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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 Placed in outdated hospitals in Eastern Ukraine.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:

Fr Dan Thelen – Secretary of Chalice of Mercy

Please call Trudy Bement: 715-266-0376





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!

Imagine losing your Mom at the age of three, being married at nineteen, a widow by twenty-eight, raising your five children on your own, and then starting a convent and a Catholic school. This is the story of St Elizabeth Ann Seton. This Saturday, January 4th, we celebrate the Optional Memorial of this great saint. She is the first American born citizen to be canonized a saint. Born and raised in the Episcopal faith, she experienced a profound conversion during a visit to Italy. It was here that her husband died. But it was also here that she experienced the profound faith of an Italian couple that led her to the Eucharist in 1805.

St Elizabeth experienced intense pressure from her family not to convert to Catholicism. Her growing love for the Eucharist and the Sacraments for the Sick, however, moved her beyond her fear. With her conversion she wrote, "I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church: for if faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself." She looked forward with great anticipation to receiving the Sacraments for the first time. After her First Communion she wrote, "At last...at last, GOD IS MINE AND I AM HIS! Now, let all go its round - I Have Received Him."

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. It is the very real presence of Jesus in this world. We as Catholics are so blessed to have the Eucharist. It provides us with graces in our every struggle. We receive Communion at church so that we can form communion with God. This is the primary purpose of our worship at Sunday Mass. The parish community is important and a beautiful fruit of our relationship with God; however, our primary purpose in attending Sunday Mass is to form communion with God.

As we celebrate today the Epiphany and next week the conclusion of the Christmas season, I ask our Lord to increase our devotion to the Eucharist in our parishes, to his real presence here on earth. Through his real presence in the Eucharist, we are strengthened in innumerable ways.

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

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Dawn Kaufman 715-533-8344

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Fr. Daniel Thelen 715-964-5201 or 715-218-8391

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Sun 8:30 am SSJJ 10:15 am IC 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 CONFESSION

Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC Sun 8:00-8:30 am at SSJJ

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)

Monday January 6

No Mass

Tuesday January 7

5:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception †Ben Simonis

Wednesday January 8

9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception †Duane Dubey (L Boehnen)

6:30 PM CCD Resumes Immaculate Conception

Thursday January 9

9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception Intention of Maria Villagomez

6:00 PM Bible Study Immaculate Conception

7:15-8:00 PM Adoration Immaculate Conception

Friday January 10

9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception

†Edward Simonis

Saturday January 11

5:30-9:00 PM Chalice of Mercy 13th Annual Ukrainian Christmas Dinner Chippewa Falls

Sunday January 12 Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM Mass St Joseph

Health & Welfare of Eli Penry (M Mitchell)

Take down Christmas decorations after Mass

10:15 AM Mass Immaculate Conception

†James Forsting Family

Take down Christmas decorations after Mass

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

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 stevenmi@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. Jan. 5, 8:30 am, St Jos Sun. Jan. 5, 10:15 am, IC R: Bonnie Firkus R: Joan Esser S: D Scheffer, R Dimmitt S: C Pineda, E Esser, Andin C. U: John & Cole Kutchera U: Leis, Hayden, Kujak, Boehnen EM: B Firkus, C Eisberner EM: Mike É, Joan É, J Kujak G: George & Kathy Esser G: Jeff & Jeanie Smith MC: C Eisberner, J Smith, MC: E&J Olson, P Gower P Connelly Sun. Jan. 12, 8:30 am, St Jos Sun. Jan. 12, 10:15 am, IC R: Rozanne Traczek R: Barb Meacham S: J&J Rowekamp, Andin C. S: V Firkus, G Eisberner U: J Smith, P Kutchera U: Hayden, Cray, Ristow, EM: R Traczek, P Connelly Seichter G: Tim & Beth Maver EM: Kathy E. Pat G., Barb M. MC: J Scheffer, S Kutchera, G: Matt & Steph Esser MC: B Meacham, M&J Kujak G Eisberner Sun. Jan. 19, 8:30 am, St Jos Sun. Jan. 19, 10:15 am, IC R: Bonnie Firkus R: JoAnn Kujak

BULLETIN ADS

S: Ariana & Annika C., J Clarke

Laufenberg, Matt Esser

G: Isaiah Laufenberg & Family

MC: J Hayden, M&J Esser

U: Isaiah, Ryan & Duane

EM: John E. K Laudon,

M Seichter

S: S Mayer. E Theiler

U: Rick & Pam Dimmitt

G: Rick & Pam Dimmitt

P Connelly

EM: J Scheffer, P Connelly

MC: J Scheffer, S Kutchera,

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Contribution Envelopes—1st quarter of 2020

Immaculate Conception and St Joseph registered parishioners should have received their 1st quarter contribution envelopes from OSV, our envelope company. If you did not receive yours, please let Dawn Kaufman know ASAP!

Remember your parish when you write your will!

WEEKLY TITHING			
12/28-29	IC SAT &SUN	St. Joseph	St. John
ADULT	1175.00	2100.00	15.00
PLATE	386.00	54.00	680.00
FUEL	50.00	5.00	
TOTAL	1561.00	2159.00	695.00
BUDGET	1531.00	998.00	332.00
DIFFERENCE	30.00	1161.00	333.00
Budg Diff YTD	5856.53	4375.92	43.00

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!

Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019 \$50 winner is Deb Wright

150th Anniversary Celebration-Help Needed

ATTN: St Joseph's Parishioners, Former and Present, Friends and Relatives!

We are still looking for photographs of events, celebrations, baptisms, First Communion, weddings! Anything that involves St Joseph's. Please, dig out those old photo albums and share your memories, anything that is part of our history!! We will make a dvd of all the photos so everyone can see them at our anniversary event.

We also need addresses of former parishioners for our 150th celebration. We would like to inform them of the celebration ahead of time so they can make plans to be here! THIS INCLUDES YOUR CHILDREN THAT HAVE MOVED AWAY! Please get those names and addresses in to Dawn or Katie Kaufman as soon as possible. There is also a box to submit addresses at the back of St Joseph's church. Your name, as submitter, will be put into a drawing!

MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

We are in need of intentions for weekday Masses. They can come from any parish, and will be said at the weekday Masses at Immaculate Conception.



The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly to do it because it is his will.

St. Flizabeth Ann Seton 1774-1821

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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

WINTER 2019-20

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.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of

Duane Dubey

May God grant him eternal rest. Amen.

REMINDER-IC PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 PM at Immaculate Conception



There are still parishioners who have not pledged! Contact Dawn if you need help.



Imm. Con. Goal - \$7495 Pledged -\$8355

St. Joseph Goal- \$6640 Pledged -\$7110

St. John Goal -\$1840

Pledged -

\$2300