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**ALMA CENTER YOUTH GROUP HELPS AT SOJOURNER HOUSE SWEETHEART EVENT**  
Sojourner House at 618 S Barstow in Eau Claire: I wanted to reach out to you and your youth group and say thank you for giving us the opportunity and the privilege of having the Alma Center Youth group volunteering at Sojourner House during one of our hair events! We partner with the CVTC beauty school to have free hair cuts and we open up our basement donations store to anyone who would like to come. The kids did an amazing job helping us! The group even helped us with our donation intake sorting when things got slow during the event!



TRI-PARISH BULLETIN Feb. 23, 2020



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!

Lent is about Hope. The greatest hope of Lent is the discovery that every sacrifice we make leads us to a greater freedom in Christ. The notion that Lent is about hope may seem strange. However, this season points us to the victory we have with Christ on Easter Sunday. The season is not only about penance, deprivation, and spiritual struggles. It is also about hope. All of our sacrifices are necessary and vitally important. The penances, however, lead to the goal of our spiritual life, that of our lives being transformed and united with God in perfect charity. The many ways by which we encounter the Word of God in the forty days of Lent leads to the Hope offered in Christ. The hope of Lent lies in what God does. Our penances simply open us to the incredible work he wishes to do in us.

The exhortation which the Lord addresses to us through the prophet Joel is strong and clear: “Return to me with all your heart” (Joel 2:12). Why must we return to God? Because something is not right within us. We are all in need of conversion! It is a daily task. Lent once again makes its prophetic appeal, to remind us that with God it is possible to return with all our heart. God cannot deny himself. He continues to be infinitely rich in goodness and mercy, and he is always ready to forgive and make us new.

People often remark on the way our churches are filled on Ash Wednesday. It’s not a holy day of obligation. No one is required to attend Mass or receive blessed ashes. But there’s something about the beginning of this season of Lent that draws us in, calls us to austerity, to a change of heart and mind. That something that draws us is God’s grace. And it is drawing us back to a deeper life with God. Lent doesn’t take us away from our ordinary lives, but rather it invites us into a deeper relationship with Christ. (Some excerpts taken from Franciscan Media)

I look forward to seeing you at Mass on Sunday and also on Wednesday for Ash Wednesday! 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> 715-964-5201 or 715-218-8391</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> www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org</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 22**  
**2:00 –4:00 PM Adoration & Confession** Immaculate Concep.  
**Day of Penance and Healing**  
**4:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception - Hispanic  
†Members of All Three Parishes

**Sunday February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**8:30 AM Mass** St Joseph  
†All Deceased Members of the Kutchera Family  
**Mardi Gras Breakfast** immediately after Mass  
  
**11:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Gilbert Laufenberg (M Casper)

**Monday February 24**  
**No Mass**  
**Tuesday February 25**  
**5:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Thompson Family (T Thompson)  
  
**6:30 PM** SSJJ Parish Council Meeting St Joseph

**Wednesday February 26 Ash Wednesday**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
Martha Mohan-for a return to the Sacraments (M Mohan)  
  
**6:00 PM Mass** St Joseph  
†Deceased Members of the Dimmitt Family (P&B Dimmitt)  
  
**7:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception—Bilingual  
For a grandson

**Thursday February 27**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Larry Skalitzky (J&B Giunta)  
  
**6:00 PM Bible Study** Immaculate Conception  
  
**7:15-8:30 PM Adoration** Immaculate Conception

**Friday February 28**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
Jeff and Riley Marg (M Mohan)

**Saturday February 29 Saturday**  
**4:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception - Hispanic  
**For All Members of Our 3 Parishes**  
†Members of All Three Parishes

**Sunday March 1 First Sunday of Lent**  
**8:30 AM Mass** St Joseph  
†Chad Stanley (B Stanley)  
  
**10:15 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†James Forsting Family and Birthday of Ethel & Dave  
  
**2:00 PM Rite of Election** La Crosse Cathedral

Remember your parish when you write your will!

**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. 23, 8:30 am, St Jos 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> J Smith, J Scheffer, P Connelly	<b>Sun. Feb. 23, 11:00 am, IC 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
<b>Ash Wednesday Feb. 26, 6:00 pm, St Jos R:</b> Bonnie Firkus <b>S:</b> D Scheffer, G Eisberner <b>U:</b> Dave Kaufman, Tim Mayer <b>EM:</b> B Firkus, C Eisberner <b>G:</b> Tim & Bethany Mayer <b>MC:</b> J&D Elfering, J Smith	<b>Ash Wednesday Feb. 26, 7:30 pm, IC R:</b> Kathy Laudon <b>S:</b> volunteers <b>U:</b> volunteers <b>EM:</b> K Esser, P Gower, B Meacham <b>G:</b> Chris & Carrie Trautlein <b>MC:</b> J Esser, C Hagedorn, D LaCost
<b>Sun. Mar. 1, 8:30 am, St Jos R:</b> Bonnie Firkus <b>S:</b> D Scheffer, V Firkus <b>U:</b> B Connelly, Luke Kutchera <b>EM:</b> B Firkus, P Connelly <b>G:</b> Rick & Pam Dimmitt <b>MC:</b> C&G Eisberner, S Kutchera	<b>Sun. Mar. 1, 10:15 am, IC R:</b> Joan Esser <b>S:</b> C Pineda, E Esser, Andin C <b>U:</b> B Leis, L Boehnen, M Esser, C Trautlein <b>EM:</b> M&J Esser, J Kujak <b>G:</b> Chris & Stacy Shramek <b>MC:</b> E&J Olson, P Gower
<b>Sun. Mar. 8, 8:30 am, St Jos R:</b> Rozanne Traczek <b>S:</b> R Dimmitt, G Eisberner <b>U:</b> Joe Kutchera, Pat Kutchera <b>EM:</b> R Traczek, D Elfering <b>G:</b> Jeff & Jeanie Smith <b>MC:</b> J Smith, J Scheffer, P Connelly	<b>Sun. Mar. 8, 10:15 am, IC R:</b> Barb Meacham <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

**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.  
This will be the last notice, as I need to send in the report!

WEEKLY TITHING				
2/15-16	IC SAT	IC SUN	St. Jos	St. John
ADULT	125.00	555.00	1350.00	120.00
PLATE	588.00	282.00	34.00	700.00
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TOTAL	1885.00		4059.00	820.00
BUDGET	1531.00		998.00	362.00
DIFFERENCE	354.00		3061.00	458.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	7943.40		8215.92	382.00

**Sunday Fund Day Winner!!**  
Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020 \$50 winner is Samara Clarke

**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 are recognizing Safe Haven Sunday today. 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/)




Presentación de Tres Años

Jorge Jaime Jr and his family



First Communion

Daisy Sanchez and her family

**VFW Post 8494**  
Bob Danke Post Cmdr  
715-984-2478  
Hall rental available  
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**Advertiser Of The Week**  
We thank this week's Advertiser of the Week, **VFW Post 8494**, for their support.  
If you are a Veteran and would like to join, contact them! They also have a hall available to rent for gatherings, parties, etc. Let them know we appreciate their 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**

**Sunday, Feb. 23 Safe Haven Sunday**  
**Mardi Gras Breakfast after St Joseph Mass**

**Ash Wednesday Services-Feb. 26**  
**9:00 AM** Immaculate Conception  
**6:00 PM** St Joseph  
**7:30 PM** Immaculate Conception-Bilingual

**Lent—Wednesdays during Lent**  
**1:00-3:00 PM** Adoration, Stations of the Cross at 2:00 PM at St Joseph  
**7:25 PM** Stations of the Cross Immaculate Conception (at the end of CCD)

**SSJJ Parish Council Meeting**  
Tues., Feb 25th at 6:30 PM at St Joseph  
**St Joseph 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting**  
Tues., Mar. 3 at 6:30 PM at St Joseph

**LENTEN REGULATIONS-Fast & Abstinence**  
The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Lenten regulations are as follows:  
  
1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.  
  
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.