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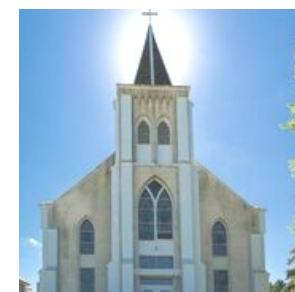
We still have room for more ads!
If you would like to place an ad or be a sponsor, please contact Dawn Kaufman

A FRANCISCAN MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

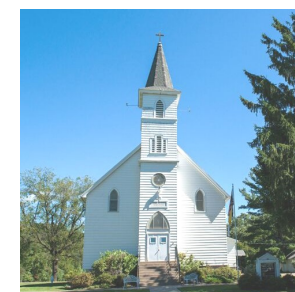
"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers unceasingly"

These words of St. Paul in his first letter to the Thessalonians express my gratitude for all of you at St. Joseph's and Immaculate Conception parishes. They also represent the gratefulness of our Franciscan friars and the people who have benefitted from your kind and generous contributions toward our missionary efforts in places like India, Central America and Zambia. Thank you! Although I was briefly among you this Summer (August 3 - 4) you all received me and the message of the Gospel with openness and enthusiasm. Your Catholic faith is vibrant and beautiful and I encourage you to continue to live it with pride. You are also very blessed to have Fr. Daniel Thelen as your pastor. He also was most welcoming to me.

Gratefully in Christ,
Fr. Vincent Petersen OFM Conv.
www.franciscansusa.org



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
Fairchild WI 54741-8514
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St. John Cantius Parish
306 2nd St.
Fairchild WI 54741-8514
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Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception, St Joseph, and St John Cantius!

This weekend we begin the season of Advent, a time of spiritual preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. It is a season marked by prayer, penance and fasting. The ancient Hebrews longed for the coming of the Messiah. In our present age, we are blessed to know that Jesus came. Through the Church, Jesus has provided a way for us to remain near Him. This is the great gift of the Eucharist. How fortunate we are in Fairchild and Alma Center to have the Eucharist so close. In each of our churches, the presence of Jesus is actively present. The tabernacle is the locale of his quiet yet very real presence. We should come frequently to show Him our love.

The Holy Mass is the greatest event in this world. It is not merely the recollection of past events but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men. (CCC 1363) These events are made present to the memory of believers so that we may conform our lives to them. At Holy Mass God acts upon us. We are changed by simply being in the presence of God at Holy Mass.

This last week I presented a sign-up sheet encouraging each of you to select one day a month to either pray or fast for an increase in the number of people attending Sunday Mass here at our parishes. We instinctively understand that prayer is effective. However, why should we fast? Jesus speaks about fasting and its efficacy in the Gospels. However, for many it is still a difficult sacrifice to accept. Fasting, however, helps us make more room for God in our life. Hunger and other base passions are necessary for self-preservation. However, our desire for things such as food can block our deeper need for God. Our impulsivity leads to distraction and keeps us from prayer. Think of this the next time you grab your favorite sweet or salty treat. Why did you choose to satisfy a craving and not instead say a prayer? Fasting frees us to focus on the higher things of God.

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>PARISH SECRETARY, BOOKKEEPER Dawn Kaufman 715-334-3931 or 715-533-8344</p> <p>DIR. OF SACRED MUSIC Jolene Janke 715-964-6334</p> <p>TRI-PARISH FACEBOOK Immaculate Joseph John</p>	<p>PASTOR Fr. Daniel Thelen 715-964-5201 or 715-218-8391</p> <p>OFFICE PHONE 715-964-5201</p> <p>TRI-PARISH EMAIL ID icjosephjohn@hotmail.com</p> <p>TRI-PARISH WEBSITE www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org</p>	<p>REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE</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>CONFESSION</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 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

Monday December 2
No Mass

Tuesday December 3
5:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception
 †Laura Esser on her birthday (G&K Esser)

Wednesday December 4
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
 †Frank Traczek (R Traczek)
6:30 PM CCD Immaculate Conception

Thursday December 5
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
 †Wely, Nate, Bernie & Mary Jane Larson (M&C Kaufman)
6:00 PM Bible Study Immaculate Conception
7:15-8:00 PM Adoration Immaculate Conception

Friday December 6
5:30 PM Adoration and Confession St Joseph
6:00 PM Mass St Joseph
 Health & Recovery of Noreen Holthaus (J&S Janke)

Saturday December 7
4:00 PM Adoration and Confession Immaculate Conception
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception - Hispanic
 †Members of All Three Parishes

Sunday December 8 Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
 †Achiel D'Huyvetter (T Waldera)
Sunday Social after Mass

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

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA
 Please visit our Facebook page—Immaculate Joseph John
<https://www.facebook.com/immaculate.conception.7796420>
 Like our page, request to be a friend. You will get notices from other friends in the parishes, get news about local church events, things happening in the Diocese, etc.
 We also have a website:
www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org

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.

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. Dec. 1, 8:30 am, St Jos 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	Sun. Dec. 1, 10:15 am, IC R: Eugenia Cray S: C Pineda, E Esser, vol U: B Leis, L Boehnen, M Esser, C Trautlein EM: M&J Esser, J Kujak G: Marcel & JoAnn Kujak MC: E&J Olson, P Gower
Sun. Dec. 8, 8:30 am, St Jos R: Rozanne Traczek S: V Firkus, G Eisberner U: Jeff Smith, Pat Kutchera EM: R Traczek, P Connelly G: Dennis & Jan Elfering MC: R&P Dimmitt, J Scheffer	Sun. Dec. 8, 10:15 am, IC 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
Sun. Dec. 15, 8:30 am, St Jos R: Jan Elfering S: Sierra Mayer, Elise Theiler U: D Kaufman, B Connelly EM: A Baumann, J Scheffer G: G&C Eisberner MC: J&D Elfering, T Baumann	Sun. Dec. 15, 10:15 am, IC R: Leanna Cernohous S: Ariana & Annika C., Jaida Clarke U: B Leis, L Boehnen, M Esser, C Trautlein EM: John Esser, Kathy Laudon, Mary Seichter G: Matt & Stephanie Esser MC: John Hayden, M&J Esser

Give in thanksgiving. “The nuns left lasting impressions on me,” writes a donor. “I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education.” Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. **Next week’s second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

THANK YOU! Immaculate Conception Parish is offering thanks to James Esser for his generous donation to assist in the repair of the stained glass windows in the church. Thank you, James, and may God bless you!

WEEKLY TITHING				
11/23&24	IC SAT	IC SUN	ST. JOS	ST. JOHN
ADULT	150.00	285.00	411.00	135.00
PLATE	38.00	282.50	146.01	350.00
BLD MEM			1320.00	
TOTAL	755.50	1877.01	485.00	
BUDGET	1531.00	998.00	332.00	
DIFFERENCE	(775.50)	879.01	123.00	
BUDG DIFF YTD	4641.70	(539.09)	(2.00)	
MILIT ARCH		20.00		

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!
 Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019 \$50 winner is Kelli Laufenberg



Jolene Janke and Marci Baugher sang Thanksgiving and Christmas songs at 2 Country Terrace and the Dove in Osseo. Look who they got to visit! Shirley Petznick!



The Jaime family blessed us at Immaculate Conception with two Baptisms this past Saturday. Congratulations to Sofia Jamie and Isaias Jamie and their parents and Godparents



The Kaufman family blessed us with a Baptism this past Tuesday at St Joseph’s. Congratulations to Wesley Kaufman and his parents and Godfather

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

There will be a Sunday Social after Mass at St Joseph next Sunday!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
 There are envelopes available at the back of church or in the vestibule if you would like to donate toward the purchase of Christmas flowers and decorations in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please fill out the info on the envelope and drop it in the collection.



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2019-2020		Imm. Con. Goal - \$7495
WE ARE THE DIOCESE		Pledged - \$7555
		St. Joseph Goal- \$6640
		Pledged - \$7085
		St. John Goal - \$1840
		Pledged - \$1550