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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**

Chalice of Mercy invites you to celebrate their 13th Ukrainian Christmas Dinner
Lilydale Dance Hall & Event Center, 6343 County Hwy N, Chippewa Falls WI 54729
Saturday, January 11th, 2020 5:30 pm -9:00 pm

Since Chalice of Mercy's founding in 2007 the following has been accomplished. Please support this wonderful mission and the Ukrainian people! The annual Christmas dinner is a can't miss time of food, fun, and testimony!!!

- 1) Two Containers of Medical Equipment brought to Ukraine in 2009 and 2012. Placed in outdated hospitals in Eastern Ukraine.
- 2) Miracle of Life TV's placed in pregnancy waiting rooms since 2010
- 3) Repair of St Michael the Archangel Hospice Center in 2011
- 4) Over 1300 Ukrainian gynecologists have gone on pilgrimage to the Marian shrine of Medjugore, many of whom, who were actively providing abortions, contraception and in vitro fertilization, return to Ukraine unwilling to provide these services or do another abortion.
- 5) First Ukrainian ProLife March held in 2015 in Zaporozhye, Ukraine. Over 3000 people have participated to march in support of families and life!
- 6) 3000 Endowment for Human Development Movies dispersed and now used in over 1000 public schools in Ukraine.
- 7) St Maria Goretti House purchased in 2017. Started as a faith-based daycare center in 2018.
- 8) St Padre Pio Surgery Missions have provided free surgeries for 143 persons from the warzone on Ukraine's eastern front.
- 9) Future goals include a Catholic school and Therapy Center.

Our mission hopes that through prayer and action we might reveal the treasured dignity that each and every person has before God our merciful Father.

Fr Dan Thelen – Secretary of Chalice of Mercy



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!

The Christmas season is a time of great joy, but for many it is also a time of unexpected stress. For those who have recently lost a loved one, Christmas can intensify feelings of grief and sadness. Unresolved conflicts within families and relationships may contribute to Christmas anxiety. Many others experience feelings of isolation and financial pressures that make the season a very stressful time of year.

On the human level investing in friendships is one of the best ways to overcome these stresses. The highest level of friendship is one where each person wills the good of the other, and encourages and challenges the other to pursue true goods. Virtuous friendships require action. Through phone calls, visits and letters – maintain and build friendships with the people in your life. The next time loneliness creeps in, take time to examine your friendships. It is easy to retreat into the noise of the TV or some other abstraction. But it is as equally easy to pick up the phone and call a friend. Build up the relationships in your life and deepen them by speaking of spiritual things. Speak to your friends about your relationship with Jesus. He is the source of life. Speaking of Him will bless every friendship.

There are further ways to overcome loneliness if you find yourself isolated or grieving a loved one during Christmas. Volunteer. Why not lend a hand to a local shelter over Christmas? There are lots of charities who need help. You'll connect with people and feel good about making a positive contribution. Attend community events. Find out what's going on locally and get involved. Whether it is Christmas carols or local markets, getting out and about can help relieve loneliness.

The foundation of everything is Christ. Our encounter with God restores and renews our outlook on life. When we seek Jesus in prayer, we fill our life with meaning, purpose and love. In a few days we will celebrate the most incredible event of Jesus' birth. It is here that we celebrate Emmanuel "God is with us." The Holy Mass is the location where we are united to God. Please encourage your family and friends to attend Mass every Sunday. Please also invite a neighbor or a friend to Mass this Christmas. 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 December 21

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

Sunday December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†Henry & Evelyn Kohn (L Kohn)

10:15 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Barbara Anibas (L Anibas)

Monday December 23

No Mass

Tuesday December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Members of All Three Parishes

8:00 PM Mass St Joseph
†John Selz (M Selz)



Wednesday December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†James Forsting Families

Thursday December 26

No Mass
No Bible Study

Friday December 27

9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Bernard Anibas (L Anibas)

Saturday December 28

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

Sunday Dec. 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†Bill Selz (M Selz)

10:15 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
35th Anniversary of Steve & Jolene Janke

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

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 KOTSCHINELSON, 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

<p>Sun. Dec. 22, 8:30 am, St Jos 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</p>	<p>Sun. Dec. 22, 10:15 am, IC R: Kathy Esser S: J&J Rowekamp, E Esser U: 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</p>
<p>Tue. Dec. 24, 8:00 pm, St Jos R: Bonnie Firkus S: V Firkus, G Eisberner U: Rick Dimmitt, Tom Baumann EM: B Firkus, D Elfering, (A Baumann) G: Tom & Anna Baumann MC: J Scheffer, R&P Dimmitt</p>	<p>Tue. Dec. 24, 4:00 pm, IC R: Eugenia Cray S: J&J Rowekamp, Andin C. U: volunteers EM: K Esser, P Gower, B Meacham G: Chris & Stacy Shramek MC: E&J Olson, P Gower</p>
<p>If you cannot serve as posted, please find a substitute. I don't know everyone's Christmas plans, so please swap with someone if you need to.</p>	<p>Wed. Dec. 25, 9:00 am, IC R: Kathy Laudon S: E Esser, C Pineda, J Clarke U: volunteers EM: John Esser, K Laudon, J Kujak G: Carlos & Jennifer Pineda MC: B Meacham, K&J Kujak</p>
<p>Sun. Dec. 29, 8:30 am, St Jos R: Jan Elfering S: S Mayer, E Theiler U: Joe Kutchera, Nick Kutchera EM: A Baumann, J Scheffer G: John & Sheila Kutchera MC: J&D Elfering, T Baumann</p>	<p>Sun. Dec. 29, 10:15 am, IC R: Kathy Esser S: J&J Rowekamp, C Pineda U: B Leis, J Hayden, M Kujak, L Boehnen EM: J Kujak, B Meacham, K Laudon G: Marcel & JoAnn Kujak MC: J Hayden, M&J Esser</p>

PRIZES NEEDED FOR MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST

The Mardi Gras Breakfast is coming soon, Feb. 23rd! We need some prize donations for our raffle at the breakfast. If you have something to donate, please contact Dawn Kaufman, Marci Baugher or Rozanne Traczek.

WEEKLY TITHING

	IC SAT	IC SUN	St. Jos	St. JOHN
12/14&15				
ADULT	100.00	807.00	996.00	240.00
PLATE	75.20	269.60	36.00	
GUADALUPE	162.00			
FLOWERS		70.00	65.00	
FUEL		150.00	200.00	
BLDG MEM.			265.00	
JACK ELEC DIV		41.02	91.31	
TOTAL	1674.82		1653.31	240.00
BUDGET	1531.00		998.00	332.00
DIFFERENCE	143.82		655.31	(122.00)
BUDG DIFF YTD	4173.53		414.22	(328.00)
RETIRED REL	190.00			

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 \$50 winner is Greg Esser



A busy week for our parishes!

Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the CCD students putting on their Christmas Program. Thank you to the CCD staff for working so hard with the children, you all did a great job!



TICKETS FOR CALENDAR RAFFLE STILL AVAILABLE!!

We have some books left and need to be sold before the 1st of the new year!! Come get your tickets NOW!!

Advertiser Of The Week

We thank this week's Advertiser of the Week, **Jensen-Modjeski, Torgerson's and Buswell Funeral Homes** for their continuing support of our church bulletin. Contact them when you are in need. They are helpful and knowledgeable, and can help get you through the toughest of times. Let them know we appreciate their continued support.

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715-284-4321
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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. 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

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

Angel Tree at St Joseph's

We will be putting up an Angel Tree this year at St Joseph's. If you have an angel for the tree, one you really like, or reminds you of a loved one, or in memory of a loved one (your personal angel), please bring it for the Angel Tree. After Christmas, you can leave it with the decorations for next year, or take it home as a keepsake.

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.



St John's is almost there!! Please make your pledge now, and save me some phone calls!



Imm. Con. Goal - \$7495
Pledged - \$7555
St. Joseph Goal- \$6640
Pledged - \$7110
St. John Goal - \$1840
Pledged - \$1700