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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/](http://diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/)

Ongoing Formation and Spiritual Renewal - August 28-29

Every Catholic needs ongoing formation, above all those who hand on the Faith and serve the people of the parishes and schools. In addition to featuring Fr. Timothy Gallagher as the keynote presenter, the annual Witnesses for Christ Conference will offer 2 sets of break-out sessions. These break-out sessions will include such topics as:

- Training in Basics to Facilitate the Theology of the Body Resources
- Engaging Parents in the formation of their children
- Addressing Confusion about Identity
- The Big Picture for Children: Forming Little Disciples

Please let Ann know if you have other topics that you think need to be covered in the break-out sessions. For an article on Fr. Gallagher's book entitled Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement, go to <https://diolc.org/catechesis/witness/>.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Our three parishes raised \$234.00 to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!  
Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections)

TRI-PARISH BULLETIN Feb. 2, 2020



Immaculate Conception Parish  
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Alma Center WI 54611-0188  
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St. Joseph Parish-Fairview  
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715-964-5201



St. John Cantius Parish  
306 2nd St.  
Fairchild WI 54741-8514  
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Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception, St Joseph, and St John Cantius!

This last week, on Jan. 28th, we as a Church celebrated the feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas, a 13th century theologian. His influence upon my formation was significant since I studied my theology at a university that he in part founded called the Angelicum. I was also blessed during my studies to visit the castle where he was born and the monastery where he died. Likewise, I visited some of the churches in Naples and Orvieto where he served.

St Thomas Aquinas was born in 1225 to a wealthy Italian family. At age five, he was sent to study at Monte Cassino, the abbey founded by St Benedict. At the age of ten he entered the University of Naples, where he learned philosophy and rhetoric.

As a young man St Thomas Aquinas desired to become a Dominican priest. His parents, however, opposed this plan because Dominicans, like Franciscans, embraced poverty. The family wanted the young St Thomas to choose a path that would enhance their family power. The family was so opposed to St Thomas Aquinas' plan to join the lowly Dominicans, that they actually locked him up for several months in their family castle and then tried to corrupt him by allowing a prostitute to enter his room. St Thomas Aquinas' immediately chased her out with a smoldering log.

Eventually the family allowed him to escape from captivity. He traveled to Rome, received the Pope's blessing, and then soon departed for Paris to study under St Albert the Great. By the time he was 23, St Thomas was teaching alongside his mentor at the university of Cologne. Around the middle of the century St Thomas was ordained to the priesthood. St. Thomas' best-known achievements were his expansive writings, in particular the Summa Theologica.

St. Thomas Aquinas died on March 7, 1274. He was canonized in 1323, and made a Doctor of the Church in 1567. In 1965, the Second Vatican Council taught that seminarians should learn “under the guidance of St. Thomas,” in order to “illumine the mysteries of salvation as completely as possible.”

I look forward to seeing you at Mass on Sunday! Please encourage your family and friends to attend also. 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 715-533-8344</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> <b>715-964-5201</b> <b>or 715-218-8391</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE PHONE</b> 715-964-5201</p> <p><b>TRI-PARISH EMAIL ID</b> icjosephjohn@hotmail.com <b>TRI-PARISH WEBSITE</b> <a href="http://www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org">www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org</a></p>	<p><b>REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE</b> 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</p> <p><b>CONFESSION</b> Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC Sun 8:00-8:30 am at SSJJ</p>
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**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**  
†Members of All Three Parishes  
**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**  
**St Mary's Cemetery Assn. meeting after Mass**

**Monday February 3**  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday February 4**  
**5:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Ben Simonis

**Wednesday February 5**  
**3:00 PM Mass** St Joseph's, Black River Falls  
**6:30 PM CCD** Immaculate Conception

**Thursday February 6**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Members of the Lillian & Norman George Family (Kujak)  
**6:00 PM Bible Study** Immaculate Conception  
**7:15-8:30 PM Adoration** Immaculate Conception

**Friday February 7**  
**No Mass**

**Saturday February 8**  
**4:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception - Hispanic  
†Members of All Three Parishes

**Sunday February 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**8:30 AM Mass** St Joseph  
†Chad Stanley (B Stanley)  
**10:15 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Martin & Dorothy Kalina (B Meacham)

**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](http://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 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, Cameron Lane and Seth Johnson. (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			
<b>Sun. Feb. 2, 8:30 am, St Jos</b> <b>R:</b> Bonnie Firkus <b>S:</b> Victor Firkus, Doug Scheffer <b>U:</b> Bill Connelly, Cole Kutchera <b>EM:</b> B Firkus, P Connelly <b>G:</b> C&G Eisberner <b>MC:</b> Jeanie, Joan, Peg		<b>Sun. Feb. 2, 10:15 am, IC</b> <b>R:</b> Eugenia Cray <b>S:</b> C Pineda, E Esser, Andin C <b>U:</b> B Leis, L Boehnenm M Esser, C Trautlein <b>EM:</b> M & J Esser, J Kujak <b>G:</b> Carlos & Jennifer Pineda <b>MC:</b> E & J Olson, P Gower	
<b>Sun. Feb. 9, 8:30 am, St Jos</b> <b>R:</b> Rozanne Traczek <b>S:</b> R Dimmitt, G Eisberner <b>U:</b> Joe Kutchera, Pat Kutchera <b>EM:</b> R Traczek, J Scheffer <b>G:</b> Deb Boullion, R Traczek <b>MC:</b> Sheila, Joan, Greg		<b>Sun. Feb. 9, 10:15 am, IC</b> <b>R:</b> Kathy Laudon <b>S:</b> J&J Rowekamp, Andin C <b>U:</b> J Hayden, c Cray, K Ristow, G Seichter <b>EM:</b> K Esser, P Gower, B Meacham <b>G:</b> Marcel & JoAnn Kujak <b>MC:</b> B Meacham, M&J Kujak	
<b>Sun. Feb. 16, 8:30 am, St Jos</b> <b>R:</b> C Eisberner <b>S:</b> S Mayer, E Theiler <b>U:</b> John Kutchera, Jeff Smith <b>EM:</b> P Connelly, J Scheffer <b>G:</b> John & Sheila Kutchera <b>MC:</b> Cna, Greg, Sheila		<b>Sun. Feb. 16, 10:15 am, IC</b> <b>R:</b> Leanna Cernohous <b>S:</b> Ariana & Annika C, J Clarke <b>U:</b> B Leis, L Boehnen, M Esser, C Trautlein <b>EM:</b> John Esser, K Laudon, M Seichter <b>G:</b> Clarke Family <b>MC:</b> J Hayden, M&J Esser	



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of  
**Sid Erickson**  
May God grant him eternal rest. Amen.



**REMINDER—Thursday evenings we have Bible study from 6-7 PM. It is followed by Adoration from 7:15-8:30 PM. Come for one, or come for both!**

WEEKLY TITHING				
1/25-26	IC SAT	IC SUN	St. Jos	St. John
ADULT	110.00	460.00	715.00	157.00
PLATE	64.00	195.00	34.00	
FUEL		100.00		
VOTIVES			47.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>929.00</b>		<b>796.00</b>	<b>157.00</b>
BUDGET	1531.00		998.00	362.00
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>(602.00)</b>		<b>(202.00)</b>	<b>(205.00)</b>
BUDG DIFF YTD	6202.90		4250.92	(122.00)
CCHD	80.00		154.00	

**Sunday Fund Day Winner!!**  
Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 \$50 winner is Santiago Jaime



John Schroeder, recuperating and praying the Stations of the Cross from home.

**50th Jubilee Anniversary Couples Names Needed**  
We want to invite couples from our parishes who are celebrating 50 years of sacramental marriage to one of three events being held this summer. Please let Dawn Kaufman know ASAP if you are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISHIONERS**  
We are again going to be selling tickets on baskets at our March dinner. If you would like to help out, you can either create your own basket or give money towards a basket. If you are going to give money, please either give it to Kathy, Joan, or Father or put it in the collection in an envelope and designate it for baskets. Some basket ideas are: kitchen, pasta, golf, movie night, coffee collection, etc.  
There are more listed on the bulletin board in the entryway of the church.  
Thank you. Kathy Leis

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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**

**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  
Followed by:  
**Adoration—7:15-8:30 PM**

**WINTER 2019-20**

**Saturday, Feb. 22** Immaculate Conception  
**2:00-3:00 PM** Holy Hour for Penance and Healing  
**3:00-4:00 PM** Confessions

**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!

WORKING TOGETHER

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

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	<b>St. Joseph Goal-</b>	<b>\$6640</b>
	<b>Pledged -</b>	<b>\$7135</b>
	<b>St. John Goal -</b>	<b>\$1840</b>
	<b>Pledged -</b>	<b>\$2300</b>