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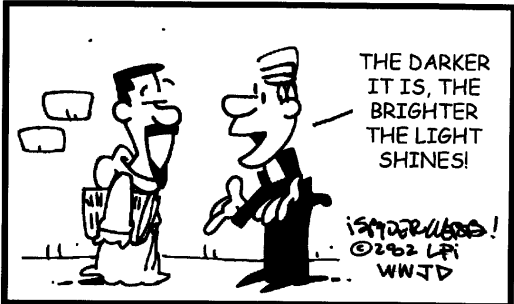
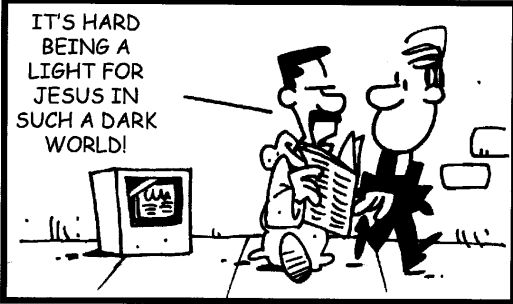
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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Does your home need a new furnace or roof? Does your home need accessibility accommodations?  
Are you tired of renting? Do you want to own your home?

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Rural Development has funding available to purchase and repair homes in eligible rural communities.  
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For more information, contact **USDA Rural Development**  
at 715-232-2614, ext. 4. Additional information is also available at [www.rd.usda.gov/wi](http://www.rd.usda.gov/wi)  
USDA Rural Development is an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

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/)



TRI-PARISH BULLETIN Feb. 9, 2020



Immaculate Conception Parish  
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Alma Center WI 54611-0188  
715-964-5201



St. Joseph Parish-Fairview  
N13740 Fairview Rd  
Fairchild WI 54741-8514  
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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!

Freedom? As Americans we assume that we understand this word very well. Our democracy is built on the ideal of freedom. A value that has been essentially equated with “choice”. Traditional Christian teaching, however, has always seen it slightly differently. For Christians freedom is realized only in pursuit of virtue.

We are soon approaching Lent. Ash Wednesday is just fifteen days away! During Lent we are asked to practice a penance for 40 days. This is a difficult task. We are giving up a degree of ‘choice’ for something greater. What is this ‘something greater’. It is virtue. We are hoping to form a habit (a virtue) of choosing the good by denying ourselves.

Last year my penance was to set my alarm at 3am every morning, get up, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, then return to bed. It was a very trying penance. It was challenging to break my sleep each morning, to leave the comfort of my bed, and to spend ten minutes in prayer on my knees. In this practice I was giving up the ‘good of sleep’ for a greater good. What was this ‘greater good’? I can make some guesses, but in essence this ‘greater good’ was something only God knew.

For us Americans, freedom means opportunity and choice. Moral teachings, sacrifice, regular Sunday worship: these all seem to oppose our opportunity to choose. We feel that freedom is taken away by religion, because religion limits choice. The opposite, however, is the case. The sacrifices that lead to habits of virtue bring peace, balance, happiness, even elation. We begin to enter into communion with God. The mystery of His grace then acts upon us and provides insights and joys hitherto unimagined.

I encourage you to take your penance this coming Lent seriously. Be formed by God. Let him work on you. He can only do good in you. The opposite will occur when we ignore the call to penance. The avoidance of sacrifice always leads to lesser things. When we are humble enough to embrace the plan of God for our lives, a horizon of beauty and grace opens before us, filled with love beyond expression, breathtaking and immense in its goodness.

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</p> <p><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></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><b>CONFESSION</b></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 February 8**  
**4:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception - Hispanic  
†Members of All Three Parishes  
First Communion—Daisy Sanchez  
Presentación de Tres Años—Jorge Jaime Jr

**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)

**Monday February 10**  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday February 11**  
**5:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†The Chase Family (T Thompson)

**Wednesday February 12**  
**3:00 PM Mass** St Joseph's, Black River Falls

**6:30 PM CCD** Immaculate Conception

**Thursday February 13**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Members of the Anton & Mary Kujak Family (Kujak)

**6:00 PM Bible Study** Immaculate Conception

**7:15-8:30 PM Adoration** Immaculate Conception

**Friday February 14**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Gilbert Laufenberg

**4:00 PM** Marriage of Roberto & Sofia Lopez Immaculate Con.

**Saturday February 15 First Saturday**  
**4:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception - Hispanic  
**For All Members of Our 3 Parishes**  
†Members of All Three Parishes

**Sunday February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**8:30 AM Mass** St Joseph  
†Betty Kohn (L Kohn)

**10:15 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†The Esser Family (J Esser)

**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, 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. 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
<b>Sun. Feb. 23, 8:30 am, St Jos</b> <b>R:</b> Jan Elfering <b>S:</b> V Firkus, R Dimmitt <b>U:</b> N Kutchera, C Kutchera <b>EM:</b> C&G Eisberner <b>G:</b> Peg & Bill Connelly <b>MC:</b> Jeanie, Joan, Peg	<b>Sun. Feb. 23, 11:00 am, IC</b> <b>R:</b> Kathy Esser <b>S:</b> J&J Rowekamp, E Esser <b>U:</b> J Hayden, C Cray, M Schroeder, C Shramek <b>EM:</b> J Kujek, B Meacham, K Laudon <b>G:</b> Matt & Stephanie Esser <b>MC:</b> J Esser, C Hagedorn, D LaCost

**PRIZES NEEDED FOR MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST AND 150TH CELEBRATION AT ST JOSEPH**  
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!

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

WEEKLY TITHING				
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ADULT	150.00	1375.00	795.00	20.00
PLATE	68.75	201.00	14.00	700.00
BLDG, GRND	1500.00			
VOTIVES		42.75		
TOTAL	3337.50		809.00	720.00
BUDGET	1531.00		998.00	362.00
DIFFERENCE	1806.50		(189.00)	358.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	8009.40		4061.92	236.00
CCHD	20.00			

**Sunday Fund Day Winner!!**  
Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020 \$50 winner is Millie Crivitz

**Presentación de Tres Años**  
The Presentación de Tres Años provides an opportunity for parents to thank God for the gift of life received by their children. Traditionally celebrated on the child's third birthday, the presentación is a way in which we join together in thanking God for the life of the child and in which we ask for God's continued blessings on him or her. This ceremony is done in honor of Our Lady's presentation at the Temple at the age of three. It is normally done for girls, although it may also be done for little boys. The child, dressing in white , is accompanied by the parents and godparents

**OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!**  
If you had your picture taken or submitted a picture for the new church directory, you are entitled to a free directory. If you have not gotten yours yet, please see Fr Dan or Dawn.  
After everyone has received their free directory, we will offer extra copies for sale.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:** We ask that you please put the amount of money you are contributing on the front of the envelope! And if you write a check, please put your check number on there as well. It will make counting and recording your envelopes much easier and faster for the money counters after Mass. Thank you!

**Discerning a Vocation to the Permanent Diaconate?**  
If you are a man between 30 and 60 years of age and think God may be calling you to be a permanent deacon, there will be a Diaconate Discernment Retreat on Saturday, April 4, 2020. The first step is to contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director of the Office for the Diaconate. Email kray@diolc.org, or call 608.791.2665.

**REMINDER-IC:** Due to the Mardi Gras Breakfast at St Joseph's on Feb. 23rd, Mass at Immaculate Conception will begin at 11:00 am that day instead of 10:15.

**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.

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**Advertiser Of The Week**  
We thank this week's Advertiser of the Week, ASAP Septic Pumping, for supporting our church bulletin. They can inspect your sewer, as well as pump it, and do a great job! 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

**St Joseph 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, Mar. 3 at 6:30 PM at St Joseph's

**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.

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

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**Pledged - \$8730**  
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**Pledged - \$7135**  
**St. John Goal - \$1840**  
**Pledged - \$2300**