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**Come Follow Me!**

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an over-abundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, “Come, follow me...” and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord’s invitation to follow Him. To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

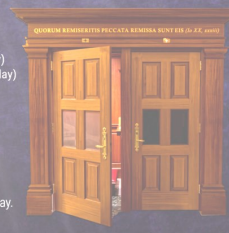
Make a pilgrimage to the Shrine as you prepare for Holy Week.



**LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 20**

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of Heart.  
- Matthew 11:29

Schedule:  
8:20am - Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (continues all day)  
9:00am - Confessions available (and throughout the day)  
9:30am - First Conference - Fr Check  
11:00am - Second Conference - Fr Joachim  
12:00pm - Angelus and Litany of St Joseph  
12:15pm - Mass (or lunch in the Culina Mariana)  
1:00pm - Resume Exposition and Confessions  
2:00pm - Third Conference - Fr Elias  
3:30pm - Rosary, Litany, Vespers, and Benediction  
No Registration required. Come for part or all of the day.



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**Immaculate Conception Parish**  
341 W Main St PO Box 188  
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**PARISH BULLETIN March 7, 2021**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**



**St. Joseph Parish-Fairview**  
N13740 Fairview Rd  
Fairchild WI 54741-8514  
715-964-5201

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St Joseph!

The Bishops of our country have recently made a statement about the Equality Act that is being presented to our Senate. The act has already passed in the House of Representatives. Regarding this proposed legislation the Bishops say the following:

“Human dignity is central to what we believe as Catholics. Every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. That means we need to honor every person’s right to be free of unjust discrimination. The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from unjust discrimination. Although this is a worthy purpose, the Equality Act does not serve it. The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith precisely because of those beliefs. In the process, the Equality Act codifies the new ideology of “gender” in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting “gender” as only a social construct.

The Equality Act will have the following five effects:

- Exempts itself from the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, in an explicit and unprecedented departure from one of America’s founding principles, thereby infringing on religious freedom and making it more difficult for individuals to live out their faith.
- Forces religiously operated spaces and establishments, such as church halls, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their communities.
- Requires women to compete against men and boys in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower facilities with men and boys.
- Forces faith-based charities that serve all people to violate their religious beliefs, and threatens the welfare of thousands of beneficiaries of charitable services such as shelters and foster care agencies, by forcing a multitude of them to be shut down.
- Jeopardizes existing prohibitions on the use of federal taxpayer funds for abortion, likely pressuring or even mandating the performance of abortions by health care providers in violation of their consciences, and ultimately ending more human lives.
- Hinders quality health care, by forcing health care professionals, against their best medical judgment, to support treatments and procedures associated with “gender transition.”

The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the United States, helping millions of Americans in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and charities.

<p><b>PARISH SECRETARY, BOOKKEEPER</b> Dawn Kaufman 715-334-3931 715-533-8344</p> <p><b>DIR. OF SACRED MUSIC</b> Jolene Janke 715-964-6334</p> <p><b>PARISH FACEBOOK</b> Immaculate Joseph John</p> <p><b>ADORATION</b></p> <p>Tue 6:00—6:45 pm at IC Thu 10 :30 am at St Joseph Thu 5:30—7:30 pm at IC</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>PARISH EMAIL ID</b> icjosephjohn@hotmail.com</p> <p><b>PARISH WEBSITE</b> www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org</p>	<p><b>MASS SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>Sun 8:30 am St Joseph 10:15 am Immaculate Con. Facebook live at 10:15AM</p> <p>Tue 5:30 pm Spanish</p> <p>Wed &amp; Fri 9:00 am Immac Conc.</p> <p>Thu 10:00 am St Joseph</p> <p>Sat 4:30 pm IC Spanish</p> <p><b>CONFESSION</b></p> <p>Tue 6:15-6:45 pm at IC Thu 10:30-11:00 am at SJ Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC Sun 8:00-8:25 am at SJ</p>
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**Saturday March 6**  
**4:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception-Hispanic  
†Members of Both Parishes

**Sunday March 7 Third Sunday of Lent**  
**8:30 AM Mass** St Joseph  
For Our Country And Its Leaders (M Theiler)  
  
**10:15AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Frances Capaul Hayes (J&J Schroeder)  
**Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15 AM**

**Monday March 8 St John of God**  
Private Mass

**Tuesday March 9 St Frances of Rome**  
**5:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception-Hispanic  
†Arlene Dunnigan (P Russell)

**Wednesday March 10**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
†Marcel Kujak  
  
**Religious Ed** classes in the evening

**Thursday March 11**  
**10:00 AM Mass** St Joseph  
Couples Retreat Novena

**Friday March 12**  
**9:00 AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
For The Good Health of Dave Hegy

**Saturday March 13**  
**4:30 PM Mass** Immaculate Conception-Hispanic  
†Members of Both Parishes

**Sunday March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**8:30 AM Mass** St Joseph  
†Ella & Don Butler (D&J Elfering)  
  
**10:15AM Mass** Immaculate Conception  
**Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15 AM**  
†Ralph Sobotta (J&P Hayden)

**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.  
**Website:** [www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org](http://www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org)

**Remember your parish when you write your will!**

**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**  
Contact Jolene Janke if you have a request for the Prayer Chain at 715-964-6334 or [stevenmj@canturytel.net](mailto:stevenmj@canturytel.net). If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, praying for others needs, let Jolene know. 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.

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Our core beliefs about the dignity of the human person and the wisdom of God’s design motivate both our positions on marriage, life, and sexuality, and our call to serve those most in need and the common good. By running roughshod over religious liberty, the Equality Act directly undermines the Church’s ability to fulfill that call.”

It is good to hear from our bishops regarding this important matter. It was back several years ago that Cardinal Carlos Caffarra of Bologna in Italy shared a letter written by Sister Lucia of Fatima wherein the famous seer warned, as quoted by the cardinal, that “there will come a time when the decisive confrontation between the Kingdom of God and Satan will take place over marriage and the family.” Those words now certainly resonate in today’s age. May we pray for our nation and our leaders. May God protect family and marriage. May we offer prayer and penance for this intention. I am here if you are in need. Please do not hesitate to call. You are in my prayers. Trust greatly in Jesus as we continue through this difficult time. St Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church – Pray for Us

Fr Daniel L Thelen

**Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Immaculate Conception is still \$45 away from reaching their Appeal goal!! Anyone who has not pledged can still do so!! You can go to the Diocese of La Crosse website, or just let Fr Dan or Dawn know that you would like to pledge. Just \$45!!!

**Money Counters-meet at IC 9:30am**  
**Wed. Mar. 10** Connelly, Sanchez  
**Wed. Mar. 17** Statz, Elfering  
**Wed. Mar. 24** Scheffer, Sanchez

**Sunday Readers at IC:**  
**Mar. 7** Kathy Esser  
**Mar. 14** Eugenia Cray  
**Mar. 21** Barb Meacham  
**Mar. 28** Eugenia Cray

WEEKLY TITHING		
WEEK OF 2/28	IMMAC. CONC	ST. JOSEPH
ADULT	1372.00	2055.00
PLATE	173.00	30.01
MEMORIAL	50.00	
TOTAL	1595.00	2085.01
BUDGET	1668.00	1083.00
DIFFERENCE	(73.00)	1002.01
BUDG DIFF YTD	(9773.10)	17,122.44



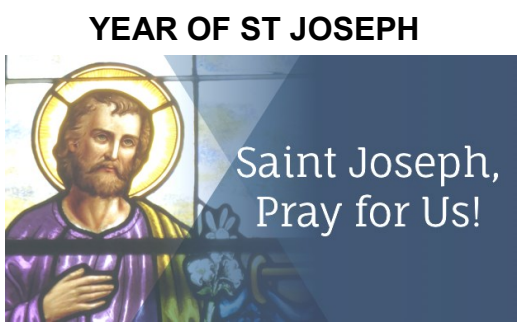
### In Honor of John & Marianne Selz

We would like to publicly thank John and Marianne Selz for their many years of dedication and generosity to St Joseph Church-Fairview. We are where we are because people like you care enough to make sure we are successful. Thank you!

**Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others.**

It is a season in which we should:

- ♦ Fast from facts that depress, feast on truths from Sacred Scripture that uplift.
- ♦ Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
- ♦ Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
- ♦ Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on God's promises that inspire.
- ♦ Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- ♦ Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
- ♦ Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds



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**Advertiser Of The Week**  
We thank this week’s Advertiser of the Week, **Anonymous Donors** for their continuing support of our church bulletin. If you find yourself in financial difficulty, contact Anonymous Donors. They are here to help you out in your time of need. And let them know we appreciate their continued support!

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**  
The following are special Lenten practices we will be following during the week all during Lent. Please join us whenever you can for a very meaningful Lenten experience.

**Tuesday:** at Immaculate Conception  
**Mass 5:30 PM** Hispanic  
**Adoration & Confessions 6:15-6:45 PM**  
**Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM** Hispanic

**Wednesday:** at Immaculate Conception  
**Mass 9:00 AM**  
**Stations of the Cross 5:15 PM**  
**Rosary on Zoom 8:00 PM**

**Thursday:** at St Joseph  
**Mass 10:00 AM**  
**Adoration & Confessions 10:30-11:00 AM**  
**Stations of the Cross 11:15 AM**  
**Soup Luncheon w/spiritual talk Noon**  
  
At Immaculate Conception  
**Adoration 5:30-7:30 PM**  
**Bible Study 6:00 PM**

**Friday:** at Immaculate Conception  
**Mass 9:00 AM**  
**Rosary on Zoom 8:00 PM**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**  
  
**Parish—Bible Study**  
We will hold Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 6 PM in person and through the internet. If you are interested, let us know and we will send you an email to join in through the ZOOM app on your laptop, phone or tablet. You can download the app anytime from your playstore: ZOOM Cloud Meetings

**Confessions** We will hold Confessions at these times, or call Fr Dan at his cell number (715-218-8391) and set up a time.  
  
**6:15 pm—6:45 pm—**Tuesday at IC  
**10:30—11:00 am—**Thursday at St Joseph  
**4:00 pm—4:30 pm—**Saturday at IC  
**8:00 am-8:30 am—**Sunday at St Joseph

**Adoration**  
**6:00 pm—6:45 pm—**Tuesday at IC  
**10:30 am** Thursday at St Joseph  
**5:30 pm—7:30 pm—**Thursday at IC

**Rosary** Join Fr Dan on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings at 8pm for an online Rosary. If you are interested in joining contact Fr Dan and he will send you the link for the ZOOM app.

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