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TRI-PARISH BULLETIN Mar. 1, 2020



Immaculate Conception Parish  
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St. Joseph Parish-Fairview  
N13740 Fairview Rd  
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St. John Cantius Parish  
306 2nd St.  
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715-964-5201

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

Lent is a season of preparation for the great event of Christ’s Resurrection. It is a season focused upon prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. We are asked to practice fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstinence from meat on every Friday. Along with this we should practice some additional type of penance for each of the forty days of Lent. Sometimes, however, it is difficult to see the connection between our penances and our relationship with God. How does giving up something deepen our relationship with God? The answer to this question becomes clearer if we understand the true meaning of the word sacrifice from the original Latin.

English = (Latin) = (English Meaning)  
Sacrific = (Sacr + Facere) = (To Do + Sacred Action)

Thus whenever we sacrifice we are ‘doing a sacred action.’ So as we prepare for our Lenten penance, we can ask ourselves, “Is my Lenten penance a sacred action leading me to God? Are my sacrifices conforming my heart and soul to the Love of God?”

If this is not the case, then our sacrifices merely become an exercise in self-mastery. At the end of forty days we will say, “I did it!” But this response may not lead us closer to God. Rather it may simply be a response of accomplishment. A mark of personal strength and endurance. It becomes similar to a long-distance runner finally completing a marathon for the first time in his or her life. It is a very fine accomplishment but it doesn’t necessarily lead us closer to God.

If we understand sacrifice as ‘doing a sacred action’ then our sacrifice will draw us closer to God. As a result, at the end of our Lenten journey our Easter Alleluia will be all the richer. Our sacrifices prepare our hearts with an abundant longing for the Love of God. Sacrifice opens us to the Sacred. This year may our sacrifices be a sacred offering to God. May they open our hearts to the most sacred mystery of all, that of a deeper encounter with the Resurrected Son of God.

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>PARISH SECRETARY, BOOKKEEPER Dawn Kaufman 715-533-8344</p> <p>DIR. OF SACRED MUSIC Jolene Janke 715-964-6334</p> <p>TRI-PARISH FACEBOOK Immaculate Joseph John</p>	<p>PASTOR Fr. Daniel Thelen 715-964-5201 or 715-218-8391</p> <p>OFFICE PHONE 715-964-5201</p> <p>TRI-PARISH EMAIL ID icjosephjohn@hotmail.com</p> <p>TRI-PARISH WEBSITE www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org</p>	<p>REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE</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>CONFESSION</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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Mardi Gras Breakfast	February 23, 2020	St Joseph-Fairview Parish	
<u>Receipts:</u>		<u>Expenses:</u>	
Breakfast/donations	\$643.00	Ad-Delite Shopper Ad	\$45.00
Individual Cakes	23.00	B.R.Falls Shopper/B.J.	65.00
Raffle	305.00	Breakfast Groceries	<u>150.00</u>
Split the Pot	<u>246.00</u>		
	Total \$1217.00		Total \$260.00
NET	\$957.00		
We served 69 adults and 2 children (under age 5)			

Prize :	Winners:
Original painting by Katie Kaufman	Dawn Kaufman
Quilt	Elaine Welin
Boy Basket	Marci Baugher
Green Soap Basket	Peter Emer
Google Mini, etc. Basket	Cole Kutchera
Cherry Vodka Basket	Marci Baugher
Packer Basket	Elise Theiler
\$30 Money Frame	John Kutchera Jr
Book Basket	Dawn Kaufman for Joan Scheffer
Coloring Basket	Jane Ball
Girl Basket	Peter Emer
Purple Soap Basket	Peggy Connelly
Stockyard Gift Certificate	Jeanie Smith
Double Barrel Gift Certificate	Sally Elfering
50/50 Raffle \$143	Jeanie Smith (donated \$103 back)



**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

**Monday March 2**  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday March 3**  
**5:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Gilbert Laufenberg (D&L Domenosky)

**6:30 PM** St Joseph 150th Committee Meeting St Joseph

**Wednesday March 4**  
**3:00 PM Mass** at St Joseph's, Black River Falls

**6:30 PM CCD** Immaculate Conception

**Thursday March 5**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
Jeff & Riley Marg (M Mohan)

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

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

**Friday March 6**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
Martha Mohan and a Return to Sacraments (M Mohan)

**Saturday March 7**  
**4:00 PM** Adoration and Confession IC  
**4:30 PM Mass** IC Hispanic  
†Members of All Three Parishes

**Sunday March 8 Second Sunday of Lent**  
**8:30 AM Mass** St Joseph  
†Jean Kutchera (P Kutchera)

**10:15 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Jim Zellner (M Mitchell)

**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 [stevnmj@centurytel.net](mailto:stevnmj@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. Mar. 1, 8:30 am, St Jos</b> <b>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</b> <b>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</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, 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</b> <b>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
<b>Sun. Mar. 15, 8:30 am, St Jos</b> <b>R:</b> Jan Elfering <b>S:</b> Sierra Mayer, Elise Theiler <b>U:</b> John Kutchera, Jeff Smith <b>EM:</b> P Connelly, J Scheffer <b>G:</b> G&C Eisberner <b>MC:</b> C&G Eisberner, S Kutchera	<b>Sun. Mar. 15, 10:15 am, IC</b> <b>R:</b> JoAnn Kujak, Carlos Pineda <b>S:</b> Ariana C., Annika C., Jaida C. <b>U:</b> L Boehnen, M Esser, B Leis, C Trautlein <b>EM:</b> John Esser, K Laudon, M Seichter <b>G:</b> Carlos & Jennifer Pineda <b>MC:</b> J&M Esser, J Hayden

**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.

**MITE BOX PROGRAM**

This Lent, Religious Ed Students will be collecting for the Missionary Childhood Association Mite box program. It helps finance 3000 projects worldwide, assisting the Church in its mission of evangelization and care for the poor.

WEEKLY TITHING				
2/22-23, 26	IC SAT	IC SUN	ST. JOS	ST. JOHN
ADULT	272.00	315.00	656.00	35.00
PLATE	150.00	146.00	71.00	
FUNDRAISER			1217.00	
ASH WED	147.00		154.00	
TOTAL	1030.00		2098.00	35.00
BUDGET	1531.00		998.00	362.00
DIFFERENCE	(501.00)		1100.00	(327.00)
BUDG DIFF YTD	7442.40		9315.92	55.00

**Sunday Fund Day Winner!!**  
Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020 \$50 winner is Kathy Nicks



**Mardi Gras Fun at St Joseph's**

Thank you to all who came, we hope you enjoyed the meal and fellowship

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES
<b>Parish—Bible Study</b> Every Thursday Evening - <b>6pm-7pm</b> *Check bulletin for cancellations *Currently studying St Matthew in the New Testament *Meet at the Alma Center Rectory Followed by: <b>Adoration—7:15-8:30 PM</b>
LENT 2020
<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b> Every Wednesday during Lent at 7:25 pm <b>St Joseph</b> Every Wednesday during Lent: Adoration from 1:00 pm to 3:00. Stations at 2:00 pm
<b>Confessions</b> Immaculate Conception <b>4:00 pm</b> —Every Saturday <b>9:30-11:00 am</b> —Wednesday, April 1st <b>7:30 pm</b> —Wednesday, April 1st St Joseph <b>8:00 am</b> —Every Sunday <b>4 pm-6 pm</b> —Friday, April 3rd
<b>Divine Mercy Novena</b> Friday, April 10th—Sunday, April 19th <b>Private Recitation</b>
<b>Palm Sunday</b> April 5th <b>8:30 am</b> —St Joseph <b>10:30 am</b> —Immaculate Conception
<b>Triduum</b> <u>Holy Thursday</u> —Thursday, April 9th <b>7:00 pm</b> —Mass at St Joseph <u>Good Friday</u> —Friday, April 10th <b>1:00 pm</b> —Service at St Joseph <u>Easter Vigil</u> —Saturday, April 11th <b>8:30 pm</b> —Mass at St Joseph
<b>Easter Sunday</b> April 12th <b>8:30 am</b> —St Joseph <b>10:15 am</b> —Immaculate Conception

**St Joseph 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting**  
Tues., Mar. 3 at 6:30 PM at St Jos.

	<b>Imm. Con. Goal - \$7495</b>
	<b>Pledged - \$8730</b>
	<b>St. Joseph Goal- \$6640</b>
	<b>Pledged - \$7160</b>
	<b>St. John Goal - \$1840</b>
	<b>Pledged - \$2300</b>

**Advertiser Of The Week**

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**John Selz**

Selz-Pralle Dairy Family

We thank this week's Advertiser of the Week, **Selz-Pralle Dairy Family**, for their support. We especially remember John Selz this week, who was a life long supporter of St Joseph's Church. Remember him in your prayers as we thank his family.