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 **Thank you St Jude**

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

**MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**



Thursday, December 12, 2019 - 6:30 PM  
Celebration after Mass  
Immaculate Conception Church  
341 W Main St  
Alma Center WI 54611

**Misa en honor a NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE**



12 de diciembre de 2019 - 6:30 PM  
Celebración después de la misa  
Immaculate Conception Church  
341 W Main St  
Alma Center WI 54611



**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  
715-964-5201



**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!  
We are approaching several very important Marian feasts. The Feast of Immaculate Conception on December 8th and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th.

Recently I came across the conversion story of Roy Schoeman, a Harvard professor of Jewish descent. Following is a summary of his encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. A much more thorough account of his conversion can be found online if you search his name. Following are his words, "I went to sleep after saying a prayer, and felt as though I was woken by a gentle hand on my shoulder, and escorted to a room where I was left alone with the most beautiful young woman I could imagine. I knew without being told that she was the Blessed Virgin Mary. I felt entirely awake (and my memory is as though I had been awake), although I was dreaming. I remember my first reaction, standing there awed by her presence and grandeur, was wishing I knew at least the Hail Mary so that I could honor her! She offered to answer any questions I had. I remember thinking about what to ask. When I woke the next morning I was hopelessly in love with the Blessed Virgin Mary."

This account captures the essence of our Lady's role in God's plan of salvation. The great dignity that Mary received in giving birth to Jesus, did not end some 2000 years ago. Rather her role remains equally prominent today. God has endowed her with the special grace to be the primary instrument in the mediation of His graces. St Maximillian Kolbe, a martyr of Auschwitz, and an esteemed theologian, described Mary in the following words, "Mary's nature and person are totally distinct from the nature and person of the Holy Spirit. Still, their union is so inexpressible, yet so perfect, that the Holy Spirit only acts by the Immaculata, his spouse. This is why Mary is the mediatrix of all graces given by the Holy Spirit."

The more we give honor to Mary, the closer we come to Jesus. She leads us all to her Son. Thus the famous expression, "To Jesus through Mary!" The greatest place to receive these graces is Holy Mass. 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> 715-964-5201 or 715-218-8391</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 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  
 †Marion Simon ((R&B Loomis)

**Monday December 9**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday December 10**

**5:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
 †Ben Simonis

**Wednesday December 11**

**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
 †Edward Simonis  
**6:30 PM CCD** Immaculate Conception

**Thursday December 12**

**6:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception **Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 Kyle Lang Vocation (J Saylor)  
**Meal following Mass** provided by **Cinco de Mayo Restaurant**  
 of Black River Falls. All are welcome!

**Friday December 13**

**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
 †Claire & Laura Esser (G&K Esser)

**Saturday December 14**

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

**Sunday December 15 Third Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 AM Mass** St Joseph  
 †Betty Kohn (L Kohn)  
  
**10:15 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
 Jane Anderson, for a successful surgery

**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.

**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

**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

<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&P 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
<b>Sun. Dec. 15, 8:30 am, St Jos</b> 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	<b>Sun. Dec. 15, 10:15 am, IC</b> 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
<b>Sun. Dec. 22, 8:30 am, St Jos</b> R: C Eisberner S: D Scheffer, R Dimmitt U: Tim Mayer, Tom Baumann EM: C&G Eisberner G: D Boullion & R Traczek MC: C Eisberner, J Smith, P Connelly	<b>Sun. Dec. 22, 10:15 am, IC</b> R: Kathy Esser U: J&J Rowekamp, E Esser S: J Hayden, C Cray, M Schroeder, C Shramek EM: J Kujak, B Meacham, K Laudon G: Chris & Carrie Trautlein MC: J Esser, C Hagedorn, D LaCost

**Support aging religious.** Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS**

Immaculate Conception and St Joseph Parishes will be decorating the church for Christmas on Dec. 22nd after their Masses. Please volunteer to help carry decorations, set up trees, string lights, etc. if you are able to assist.

WEEKLY TITHING				
11/30, 12/1	IC SAT	IC SUN	St. Jos	St. JOHN
ADULT	190.00	645.00	460.00	10.00
PLATE	39.00	165.00	120.00	
OTHER ADULT			100.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1039.00</b>	<b>680.00</b>	<b>680.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>
BUDGET	1531.00	998.00	998.00	332.00
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>(492.00)</b>	<b>(319.00)</b>	<b>(319.00)</b>	<b>(352.00)</b>
BUDG DIFF YTD	4149.70	(857.09)	(857.09)	(354.00)

**Sunday Fund Day Winner!!**  
 Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019 \$50 winner is Peter Wollmer (Fr Dan's Godson!)

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

**THANK YOU—TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!!**  
 I would like to thank everyone who sold tickets for the Sunday Fund Day raffle. This has been a wonderful fund raiser to help with the cost of the needed maintenance for our church. We have 35 books left. Let's see if we can sell them all. Please have your tickets returned by Christmas this year for next years drawing that begins the first Sunday in January.  
 Joan Esser



Harlow Jean baptized at St Joseph's last Sunday, with her parents, Godparents and Fr Dan



Cousin Cam really wanted to be included in the pictures. How could I resist this face!

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**Advertiser Of The Week**  
 We thank this week's Advertiser of the Week, **Health Mart Pharmacy**. Conveniently located in the Krohn Clinic, they can fill your prescriptions, consult on medications, and answer all your questions.. Let them know we appreciate their continued support!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES
<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>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>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

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

**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.

WORKING TOGETHER  
**JOY**  
 SHARING  
 STANDING FIRM IN THE FAITH

Our numbers have not moved! Please make your pledge now, and save me some phone calls!

Imm. Con. Goal - \$7495	
Pledged -	\$7555
St. Joseph Goal-	\$6640
Pledged -	\$7085
St. John Goal -	\$1840
Pledged -	\$1550