1418.10)	(125.00)	
MILITARY ARCHDIOCESE	170.00	170.00	5.00	
WORLD MISSION		20.00		

**Sunday Fund Day Winner!!**  
 Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019 \$50 winner is Mike Esser




**A HUNTER'S PRAYER**

Lord, I thank You for the opportunity to go out on the hunt. I thank You for the time alone to think and reflect on life. I thank You for the time with hunting friends, enjoying good fellowship, good stories, meals and drinks. Thank You for the beauty seen during the hunt and for the game taken and shared. I thank You especially for a safe hunt for myself and for all the hunters who share the field.

<https://www.catholicgentleman.net/2014/09/st-hubert-patron-saint-hunters/>

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

The Solemnity reminds the faithful that Christ reigns as king of the entire world forever, and it encourages Catholics to respond to this reality. Pope Pius XI notes: "The kingship and empire of Christ have been recognized in the pious custom, practiced by many families, of dedicating themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; not only families have performed this act of dedication, but nations, too, and kingdoms" (*Quas primas*, 26). Let us rededicate ourselves this year to bearing witness to the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart.



Rest in Peace

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of  
**Anne Scheffer**  
 May God grant her eternal rest. Amen.

**SUNDAY FUNDAY 2020**

**IC PARISHIONERS** -Immaculate Conception is selling Sunday Funday tickets again this year. We did so well last year and the funds were very helpful to pay for maintenance of the church. There are still many things that need repair. Each book is \$100. You pay for the tickets and then sell them and you keep the money and hand in the stubs. **Please make sure that all information is filled out on the stubs.** No return stickers should be used. Any questions please call Joan Esser 715-964-1745

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<b>Parish—Bible Study</b> Every Thursday Evening - 6pm-7pm *Check bulletin for cancellations *Currently studying St Matthew in the New Testament *Meet at the Alma Center Rectory	
<b>FALL AND WINTER 2019</b>	
<b>Nov. 28, Thursday-Thanksgiving</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Mass at Immaculate Conception	
<b>Dec. 12, Thursday-Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Mass at Immaculate Conception	
<b>Dec. 15, Sunday-CCD Christmas Play</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Mass at Immaculate Conception	
<b>Dec. 18, Wednesday-Penance Service</b> <b>9:30-11:00 AM</b> Immaculate Conception <b>6:30-8:00 PM</b> Immaculate Conception	
<b>Dec. 24, Tuesday-Christmas Eve</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Mass at Immaculate Conception <b>8:00 PM</b> Mass at St Joseph	
<b>Dec. 25, Wednesday-Christmas Day</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Mass at Immaculate Conception <b>6:00 PM</b> Mass at St Joseph <b>7:30 PM</b> Mass at Immaculate Con. Bilingual	
<b>Jan. 1, Wednesday-Solemnity of Mary-Holy Day of Obligation</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Mass at Immaculate Conception <b>6:00 PM</b> Mass at St Joseph <b>7:30 PM</b> Mass at Immaculate Con. Bilingual	



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