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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.

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

Ongoing Formation and Spiritual Renewal - August 28-29

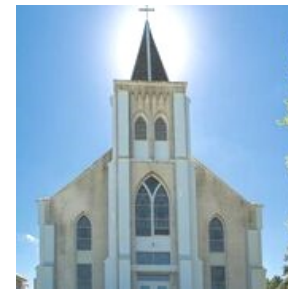
Every Catholic needs ongoing formation, above all those who hand on the Faith and serve the people of the parishes and schools. In addition to featuring Fr. Timothy Gallagher as the keynote presenter, the annual Witnesses for Christ Conference will offer 2 sets of break-out sessions. These break-out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



TRI-PARISH BULLETIN Mar. 8, 2020



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

Lent is a season when we reflect more earnestly on repentance and conversion, penance and sacrifice.

As I write this bulletin column I am preparing for a funeral for a parishioner from Melrose. The loss, emptiness, and sadness of death is so painful. When loved ones depart, a void enters in. Our life feels incomplete and hollow. Death is the most piercing feeling we can experience.

Yet on the other side of death is what we profess, the fullness and abundance of life. We as Christians believe in the Resurrection of Jesus and that we will participate in this Resurrection when we believe in Him and abide by his teachings.

Is not the same dynamic true about our spiritual life? If we repent and convert, perform penance and sacrifice, do we not believe that we likewise will participate in a more abundant life.

The Christian mystery turns death upside down. The death of Christ becomes the victory over sin and death. The same is true for penance and sacrifice. When we give up attachments to the things of this world, we then receive the freedom for even more abundant life.

God's ways are not our ways. As Moses got water out of solid rock, the Lord is able bring life out of the very antithesis of life, death itself. God is infinite in his mystery. When we trust in God, he always brings us to an abundance of life.

May you be courageous in your penance this Lent. If you stumble, try again. Be steadfast in persevering in your penance. May you allow God to work in and through your offering. For in your penance God will bring into your life the abundance of His life. May your Lent lead to the Fullness of life. Penance always leads to a greater freedom, a freedom that allows God to work more abundantly in your life.

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 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>CONFESSION</p> <p>Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC Sun 8:00-8:30 am at SSJJ</p>
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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)

Monday March 9
No Mass

Tuesday March 10
5:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Rose Skalitzky (B&J Giunta)

Wednesday March 11
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
Jeffrey & Riley Marg (M Mohan)
1:00-3:00 PM Adoration St Joseph
2:00 PM Stations of the Cross St Joseph
6:30 PM CCD Immaculate Conception
7:25 PM Stations of the Cross Immaculate Conception

Thursday March 12
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
Martha Mohan-for a return to the Sacraments
6:00 PM Bible Study Immaculate Conception
7:15-8:30 PM Adoration Immaculate Conception

Friday March 13
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Gilbert Laufenberg (M Casper)

Saturday March 14 Saturday
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception - Hispanic
For All Members of Our 3 Parishes
†Members of All Three Parishes

Sunday March 15 Third Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†Anne Scheffer (M Theiler)
10:15 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Betty Luther (D&D Kraft)

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.

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

Sun. Mar. 8, 8:30 am, St Jos R: Rozanne Traczek S: R Dimmitt, G Eisberner U: Joe Kutchera, Pat Kutchera EM: R Traczek, D Elfering G: Jeff & Jeanie Smith MC: J Smith, J Scheffer, P Connolly	Sun. Mar. 8, 10:15 am, IC R: Barb Meacham S: J&J Rowekamp, Andin C U: J Hayden, C Cray, K Ristow, G Seichter EM: K Esser, P Gower, B Meacham G: Marcel & JoAnn Kujak MC: B Meacham, M&J Kujak
Sun. Mar. 15, 8:30 am, St Jos R: Jan Elfering S: Sierra Mayer, Elise Theiler U: John Kutchera, Jeff Smith EM: P Connolly, J Scheffer G: G&C Eisberner MC: C&G Eisberner, S Kutchera	Sun. Mar. 15, 10:15 am, IC R: JoAnn Kujak, Carlos Pineda S: Ariana C., Annika C., Jaida C. U: L Boehnen, M Esser, B Leis, C Trautlein EM: John Esser, K Laudon, M Seichter G: Carlos & Jennifer Pineda MC: J&M Esser, J Hayden
Sun. Mar.22, 8:30 am, St Jos R: C Eisberner S: V Firkus, R Dimmitt U: Nick Kutchera, Cole Kutchera EM: C&G Eisberner G: Jan & Dennis Elfering MC: J&D Elfering, S Kutchera	Sun. Mar. 22, 10:15 am, IC R: Bernard Laufenberg S: J&J Rowekamp, E Esser U: C Cray, M Schroeder, C Shramek, C Pineda EM: J Kujak, B Meacham, K Laudon G: George & Kathy Esser MC: J Esser, C Hagedorn, D LaCost

SACRAMENTAL WEDDING MARRIAGE BLESSED
If you are looking to get married in one of our churches, please see Fr. Dan.
If you are already married outside the church, you can get your marriage blessed. Speak to Fr. Dan about details.
You can bring your married life into communion with God, it's never too late! Please consider this option, and help make your marriage a sacred union.

150TH ANNIVERSARY AT ST JOSEPH'S
The 150th Anniversary committee at St Joseph's has decided not to hold a raffle at the celebration. If you planned on donating a prize, please consider donating it to the annual Soup Supper instead. Thank you

WEEKLY TITHING				
2/29, 3/1	IC SAT	IC SUN	ST. JOS	ST. JOHN
ADULT	140.00	997.00	925.00	44.00
PLATE	37.00	263.00	90.00	
BLDG REN.			500.00	
OTHER DON.				1000.00
TOTAL	1437.00		1515.00	1044.00
BUDGET	1531.00		998.00	362.00
DIFFERENCE	(94.00)		517.00	682.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	7348.40		9832.92	737.00

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!
Sunday, Mar 1, 2020 \$50 winner is Ruth Boehnen



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT
Join us on Wednesdays for Stations of the Cross. Immaculate Conception holds them at 7:25 PM at the end of CCD class.
There is Adoration at St Joseph's from 1 PM to 3 PM, with Stations of the Cross at 2 PM

SIGN OF PEACE AND CORONAVIRUS/INFLUENZA
With the current situation during the outbreak of the Coronavirus, as well as the large amount of influenza cases recently, we are asking all parishioners to take some preventive steps to help keep us all safe.
We urge everyone to practice good hygiene, especially priests and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. We will use hand sanitizer before and after distributing Holy Communion. We also ask that everyone exchange the sign of peace without physical contact. We will be emptying the Holy Water containers, please say the Sign of the Cross without it.
If you are sick or experiencing symptoms of sickness, you are not obliged to attend Mass, and we ask that out of charity, you should not attend. Above all, common sense should prevail. When you are better, we welcome you back.

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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

LENT 2020

Stations of the Cross
Immaculate Conception
Every Wednesday during Lent at 7:25 pm
St Joseph
Every Wednesday during Lent:
Adoration from 1:00 pm to 3:00.
Stations at 2:00 pm

Confessions
Immaculate Conception
4:00 pm—Every Saturday
9:30-11:00 am—Wednesday, April 1st
7:30 pm—Wednesday, April 1st
St Joseph
8:00 am—Every Sunday
4 pm-6 pm—Friday, April 3rd

Divine Mercy Novena
Friday, April 10th—Sunday, April 19th
Private Recitation

Palm Sunday April 5th
8:30 am—St Joseph
10:30 am—Immaculate Conception

Triduum
Holy Thursday—Thursday, April 9th
7:00 pm—Mass at St Joseph
Good Friday—Friday, April 10th
1:00 pm—Service at St Joseph
Easter Vigil—Saturday, April 11th
8:30 pm—Mass at St Joseph

Easter Sunday April 12th
8:30 am—St Joseph
10:15 am—Immaculate Conception

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Pledged - \$7160

St. John Goal - \$1840

Pledged - \$2300