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<p><b>BLACK RIVER FALLS CLINIC PHARMACY</b> 610 W ADAMS STREET BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615 PHONE : 715-284-4089</p>  <p>MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:30 – 5:30 SATURDAYS 8:30 – 12:00</p> 	<p><b>VFW Post 8494</b> Bob Danke Post Cmdr 715-984-2478 Hall rental available (Ad donated in memory of Bernard &amp; Dorothy Laufenberg)</p>	
<p><b>ESSER INSURANCE</b> <i>APEX Insurance Group</i> <i>Alma Center, WI</i> <b>715-964-6311</b></p>	<p><b>NEIGHBORS IN NEED</b> Since 1993 more than 1000 helped. If you know of anyone with a special need, call Jeff Smith @ 715-334-3983 or Marcel Kujak @ 715-964-5301</p>	

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

REMEMBER! If you are not feeling well,  
or think you have been  
exposed to the Coronavirus—  
STAY HOME!

**DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE**  
The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/) reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).



**TRI-PARISH BULLETIN Mar. 22, 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

**SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH GATHERINGS**

Dearest Parishioners,  
Our Bishop has announced the suspension of all public Masses until May 2nd. This will include public Masses for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Our hearts sink at this news. Although this may seem an aggressive measure, this is done with the best interest not only of our faithful but also of the wider community in which we live and work.

Still, the Lord is with us and we are accompanying Him through His fasting with our Lent, now the most barren we can imagine. As your pastor, I will be offering Holy Mass every day, even though it is not open to the public, for you and for all, for an end to this crisis, and for healing. On Sundays I will offer a homily and post it on our Facebook page and on YouTube. Per our bishop's instruction and the guidance of our dean we will keep churches open for visits to the Blessed Sacrament. I will also offer extended opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession. Please see the bulletin for these schedules. During this time, please limit the amount of persons in the church to less than ten people. Sanitizing solutions will be made available. If you do visit please sanitize door handles, pews and other items you touch before you leave. The churches will remain open per our bishop's instruction; however, out of health concerns I would urge the elderly and the frail of health to refrain from visiting at this time.

I will also be available for private confessions, Anointing of the Sick, and Viaticum. Our offices will remain open, and you can always reach me by email ([danthelen84@gmail.com](mailto:danthelen84@gmail.com)) or by phone (715-218-8391). Envelopes and donations for all three parishes may be sent to 341 W Main St, PO Box 188, Alma Center, WI 54611. Money will be counted Monday morning and deposited in the appropriate parish.

- During this time, I encourage you to:
- \* Find Mass, especially Sunday Mass, online or on TV. <https://catholiccurrent.org>
  - \* Read the daily readings, available from the USCCB website, <http://www.usccb.org>
  - \* Prayerfully read a daily Lenten reflection
  - \* Read Scripture
  - \* Pray the Rosary
  - \* Heartily engage the three Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

Also, during this time, stay tuned to our Facebook page (Immaculate Joseph John). Although we might not be together for worship, we can still share many things—especially news of our time to return to the altar of God in worship.

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<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>TRI-PARISH FACEBOOK</b> Immaculate Joseph John</p>	<p><b>PASTOR</b> <b>Fr. Daniel Thelen</b> <b>715-964-5201</b> <b>or 715-218-8391</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE PHONE</b> 715-964-5201</p> <p><b>TRI-PARISH EMAIL ID</b> <a href="mailto:icjosephjohn@hotmail.com">icjosephjohn@hotmail.com</a></p> <p><b>TRI-PARISH WEBSITE</b> <a href="http://www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org">www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org</a></p>	<p><b>REVISED MASS SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>Sun Alternate between IC and SJ until further notice</p> <p>Tue Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Wed Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Thu Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Fri Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Sat Immaculate Conception</p> <p><b>CONFESSION</b></p> <p>Wed &amp; Fri 5-7 pm at IC</p> <p>Sun 10am-1pm alternating</p>
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Those who wish to pray at church on their own:

Hours the churches will be open are

Immaculate Conception: 8AM to 9PM Tuesday through Sunday

St Joseph: 10AM to 4PM Wednesdays and Fridays

8AM to 4PM Sundays

Just remember that we cannot have more than 10 people in church at a time. You may have to wait outside until someone leaves if there are too many people in the church. Sanitize your area when you leave.

Masses are at Immaculate Conception unless noted

Saturday March 21

†Lloyd & Shirley Petznick (L Kohn)

Sunday March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Immaculate Conception

†Members of All Three Parishes

Baptism of Lincoln Jon Hemp after Mass

Monday March 23

Martha Mohan, for a return to the Sacraments

Tuesday March 24

†Deceased Members of the Kutchera Family (P Kutchera)

Wednesday March 25

Matthew Marg-healing (M Mohan)

Thursday March 26

†Bernard & Anne Scheffer (M Scheffer)

6:00 PM Bible Study through ZOOM app

Friday March 27

†Elizabeth (Betsy) Traczek (R Traczek)

Saturday March 28 Saturday

†Deceased Members of the Dimmitt Family (B&P Dimmitt)

Sunday March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent

St Joseph

†Members of All Three Parishes

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!

Sunday, Mar 15, 2020

\$50 winner is Casey Ambort

HOME VISITS

Home visits are suspended unless it is an emergency.

Fr Dan at (715)964-5201 or (715)218-8391

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.)

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We will be looking into technology to make our Bible Study, Masses, and Stations of the Cross available online. Also we will be researching ways to make programs and educational opportunities available for our youth in religious ed. This is all new to us. Hopefully, we can make some headway in this area. If you are interested in participating in the online Bible Study please email us to let us know

Remember, you are not alone! Let us pray together, a light divided for a time but undimmed, hallowed by God's blessing to the honor of His Name to overcome the darkness of this night. Jesus Christ, the Morning Star who never sets, will find the flame of our faith still burning. Let us pray to our Blessed Mother and to all the saints to intercede for a speedy return to our life together in the worship of Almighty God.

In Christ,  
Fr Dan Thelen

ONLINE MASS OPTIONS

Word on Fire daily Mass

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

You can watch via TV or online via streaming at

[ewtn.com/tv/watch-live](http://ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)

You can also listen to the Mass LIVE on the radio, SIRIUS/XM, or listen online at [ewtn.com/radio/listen-live](http://ewtn.com/radio/listen-live)

If you missed the live stream, the entirety of the Daily Mass can be found on demand at: [video.ewtn.com/daily-mass](http://video.ewtn.com/daily-mass)

Links from the Diocese of La Crosse

<https://diolc.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/dioceseflacrosse>

<https://www.facebook.com/diolc>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/timoudenhoven>

Link to Fr Dan's Homily

<https://www.facebook.com/immaculate.conception.7796420>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD6cRqsr0IfLfKSvta1qkuQ>

WEEKLY TITHING				
3/14&15	IC SAT	IC SUN	ST. JOS	ST. JOHN
ADULT	150.00	1570.00	638.00	106.00
PLATE	133.00	133.00	59.00	
FUEL		50.00		
APPEAL REBATE		195.00	25.00	
TOTAL	2231.00		722.00	106.00
BUDGET	1531.00		998.00	362.00
DIFFERENCE	700.00		(276.00)	(256.00)
BUDG DIFF YTD	8032.15		9658.92	399.00

I CRIED WHEN MASS WAS CANCELLED

(The following is taken from tojesussincerely.com)

Masses are being cancelled. Catholics are suddenly unable to receive the Eucharist and attend Mass. It comes as a hard blow.

When I mention how sad this makes me on social media, many people respond by trying to “put it in perspective.” They expound on the fact that the cancellation will save lives. They bring up the point that many Catholics throughout history – and even today – have been unable to attend Mass regularly or receive the Eucharist for great lengths of time. They brush it off by saying: just watch Mass online.

I understand all that. I understand that the bishops are trying their best to make prudent decisions for their flock. I understand that we must accept and be obedient to their guidance. But we just lost the Sacraments. IT’S OKAY TO FEEL SORROW. It’s okay to cry at the loss of Holy Communion, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation. The Eucharist is the center of Catholic life. It’s the source and summit of our faith. To go without it is no trivial matter.

If you find yourself in tears, don’t let others tell you it’s wrong to sorrow. Don’t feel guilty because others are trying to minimize your pain. It’s alright to grieve such a big loss. It’s natural to mourn. It’s okay to allow yourself to enter into the sadness welling up in your heart.

A life without the Eucharist has a gaping hole in it. And that hole is going to hurt. This pandemic may be a turning point in our lives. When the Eucharist is denied us, we may begin to see just how precious it is to us. We may realize just how centrally our lives revolve around it. How it strengthens and upholds us. Let us feel its loss deeply. Let us look forward to the day when we may receive him again.

Matthew 9:15 says: “The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.” The bridegroom is taken from us this Lent. It is time to fast. We are in the desert. We hunger for him.

Let that hunger grow. Let us renew our Lenten fasts. Let the holes in our temporal lives reflect the hole in our spiritual lives. And as those holes continue to grow, invite the Holy Spirit into the chasm. Let him lead us, guide us, change our lives. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. Let the Holy Spirit speak. Spend time sitting and listening to his voice.

O Mary,

you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,

who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need,

and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee,

we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father

and to do as we are told by Jesus,


who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows

to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

-Pope Francis



Advertiser Of The Week

We thank this week’s Advertiser of the Week, **Carlos Auto Body & Custom Painting**, for their support.

Call Carlos when you need help with your car, he can help you make your vehicle look new again, or ask about other custom painting!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Parish—Bible Study

We will hold Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 6 PM 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

LENT 2020

Confessions

We will hold Confessions at these times, or call Fr Dan at his cell number (715-218-8391) and set up a time. We must also be careful not to let more than 10 people in the church at one time, and practice social distancing.

5:00 pm-7:00 pm—Wednesday and Friday

At Immaculate Conception

10:00 am-1:00 pm—Sunday. Alternating where ever Father is saying Mass that day

Divine Mercy Novena

Friday, April 10th—Sunday, April 19th

Private Recitation

EASTER FLOWERS—The churches will be decorated with a few flowers for Easter, even though there will not be a public Mass. If you wish to donate for Easter flower memorials, please send your donation to Immaculate Conception, PO Box 188, Alma Center WI 54611 and indicate which church it is for and the person/people it is memorializing.

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Please go to our Facebook page, we will communicate up to date changes there first!

Make sure you put our page at the top of your newsfeed!

We will also be sending email, please check your spam folder frequently.

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)