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Have you asked someone recently?

Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: 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!



Immaculate Conception Parish
341 W Main St PO Box 188
Alma Center WI 54611-0188
715-964-5201

PARISH BULLETIN March 21, 2021
Fifth 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 prophet Ezekiel speaks about water flowing from the right side of the temple. (Ez 47: 1-9, 12) He describes the water growing ankle-deep, then knee-deep, then waist-deep, then finally so deep that it could not be crossed. Wherever the water flows, everything became fresh and life abounded. You may ask, what is this temple? The initial reference was to the Jerusalem temple, but it refers even more importantly to a future temple, to Jesus himself.

On a Friday afternoon in March of 33 AD a man was pierced through his side. Out came blood and water. The soldier who thrust the lance cried out, "Truly this was the Son of God." In this moment Christ, who had been pierced, established the Church of the New Covenant. From the side of Christ came all sacramental life. The water for Baptism, the Blood for Holy Eucharist. In a forgotten corner of the Roman empire Jesus hang dead on a cross. It would seem that history would forget about this man. Nearly all his disciples fled. Only his mother and a few friends remained. Yet from the side of this Holy Man came a stream. This stream has never stopped. This stream has led to the Baptism of billions of people over the course of 2000 years. It has led to the grace of God rushing into the brokenness of our fallen humanity, bringing spiritual healing and health to all who receive this water. All seven sacraments indeed are as this river: ankle deep, knee deep, waist deep and now so deep that none can cross. The grace from all the sacraments flow from the wounded side of Christ, the origin of the Church. As Eve came from the side of Adam, so does the bride of Christ, the Church, come from the side of Jesus.

The power of sacraments are like the gentle flow of a stream. The busy persons of the world pay no attention. Yet the stream flows, bringing freshness to all who receive these waters. I want to share a grace that happened this last week, but that often happens as a priest. I was invited to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick for a woman. The invitation came by way of several connections. The charity and persistence of all made the anointing possible. As I called the facility, a friendly voice answered. As I explained my wish to come for an anointing, the staff person asked, "Is an anointing a religious thing?" Though the caretaker was unaware of the importance of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, she was very welcoming. As I arrived, the women in the facility seemed like angels. I have never been so welcomed at a nursing home before in all my priesthood. They led me to the room of the dying woman. She was alone. Just a sole crucifix above her and a teddy bear at her side. She was breathing heavily. I anointed her, prayed the prayers of the dying and a Divine Mercy Chaplet. I left in silence. She passed 20 minutes later, having received every sacrament and blessing the Church can provide. This woman was faithful to prayer in life, God was faithful in her passing, bestowing upon her the sacraments, the river of life flowing from the wounded side of Christ on Calvary and now running ankle deep, knee deep, and waist deep throughout every nation.

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<p>PARISH SECRETARY, BOOKKEEPER Dawn Kaufman 715-334-3931 715-533-8344</p> <p>DIR. OF SACRED MUSIC Jolene Janke 715-964-6334</p> <p>PARISH FACEBOOK Immaculate Joseph John</p> <p>ADORATION</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>PASTOR Fr. Daniel Thelen 715-964-5201 or 715-218-8391</p> <p>OFFICE PHONE 715-964-5201</p> <p>PARISH EMAIL ID icjosephjohn@hotmail.com</p> <p>PARISH WEBSITE www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org</p>	<p>MASS SCHEDULE</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 & Fri 9:00 am Immac Conc.</p> <p>Thu 10:00 am St Joseph</p> <p>Sat 4:30 pm IC Spanish</p> <p>CONFESSION</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 20
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
Cumpleaños Jessica Jaime

Sunday March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†Patricia Gnabasik (C Gnabasik)

10:15AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Members of Both Parishes
Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15 AM

Monday March 22
Private Mass

Tuesday March 23 St Turibius of Mogrovejo
5:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
Couples Retreat Novena

Wednesday March 24
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Arlene Dunnigan

Religious Ed classes in the evening

Thursday March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord
Funeral Mass for Margaret Wampole
11:00 AM Mass St John Cantius

Friday March 26
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Achiel D’Huyvetter (A D’Huyvetter)

Saturday March 27
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
†Members of Both Parishes

Sunday March 28 Palm Sunday
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†Deceased Members of the Kutchera Family (P Kutchera)

10:15AM Mass Immaculate Conception
Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15 AM
†Marcel Kujak (J Kujak)

Remember your parish when you write your will!


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

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS
Contact Jolene Janke if you have a request for the Prayer Chain at 715-964-6334 or 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 KOTSCH-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. **If your soldier is no longer in the service, please let us know.**

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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



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of
Margaret Wampole

Easter Flowers
There are envelopes available for those who would like to donate towards Easter flowers and decorations in memory or honor of a loved one. Please drop them in the collection.


Money Counters-meet at IC 9:30am
Wed. Mar. 24 Scheffer, Sanchez
Wed. Mar. 31 Connelly, Laudon
Wed. Apr. 7 Elfering, Jaime

We need a couple more readers for Holy Week-Friday and Saturday! Let us know if you can help.

Sunday Readers at IC:
Mar. 14 Eugenia Cray
Mar. 21 Barb Meacham
Mar. 28 Eugenia Cray, ?
Apr. 4 Joan Esser

WEEKLY TITHING		
WEEK OF 3/14	IMMAC. CONC	ST. JOSEPH
ADULT	1470.00	490.00
PLATE	214.00	152.00
APPL REBATE		25.00
VOTIVES	131.79	
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DIFFERENCE	187.79	(386.00)
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The Seven Sundays of St. Joseph
The Seven Sundays of St. Joseph is a devotion to the patron of the universal Church. On seven Sundays, usually before his feast day, the faithful have traditionally contemplated a series of circumstances—seven sorrows and joys—in his life so that they might confront the joys and sorrows of their own lives as he did.
We will share these devotions for the seven Sundays, starting today, for you to participate at home, ideally with your family, ending May 2nd.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH


SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK
The Triduum will be held at Immaculate Conception this year to facilitate social distancing.

Holy Thursday 7:00 PM
Good Friday 1:00 PM
Holy Saturday 8:30 PM
Easter Sunday 8:30 AM at St Joseph
10:15 AM at Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Annunciation is on the 25th of March.
"In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her." (Luke 1:26-38)



**Advertiser Of The Week**
We thank this week’s Advertiser of the Week, **Cisco’s Taqueria y Cantina** for placing an ad in our bulletin! They get rave reviews for excellent food! Go check them out in Merrillan and follow them on Facebook.

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.