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How does God speak to me? Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me 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!



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PARISH BULLETIN May 16, 2021
The Ascension of the Lord

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St Joseph!

During my visit home on Mother's Day, my parents and I watched a classic movie entitled, "The Scarlet and the Black." Produced in 1983, this movie depicts the real-life story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, who was an Irish-born priest and Vatican official, credited with saving 6,500 Jews and Allied war prisoners during World War II. The drama depicts the intense difficulties that the Roman citizens and Vatican officials experienced during the Nazi occupation of Rome in 1943. Monsignor O'Flaherty devised many creative ways to outwit the Nazi regime and protect the lives of many innocent victims. This included renting civilian homes, dressing in disguise and securing the secret transfer of the victims. In the end, the movie climaxes with a scene of conversion. The head of the Nazi occupation, Herbert Kappler, is found guilty of terrible atrocities, including the Ardeatine massacre, one of the worst incidents on Italian soil. The movie shows him being questioned prior to his imprisonment. Yet in this moment he experiences an incredible gift of mercy and learns what it means to be forgiven, leading to his eventual baptism by Monsignor O'Flaherty himself.

It is an intense drama. Difficult perhaps to watch, yet very important. The courage and bravery of Monsignor O'Flaherty is matched and surpassed by his intense love and compassion, even by love of his enemies.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we see a similar act of bravery and love depicted by St Paul and his companion Silas. (Acts 16:22) In the city of Philippi, a crowd attacks St Paul and Silas. The leaders of the city then have them stripped and beaten with rods. They are thrown into prison, into its innermost cell. How does St Paul and Silas handle this situation? Do they get upset? Are they filled with rage? No, they sing hymns to God all through the night. They praised the Lord, despite their injuries. God then intercedes. A severe earthquake breaks open the jail and the jailer and his family experience a great conversion, seeking baptism into the Christian faith.

What do you do when things go wrong? Do you praise the Lord? Do you see God's hand in difficult situations? Look to St Paul and Silas. Look to Monsignor O'Flaherty. Do not be overcome by evil or suffering. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:4-7) Please do not hesitate to call. You are in my prayers. Trust always in Jesus. St Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church – Pray for Us

Fr. Daniel L. Thelen

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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 Wed & Fri 9:00 am Immac Conc. Thu 10:00 am St Joseph 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 May 15 St Isidore
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
†Members of Both Parishes

Sunday May 16 Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†James Ulesich (R&P Dimmitt)

10:15AM Mass Immaculate Conception
First Communion for Ulises and Alan Gorostieta
†Dolores Valencia (E Valencia)
Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15 AM

Monday May 17
Private Mass

Tuesday May 18 St John I
5:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
†Poor Souls of the Obrest Family (T Thompson)

Wednesday May 19
8:40 AM Rosary Immaculate Conception
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Lucille Leis (K&B Leis)

Thursday May 20 St Bernardine of Siena
10:00 AM Mass St Joseph
†Frank & Betty Vojtik (L Kohn)

10:30 AM Adoration St Joseph

No Bible Study this evening
5:30-7:30 PM Adoration Immaculate Conception
6:30 PM Parish Council Immaculate Conception

Friday May 21 St Christopher Magallanes, & Comp., Martyrs
8:40 AM Rosary Immaculate Conception
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Martin & Dorothy Kalina (B Meacham)

Saturday May 22 St Rita of Cascia
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
Baptism of Ezequiel Jaime and David Jaime
†Members of Both Parishes

Sunday May 23 Pentecost Sunday
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†Bernard & Anne Scheffer (M Louie)

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

HOME VISITS
If you or someone you know is homebound or in the hospital or nursing home, or not feeling well and unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive a visit or Communion, please contact:
Fr Dan at (715)964-5201

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 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. **If your soldier is no longer in the service, please let us know.**

**Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, May 20th, 6:30 PM**

SUMMER FAMILY COOK-OUTS
We are planning to do a family cook-out twice a month this summer. The first one will be Sunday, June 6th, after the 10:15 Mass at Immaculate Conception. We are hoping to do this twice a month over the summer months. Everyone from both parishes is welcome! We will have food, fun, and a Faith Talk. Come join us! Bring your children, grandchildren, and come have some fun with fellow parishioners. And if you would like to help out with preparation and set up, please let us know!

SAFE HAVEN-YOU HAVE SAFE CHOICES
Wisconsin Safe Haven Laws allow parents to relinquish an infant under 72 hours old to any first responder, no questions asked. Those first responders could be police officers, 911 emergency medical staff, or hospital staff members. You do not have to give your name or address to the professional accepting the baby unless the baby has been harmed, someone is forcing the parent to give up the baby, or the baby is more than 3 days old. The parent may be asked if they are willing to fill out a form, but it is NOT required; however, it will help providers give the infant the best care. If you wish to learn more about this law, visit <http://dct.wisconsin.gov/cps/safehaven>.

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| Sun. May 16, 8:30 am, SJ Lector: C Eisberner Count: J&D Elfering | Sun. May 16, 10:15 am, IC Lector: Eugenia Cray Usher: Count: C&D Hagedorn, B Meacham |
| Sun. May 23, 8:30 am, SJ Lector: Leanna Cernohous Count: C&G Eisberner | Sun. May 23, 10:15 am, IC Lector: Joan Esser Usher: Count: M&J Esser, J Esser |
| Sun. May 30, 8:30 am, SJ Lector: Jan Elfering Count: P&B Connelly | Sun. May 30, 10:15 am, IC Lector: Barb Meacham Usher: Count: K&R Laudon, B Meacham |

| WEEKLY TITHING | | |
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| MAY 9, 2021 | IMMAC. CONC | ST. JOSEPH |
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| PLATE | 275.00 | 112.00 |
| FUEL | 3000.00 | |
| TOTAL | 4379.50 | 677.00 |
| BUDGET | 1668.00 | 1083.00 |
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Confessions We will hold Confessions at these times, or call Fr Dan.
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.
We pray the Rosary before Mass on Wednesday and Friday as well.

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Saint Joseph, Pray for Us!