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 <p>VFW Post 8494 Bob Danke Post Cmdr 715-984-2478 Hall rental available (Ad donated in memory of Bernard & Dorothy Laufenberg)</p>	<p>In Memory of John Selz Selz-Pralle Dairy Family</p>	
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<p>ONLINE MASS OPTIONS</p> <p>Sunday 9AM with Fr Dan - Go to our Facebook page, Immaculate Joseph John</p> <p>Word on Fire daily Mass https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/</p> <p>You can watch via TV or online via streaming at Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. https://diolc.org/tvmass ewtn.com/tv/watch-live</p> <p>You can also listen to the Mass LIVE on the radio, SIRIUS/XM, or listen online at ewtn.com/radio/listen-live</p> <p>If you missed the live stream, the Daily Mass can be found at: video.ewtn.com/daily-mass</p>	<p>Links from the Diocese of La Crosse</p> <p>https://diolc.org/</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/user/dioceseoflacrosse</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/diolc</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/user/timoudenhoven</p> <p>Link to Fr Dan’s Homily-weekly</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/immaculate.conception.7796420</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD6cRqsr0lflfKSvta1qkuQ</p>
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	<p>Immaculate Conception Parish 341 W Main St PO Box 188 Alma Center WI 54611-0188 715-964-5201</p>	<p>St. Joseph Parish-Fairview N13740 Fairview Rd Fairchild WI 54741-8514 715-964-5201</p>	<p>St. John Cantius Parish 306 2nd St. Fairchild WI 54741-8514 715-964-5201</p>

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

This last Monday I spent a day bicycling near Arcadia. One of the sizeable climbs I did was on a road called Alligator Slide. I would love to learn the history on why this road received such an unusual name. As I was pedaling up a Mom was slowly driving her truck down the hill. Behind her truck were her three kids, who were each walking and picking up trash. As I passed by, I asked the kids if they found any alligators. They didn't seem to be too amused by the question :).

As we enter into roughly the 8th week of our lock-down, perhaps the creative approach of this mother could be a model for ways we as Christians live the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy in our lives. How can you and your children/grandchildren serve in this time of pandemic? Service of this kind is far better than hours of mindless engagement with TV and electronic media.

The United States Bishops compiled a list of helpful suggestions at the following link:
<http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/upload/Corporal-and-Spiritual-Works-of-Mercy.pdf>

Some of the ideas that stood out to me from this link are the following:

- *While in-person visits are not advisable during this time, please invest time in reaching out via phone/video call or by sending a letter or card to those who may feel particularly isolated during this time.
- *Reach out to health care workers in your community who may be overworked, burdened, or in need of specific support at this time.
- *If possible, visit the cemetery to pray for those you have lost—and to ask their intercession on behalf of all those facing death today.
- *Reassure and support those who may be especially anxious during this time.
- *Recognize the reality of spiritual warfare in daily interactions and strive to cultivate the corresponding virtues needed to resist your personal temptations.
- *When frustrated with someone, step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, and pray the Our Father, asking God for patience.

Returning to the example of the Mother’s actions above, at least she let her children walk down the hill for the trash pick-up (and not up)! May you do something similar with your children/grandchildren during this unique time.

May God bless each of you. I am here if you are in need. Please do not hesitate to call. You are in my prayers. Trust in Jesus as we continue through this difficult time.

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 9
†Betty Luther (D&D Kraft)

Sunday May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)
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 11
Private Mass

Tuesday May 12
†Betty Vojtik (L Kohn)

Wednesday May 13
†Chase Family (T Thompson)

Thursday May 14
†Achiel D'Huyvetter (A D'Huyvetter)

6:00 PM Bible Study through ZOOM app

Friday May 15
†Gilbert & Fern Laufenberg

Saturday May 16
†Betty Kohn (L Kohn)

Sunday May 17 Sixth 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

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.)

From 'The Glories of St Joseph' by Traditions Monastiques

Do What He Tells You!

St. Teresa of Avila had left Valladolid to found a monastery at Beas, in Andalusia, when, while crossing the Sierra Morena, the wagon drivers lost their way in the passes. Foolishly, they advanced along a path so narrow that they could soon go neither forward nor backward. Teresa and her companions were left hanging over precipices and cliffs, down which they could all fall at the slightest movement.

"My daughters," said the saint, "let us pray to God that, by the intercession of St. Joseph, He may deliver us from this danger."

At that moment, the voice of an old man shouted to them: 'Stop! if you go any further, you are doomed!'

"But how can we get out of this terrible situation?" they asked. "Lean your wagon to this side," came the reply, "and turn back."

They followed these directions, and to their great surprise, the guides at once found themselves on an excellent road. Full of gratitude to their deliverer, they ran to thank him to the place from which the voice had spoken. Teresa watched them and, seeing them running at full speed searching in vain, said to her daughters: "Really, I do not know why we let these good men go on running, for what we heard was the voice of my Father St. Joseph, and they will never find him!"

Saved by Alms

A heedless, unbelieving man was about to die with blasphemy on his lips and despair in his heart. His wife was praying and weeping, but God seemed not to hear. Meanwhile death was fast approaching.

"Go quickly," said the priest to the sick man's wife, "go and look for a pauper and give him alms in the name of St. Joseph for the conversion of your husband."

She ran through the streets, met an old man covered with rags and gave him large alms, telling him to pray for the conversion of a sinner...At that very moment, the dying man had taken the priest's hand, kissed it with tears, and begged forgiveness.

The conversion was sincere and edifying. A few hours later, the man entered into eternity, saved by the alms given in the name of St. Joseph and by the prayer of the pauper.

WEEKLY TITHING			
WEEK OF 5/3	IC	ST. JOSEPH	ST. JOHN
ADULT	1335.00	340.00	200.00
PLATE	20.00	3.00	
UTILITIES	50.00		
TOTAL	1405.00	343.00	200.00
BUDGET	1531.00	998.00	362.00
DIFFERENCE	(126.00)	(655.00)	(162.00)
BUDG DIFF YTD	4451.65	11140.37	(1250.00)

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!
Sunday, May 3, 2020 \$50 winner is Tina Diggins



Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers, Grand-mothers, and people who have played the role of mother in our lives, here and in heaven.

Advertiser Of The Week

VFW Post 8494
Bob Danke Post Cmdr
715-984-2478
Hall rental available
(Ad donated in memory of Bernard & Dorothy Laufenberg)

We thank this week's Advertiser of the Week, **VFW Post 8494**, for their support. If you are a Veteran and would like to join, contact them! They also have a hall available to rent for gatherings, parties, etc. Let them know we appreciate their 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



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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—
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<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