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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

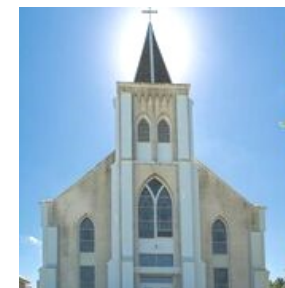
For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Pope Francis - Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

TRI-PARISH BULLETIN May 3, 2020



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St. Joseph Parish-Fairview
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St. John Cantius Parish
306 2nd St.
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Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception, St Joseph, and St John Cantius!

I am hoping that each of you and your families are doing well. This is a very unique and trying time. There is so much uncertainty. I hope that you have been able to keep your jobs and your work is stable.

Many of your children were supposed to receive First Holy Communion this coming Sunday, May 3rd. However, we will unfortunately have to postpone this. I am hoping we can reschedule it for sometime this summer. However, everything depends upon our state's regulations for large gatherings. When things improve I will let you know.

I continue to offer a private Mass every day for the intentions of each of you and your families. I have been in the church most days for a few hours in the morning and then again in the evening. It is such a blessing to spend time with Jesus. He brings such peace and protection.

I encourage each of you to spend one hour of prayer with your family each day. This probably sounds like a lot of time. Perhaps you can begin with twenty minutes and then work your way up to one hour. If you and your family commit to this prayer together you will experience deep peace and protection. You can pray with your family at home. You are also welcome to visit the church.

Many of you remember beautiful traditions and prayers from your upbringing. Share these traditions with your children. Do not just talk about them, but pray them with your children. Maybe some of these traditions happen at a certain time of the year. But you could pray these anytime. Jesus will always be happy to receive these prayers. The Rosary is one of these most important prayers. Gather with your family and pray the Rosary each day. Your children may squirm a bit at first. They may be resistant. But just be patient and tell them it's what we as a family are going to begin doing. Praying like this brings incredible peace and protection to your family. The Blessed Virgin Mary will wrap your family with her love and lead you to Jesus. Prayer is so important. I ask each of you to pray together as a family every day.

I extend my priestly blessing to each of you. If you are anxious, sad, fearful - I ask Jesus to bring you his incredible peace. I ask Him to bless you with his protection and love. Please know of my prayers. Stay close to Jesus and Mary. They will protect and bless you in beautiful ways. Please pray each day with your family.

Fr Dan Thelen

<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>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>REVISED MASS SCHEDULE Sun Facebook live at 9AM</p> <p>Tue Immaculate Conception Wed Immaculate Conception Thu Immaculate Conception Fri Immaculate Conception Sat Immaculate Conception</p> <p>CONFESSION Wed & Fri 5-7 pm at IC Sun 10:30am-Noon St Joseph</p>
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Those who wish to pray at church on their own, the 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

We must maintain less 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 May 2

†Sid Erickson (D&J Stephens)

Sunday May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM watch on Facebook Live

†Members of All Three Parishes

10:30AM - Noon - Fr Dan at St Joseph Parish

1PM-5PM - Fr Dan at Immaculate Conception Parish

Monday May 4

Private Mass

Tuesday May 5

†Deceased Members of the Kutchera Family (P Kutchera)

Wednesday May 6

†Chad Stanley (B Stanley)

Thursday May 7

†Mary Simonis

6:00 PM Bible Study through ZOOM app

Friday May 8

Health & Recovery of Noreen Holthaus (J&S Janke)

Saturday May 9

†Betty Luther (D&D Kraft)

Sunday May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

9:00 AM watch on Facebook Live

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1PM-5PM - Fr Dan at Immaculate Conception Parish

ENVELOPES AND DONATIONS

You are welcome to mail your contributions to 341 W Main Street, Alma Center, WI 54611. The envelopes will be sorted and deposited in the appropriate church. You are also welcome to sign up for Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). If you would like to do this please email Fr Dan.

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.)



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Starting with the noon Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan on Friday, May 1, we as a Diocese begin a year dedicated to St Joseph. Therefore, let us turn to St. Joseph, patron of the Cathedral, the Diocese of La Crosse, and the Universal Church. His strength, justice and charity shone with quiet dignity as he watched over the Holy Family. He will watch over us, too, if we seek his intercession.

Why is it so important that we turn to St. Joseph for his help during these very difficult times? Four of St. Joseph's numerous titles provide a brief sampling of the importance of St. Joseph as our spiritual father.

* As Head of the Holy Family, you can ask for his protection and safety for each member of your family.

* As Comfort of the Afflicted, you can turn to him for comfort through the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

* As Hope of the Sick, you can turn to him for hope if you or someone you know is sick.

* As Patron of the Dying, you can entrust those who are dying to him, as St. Joseph died a happy death gazing upon Jesus and resting in the arms of Mary. God desires that each one of us die a happy death, similar to that of St. Joseph.

Please read the letter from Pope Francis on the back page. Then pray these 2 prayers with your rosary during the month of May.

FIRST PRAYER

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

WEEKLY TITHING

WEEK OF 4/26	IC	ST. JOSEPH	ST. JOHN
ADULT	595.00	425.00	15.00
PLATE	3.00		
VOTIVES	92.50		
TOTAL	690.50	425.00	15.00
BUDGET	1531.00	998.00	362.00
DIFFERENCE	(840.00)	(573.00)	(347.00)
BUDG DIFF YTD	4577.65	11795.37	(1088.00)



Sunday Fund Day Winner!!

Sunday, April 26, 2020 \$50 winner is Kathy Laudon

SECOND PRAYER

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the front-line of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

*Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home
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for their continuing support of our church bulletin. Contact them when you are in need. They are helpful and knowledgeable, and can help get you through the toughest of times. Let them know we appreciate their continued support.

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

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

10:30 am-Noon—Sunday. St Joseph

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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www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org