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†Martin & Dorothy Kalina

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In Loving Memory of the
 †Ray & Lorraine Laufenberg Family

In Memory of Those We Have Loved

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 Hall rental available
 (Ad donated in memory of Bernard & Dorothy Laufenberg)

ANONYMOUS DONORS
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 Contacts: Jeffrey Smith 715-334-3983 or Marcel Kujak 715-964-5301

Central WI AG Services, LLC
 P.O. Box 87
 Alma Center, WI 54611
 715-896-2569
 www.cwagservices.com

In Memory of
John Selz
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 Alma Center, WI 54611
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 513231 County Road H
 Fairchild WI 54741
 715-313-0906
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 715-210-4422

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 715-964-6311

It is time to renew ads and sponsorships! If you already have an ad or have sponsored our bulletin in the past, you will be getting a reminder. If you don't have an add, know someone who might want to purchase an ad, or if you want to become 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

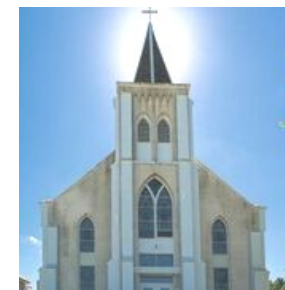
Since Chalice of Mercy's founding in 2007 the following has been accomplished. Please support this wonderful mission and the Ukrainian people! The annual Christmas dinner is a can't miss time of food, fun, and testimony!!!

- 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 Placed in outdated hospitals in Eastern Ukraine.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.

Reservations for Fundraiser Dinner:
 Please call Trudy Bement: 715-266-0376

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!

This coming Wednesday we celebrate New Year's Day. Not only a new year but indeed a new decade! The celebration of the new year is uniquely tied to the Blessed Virgin Mary. How? For starters January has not always marked the beginning of the new year. Traditionally the celebration of a new year was closer to the first day of spring. Ancient civilizations recognized the new year by the lengthening of the days, the warming of the temperatures and the planting of new crops. Thus the most ancient celebration of the new year was around mid-March at the Spring equinox.

The mid-March date continued to be a good fit with the advent of Christianity. An ancient Jewish tradition (often credited as a prophecy about Jesus) asserted that a great man would die on the same day of the year as he was conceived. Though the date of Easter changes every year based on the timing of the full moon following the Spring equinox, the date of March 25th, the date of Christ's conception, became fixed as the accepted date of the Annunciation. Therefore, quite appropriately, nine months after the celebration of the Annunciation we celebrate Christmas Day on December 25th.

The first ancient civilization to adopt January 1st as the beginning of the new year was the Romans. This carried into the Christian era. Then in about the 8th century it returned back to March 25th. It remained here for about one thousand years until the establishment of the Gregorian calendar in 1582 when the Roman date of January 1st was again reestablished as the official date of the new year.

Thus it was quite appropriate that Pope Paul VI in 1969 set the date for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God on January 1st. Historically, the Marian feast of the Annunciation began the New Year. Thus it is quite fitting that in our era the New Year once again begins with the celebration of a Marian Feast.

This Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day we honor Mary as Mother of God. Please fulfill your obligation and dedicate your new year to Mary's maternal protection and intercession. The Holy Mass is the location where we are united to 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 715-533-8344</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 Wed 9:00 am IC Thu 9:00 am IC Fri 9:00 am IC Sat 4:30 pm IC Spanish</p> <p>CONFESSION</p> <p>Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC Sun 8:00-8:30 am at SSJJ</p>
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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

Monday December 30
No Mass

Tuesday December 31
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
 †Mary Simonis

Wednesday January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
 †Members of All Three Parishes

6:00 PM Mass St Joseph
 Health & Welfare of Eli Penry (M&C Kaufman)

7:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception - Bilingual
 †Deceased Members of the Lillian & Norman George Family

Thursday January 2
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
 †Deceased Members of the Esser Family (J Esser)

Friday January 3
5:30 PM Adoration and Confession St Joseph
6:00 PM Mass St Joseph
 †Chad Stanley (B Stanley)

Saturday January 4
4:00 PM Adoration and Confession IC
4:30 PM Mass IC Hispanic
For All Members of Our 3 Parishes
 †Members of All Three Parishes

Sunday January 5 Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
 †Sr Jane Winkler (R Traczek)

10:15 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
 †Leonard Laufenberg (D Pokorny)

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 KOTSCHI-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. 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	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
Sun. Jan. 5, 8:30 am, St Jos R: Bonnie Firkus S: D Scheffer, R Dimmitt U: John & Cole Kutchera EM: B Firkus, C Eisberner G: Jeff & Jeanie Smith MC: C Eisberner, Smith, Connelly	Sun. Jan. 5, 10:15 am, IC R: Joan Esser S: C Pineda, E Esser, Andin C. U: Leis, Hayden, Kujak, Boehnen EM: Mike E, Joan E, J Kujak G: George & Kathy Esser MC: E&J Olson, P Gower
Sun. Jan. 12, 8:30 am, St Jos R: Rozanne Traczek S: V Firkus, G Eisberner U: J Smith, P Kutchera EM: R Traczek, P Connelly G: Tim & Beth Mayer MC: J Scheffer, S Kutchera, G Eisberner	Sun. Jan. 12, 10:15 am, IC R: Barb Meacham S: J&J Rowekamp, Andin C. U: Hayden, Cray, Ristow, Seichter EM: Kathy E. Pat G., Barb M. G: Matt & Steph Esser MC: B Meacham, M&J Kujak

Remember New Year's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation

Thank you for fasting and praying for the intention of increasing Sunday Mass attendance.
 You can still sign up to participate for your parish.

BULLETIN ADS
 We are still soliciting Bulletin Ads and Sponsors! Contact Dawn if you have a business to contact about placing an ad in the bulletin. These ads help to pay for the cost of publishing our bulletin every week. Please help us by contacting businesses you would like to see advertised here. Your sponsorship is also greatly appreciated. If you would like to become a sponsor, call Dawn at the number on the front of the bulletin.

WEEKLY TITHING				
12/21-22	IC SAT	IC SUN	ST. JOS	ST. JOHN
ADULT	60.00	713.00	2425.00	30.00
PLATE	48.00	331.00	92.70	350.00
12/24-25	IC EVE	IC DAY	ST. JOS	ST. JOHN
ADULT	1110.00	525.00	797.00	20.00
PLATE	219.00	178.00	484.00	
TOTAL	3184.00		3798.70	400.00
BUDGET	1531.00		998.00	332.00
DIFFERENCE	1653.00		2800.70	38.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	5826.53		3214.92	(290.00)

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!
 Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019 \$50 winner is Logan Meacham
 Christmas Day, Dec. 25 \$500 winner is Mike Esser



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

ST JOSEPH/ST JOHN

A Kaufman Family In Memory Of †August & Josephine Kaufman

Dennis & Jan Elfering In Memory Of †Elfering and †Butler Families

Bill & Peg Connelly In Memory Of †Henry & Marion Kotschi and †Dan Connelly

Peter Emer In Memory Of †Lawrence & Donna Emer

Jeff & Jeanie Smith In Memory Of †Kutchera Family

Mickie Theiler In Memory Of †Bernard & Anne Scheffer

Rozanne Traczek In Memory Of †Frank Traczek and †Charles K Kaufman

Doug & Joan Scheffer In Memory Of †Bernard & Anne Scheffer, †Glenn & Fern Smith and †Michael Smith

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Eric & Jayne Olson In Memory Of †Dan Dolan

John & JoAnne Schroeder In Memory Of †John & Anna Capaul and †Anna & Otto Schroeder

Barb Meacham In Memory Of †Martin & Dorothy Kalina

Ethel Forsting In Memory Of †James Forsting and Family

Marie Gad

Dean & Janet Stephens In Memory of †Dolly Cummings

Chad & Danielle Hagedorn In Memory Of †Lorne & LaMoine Hanson



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

WINTER 2019-20

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

Lent—Wednesdays at St Joseph
1:00-3:00 PM Adoration, Stations of the Cross

PRIZES NEEDED FOR MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST
 The Mardi Gras Breakfast at St Joseph's is coming soon, Feb. 23rd! We need some prize donations for our raffle at the breakfast.



WORKING TOGETHER
JOY
 SHARING
 STANDING FIRM IN THE FAITH

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

WE ARE THE DIOCESE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2019-2020	Imm. Con. Goal - \$7495
	Pledged - \$7555
	St. Joseph Goal- \$6640
	Pledged - \$7110
	St. John Goal - \$1840
	Pledged - \$1700