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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!

Sun. May 23, 8:30 am, SJ Lector: Leanna Cernohous Server: G Eisberner Usher: J&D Elfering, D Scheffer Gifts: Jan & Dennis Elfering Count: C&G Eisberner	Sun. May 23, 10:15 am, IC Lector: Joan Esser Server: Usher: Gifts: Count: M&J Esser, J Esser
Sun. May 30, 8:30 am, SJ Lector: Jan Elfering Server: Rick Dimmitt Usher: Gifts: Peg & Bill Connelly Count: P&B Connelly	Sun. May 30, 10:15 am, IC Lector: Barb Meacham Server: Usher: Gifts: Count: K&R Laudon, B Meacham
Sun. Jun. 6, 8:30 am, SJ Lector: C Eisberner Server: Usher: Gifts: Count: J&D Elfering	Sun. Jun. 6, 10:15 am, IC Lector: Eugenia Cray Server: Usher: Gifts: Count: C&D Hagedorn, J Esser



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PARISH BULLETIN May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St Joseph!

Back in the 1980's there was an anti-drug commercial featuring an old experiment in which a rat was placed in a cage with two water bottles. One bottle contained pure water while the other was laced with heroin or cocaine. The rat became addicted to the second bottle and drank until it died. Vancouver Psychology Professor Bruce Alexander, however, didn't think the rat kept drinking the drugged water solely because it wanted to. He hypothesized it drank the drugged water simply because it was in a cage and had nothing else to do (that he was bored). Professor Alexander would repeat the experiment but in a different environment he called Rat Park. This was a cage filled with toys, tunnels, food and, most importantly, other rats to play with. The rats were presented two water bottles, just like the first experiment. They tried the drugged water, but not one of them became addicted or died. Their happy environment, Alexander concluded, instead caused them to ignore the drugged water after drinking just a little of it.

This experiment can be extended to humanity. If we truly believe that we are made in God's image and likeness, then we should have an inexhaustible desire to do God-like things. Christianity does not call us to a diminished life, it calls us to fullness of life. If we do not find life in our relationships and our experiences, then we too will drink from the bottle poisoned with our favorite drug. If you are struggling with an addiction, recognize that you are searching for a God-like experience. You will never find 'it' in your addiction. The void you feel is only filled in authentic relationships and experiences.

An authentic Christian is a God-seeker. Piety is not a bland, monotonous exchange of mindless words and postures. Piety is an overwhelming response to Love, to the love encountered in and through prayer and relationship. Life-giving love comes from sacrifice, through the pouring out of oneself in love: to God and to others. Mystics are enraptured by the divine, not because they are self-absorbed navel-gazers, but rather because they are such great lovers, that their love is 'ecstatic' (out of body) in both their willingness to love and be loved.

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. The dynamic and ecstatic love of the Holy Trinity is the Holy Spirit. This love overflows into creation. God is not a distant, static monarch, unrelatable and remote. Rather, as the Father's of the Church describe, God is Love, and his Love is a perichoresis, a dance of Love that is eternally exchanged within Himself in the Holy Trinity.

Pentecost is a profound feast, meant to break us free from the 'poisoned bottle' of our earthly addictions. Pentecost leads to an overflowing encounter with God the Holy Spirit both in relationship and in experience. If we know the Holy Spirit, we will never 'be bored' and settle for something less than God. If we know the Holy Spirit, we will be driven to the greatest of Loves and the fullest of lives! 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

PARISH SECRETARY, BOOKKEEPER Dawn Kaufman 715-334-3931 715-533-8344 DIR. OF SACRED MUSIC Jolene Janke 715-964-6334 PARISH FACEBOOK Immaculate Joseph John ADORATION Tue 6:00—6:45 pm at IC Thu 10 :30 am at St Joseph Thu 5:30—7:30 pm at IC	PASTOR Fr. Daniel Thelen 715-964-5201 or 715-218-8391 OFFICE PHONE 715-964-5201 PARISH EMAIL ID icjosephjohn@hotmail.com PARISH WEBSITE www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org	MASS SCHEDULE Sun 8:30 am St Joseph 10:15 am Immaculate Con. Facebook live at 10:15AM Tue 5:30 pm Spanish Wed & Fri 9:00 am Immac Conc. Thu 10:00 am St Joseph Sat 4:30 pm IC Spanish CONFESSION 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
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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
†Frank Traczek (R Traczek)

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

Monday May 24
Private Mass

Tuesday May 25 St Bede, St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

5:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
†Jose Leon (E Valencia)

Wednesday May 26 St Philip Neri
8:40 AM Rosary Immaculate Conception
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†John & Dorothy Mayer (M&C Kaufman)

6:30 PM 150th Celebration Mtg St Joseph

Thursday May 27 St Augustine of Canterbury
10:00 AM Mass St Joseph
†Betty Kohn (L Kohn)

10:30 AM Adoration St Joseph

6:00 PM Bible Study Immaculate Conception
5:30-7:30 PM Adoration Immaculate Conception

Friday May 28
8:40 AM Rosary Immaculate Conception
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Rosemary Dimmitt Schmidt (R&P Dimmitt)

Saturday May 29 St Paul VI
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
†Members of Both Parishes

Sunday May 30 The Most Holy Trinity
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†Deceased Members of the Kutchera Family (P Kutchera)

10:15AM Mass Immaculate Conception
First Communion for Sofia & Ariana Carlon, Anahy Contreras
†David Leis (B&K Leis)
Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15 AM

Remember your parish when you write your will!

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.

St Joseph 150th Celebration Meeting
Wednesday, May 26th, 6:30 PM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion at Immaculate Conception next Saturday, May 29th with Sofia Carlon Ariana Carlon Anahy Contreras

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
If you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year, please let Dawn Kaufman know. There will be a special Mass with Bishop Callahan held via livestream at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 11 from the Cathedral for couples celebrating their Golden Anniversary

WEEKLY TITHING		
MAY 16, 2021	IMMAC. CONC	ST. JOSEPH
ADULT	840.00	710.00
PLATE	277.00	167.00
BEQ&MEM	140.00	
APPEAL REBATE	125.00	191.67
TOTAL	1382.00	1068.67
BUDGET	1668.00	1083.00
DIFFERENCE	(286.00)	(14.33)
BUDG DIFF YTD	(6651.36)	20,443.86



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


Congratulations on your First Communion!



Ulises and Alan Gorostieta with family and friends



As we begin to get back to normal, we will once again be scheduling helpers at Mass. Please watch the back page of the bulletin to see when you will be asked to help read, serve, usher, bring up gifts and count the collection. If you are not able to serve, please find a substitute! If you don't see your name on the list and would like to help, let us know!



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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 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.
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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