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### SUNDAY FUND DAY RAFFLE TICKETS

We still have a few raffle tickets left if you would like to purchase one! Let Joan Esser or Fr Dan know you would like one, and they will make sure you get one.

#### **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



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Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception, St Joseph, and St John Cantius!

I want to share a special tradition celebrated annually by the Pope in Rome. This last Tuesday we celebrated the Feast of the virgin martyr St Agnes. On this same day Pope Francis continues the time-honored custom of blessing two lambs, whose wool is used to make the stoles worn by archbishops known as palliums.

The two small lambs, traditionally less than a year old, are placed in baskets and carried to the Casa Santa Marta, the residence of Pope Francis, where the two lambs receive the Holy Father's blessing.

St Agnes, whose name means "lamb" in Latin, was a young girl when she consecrated her virginity to God. Although stories of her martyrdom vary, tradition holds that the beautiful young girl was pursued by various men, whom she refused because of her promise to God. Feeling slighted, these men then turned her over to Roman authorities, outing her as a Christian. She was then put to death by the sword after refusing to give up her virginity or denounce her faith, at the young age of 12 or 13. The young saint is buried in the Basilica named for her, located on Rome's Via Nomentana.

During the blessing of the lambs, one lamb wears a white crown symbolizing the saint's purity, and the other lamb wears a red crown, symbolic of the saint's martyrdom. In images, St. Agnes is usually depicted as carrying a lamb in her arms, and she is the patron saint of young girls, engaged couples, and victims of sexual assault.

When the sheep are shorn in the summer, religious sisters will collect the wool and use it to weave the Pallium, which are white stoles with six black crosses worn by archbishops to show their authority and unity with the Pope. After the Pallium are woven, they are kept in an urn at the tomb of St. Peter until the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, when the Pope presents the stoles to the newly appointed archbishops. (Much of this story was taken from a 2015 Catholic News Agency article.)

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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## 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 25

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

#### Sunday January 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mass St Joseph †Eugene Traczek (R Traczek)

10:15 AM Mass Immaculate Conception

†Barbara Anibas (L Anibas)

After Mass: PCCW meeting

# Monday January 27

No Mass

#### **Tuesday January 28**

**5:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception †Obrest Family (T Thompson)

#### Wednesday January 29

**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception †Chad Stanley (B Stanley)

6:30 PM CCD Immaculate Conception

#### Thursday January 30

**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception †James Forsting Family (E Forsting)

**6:00 PM Bible Study** Immaculate Conception **7:15-8:30 PM Adoration** Immaculate Conception

#### Friday January 31

**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception †Gilbert Laufenberg

#### Saturday February 1 First Saturday

4:00 PM Adoration and Confession Immaculate Conception

4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception - Hispanic

For All Members of Our 3 Parishes

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**Blessing of Throats, Blessing Candles** 

#### Sunday February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 AM Mass St Joseph

†Spc. Charles A Kaufman (M&C Kaufman)

**Blessing of Throats, Blessing Candles** 

10:15 AM Mass Immaculate Conception

†Health and Well-Being of the Esser Family (G&K Esser)

**Blessing of Throats, Blessing Candles** 

#### **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 Csizmar, Joseph Janke, Katie Kotschi-Nelson, Frank Ueker, Derek Laufenberg, Logan Meacham, Madeleine Searles, Michelle Thompson, Luke Hansen, Brandon Ripp, Alex Ripp, Andrew Elfering, Holden Mitchell and Cameron Lane. (Please let us know when your soldier is no longer deployed.)

# 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. 26, 8:30 am, St Jos<br>R: C Eisberner<br>S: V Firkus, R Dimmitt<br>U: Nick & Cole Kutchera<br>EM: C&G Eisberner<br>G: volunteers<br>MC: C&G Eisberner, S Kutchera                           | Sun. Jan. 26, 10:15 am, IC R: Bernard Laufenberg S: J&J Rowekamp, E Esser U: J Hayden, C Cray, M Schroeder, C Shramek EM: J Kujak, B Meacham, K Laudon G: Chris & Stacy Shramek MC: J Esser, C Hagedorn, D LaCost |  |
|---|---|--|
| Sun. Feb. 2, 8:30 am, St Jos<br>R: Bonnie Firkus<br>S: Victor Firkus, Doug Scheffer<br>U: Bill Connelly, Cole Kutchera<br>EM: B Firkus, P Connelly<br>G: C&G Eisberner<br>MC: Jeanie, Joan, Peg       | Sun. Feb. 2, 10:15 am, IC R: Eugenia Cray S: C Pineda, E Esser, Andin C U: B Leis, L Boehnenm M Esser, C Trautlein EM: M & J Esser, J Kujak G: Carlos & Jennifer Pineda MC: E & J Olson, P Gower                  |  |
| Sun. Feb. 9, 8:30 am, St Jos<br>R: Rozanne Traczek<br>S: R Dimmitt, G Eisberner<br>U: Joe Kutchera, Pat Kutchera<br>EM: R Traczek, J Scheffer<br>G: Deb Boullion, R Traczek<br>MC: Sheila, Joan, Greg | Sun. Feb. 9, 10:15 am, IC R: Kathy Laudon S: J&J Rowekamp, Andin C U: J Hayden, c Cray, K Ristow, G Seichter EM: K Esser, P Gower, B Meacham G: Marcel & JoAnn Kujak MC: B Meacham, M&J Kujak                     |  |

#### **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL REBATE**

The Diocese has begun returning Appeal rebates!

This means that monies donated over and above our goals is being returned!

You can see by the Weekly Tithing table how our parishes have done. I'm very pleased that all 3 parishes have met their goal. However, these amounts for 2 of the churches are smaller than we've seen previous years. This means that some people who donated before have not done so yet this time! You should be receiving a reminder from the Diocese if you have forgotten to donate. Please don't throw the reminder away! Fill it out and send it with your donation today. Thank you!

### DON'T FORGET THOSE ADDRESSES AND OLD PHOTOS FOR ST JOSEPH'S 150TH!

| WEEKLY TITHING   |         |         |          |                  |
|------------------|---------|---------|----------|------------------|
| 1/18-19          | IC SAT  | IC Sun  | St. Jos  | Sт. Јон <b>и</b> |
| Adult            | 240.00  | 2329.00 | 310.00   | 105.00           |
| PLATE            | 93.00   | 179.00  | 14.00    |                  |
| Appeal<br>Rebate |         | 435.00  | 245.00   | 460.00           |
| TOTAL            | 3276.00 |         | 569.00   | 565.00           |
| Budget           | 1531.00 |         | 998.00   | 362.00           |
| DIFFERENCE       | 1745.00 |         | (429.00) | 203.00           |
| Budg Diff<br>YTD | 6804.90 |         | 4452.92  | 83.00            |

### **Sunday Fund Day Winner!!**

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020 \$50 winner is Lisa Spegman

# ST MARY'S PCCW MEETING AFTER MASS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THIS MORNING!!

We will be discussing the spring dinner, so please come help with the planning!

# FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord falls on a Sunday in 2020, and its celebration outranks a Sunday in Ordinary Time. As a reminder, the Roman Missal calls for the blessing of candles before Mass, with either a procession or solemn entrance occurring after the blessing. We encourage the faithful to bring candles to be blessed at the Mass. If you have candles at home that you would like blessed, please come few minutes early on Feb. 1st or 2nd (next weekend), and we will bless them.

We will also have the blessing of throats on that weekend, so be prepared for that as well.

### Safe Haven Sunday – Year II

In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. To help you combat the pervasiveness of pornography, we will be recognizing Safe Haven Sunday on (February 23 or March 1). We all must respond by defending the dignity of each and every person and if needed, to heal ourselves from exposure to its snares. A thorough collection of resources for parents, pastors and parishes is available at: diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/

# Diocesan Day of Healing: February 22 Holy Hour for Penance and Healing

Bishop Callahan asks that each pastor lead a Holy Hour for Penance and Healing on Saturday, February 22, in response to clergy sexual abuse and the public release of names of clergy with a substantiated allegation of child sexual abuse. The Holy Hour for Penance and Healing will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m, followed by confessions from this time until the beginning of Mass.

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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

Feb 1 & 2 Blessing of Candles, Blessing of

**Throats** Bring your candles from home you wish to have blessed.

Lent-Wednesdays at St Joseph

1:00-3:00 PM Adoration, Stations of the Cross

# 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.

## PRIZES NEEDED FOR MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST AND 150TH CELEBRATION

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 150th celebration is also right on the horizon. We need to get the raffle tickets made, so we need a list of the top prizes! Please let Dawn know what you are willing to donate ASAP!



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



Imm. Con. Goal - \$7495 Pledged - \$8705

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St. John Goal - \$1840

Pledged -

I - \$2300