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Why We are Celebrating a Year of St. Joseph

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pius IX's decree naming St. Joseph Patron and Protector of the Universal Church. He is also the primary patron of the Diocese of La Crosse, and our Cathedral is named after him. In this challenging time of COVID-19, we can turn to St. Joseph with great hope:

- ◆ We can turn to him as protector from harm, even as he protected Mary and the child Jesus from Herod's wrath;
- ◆ St. Joseph was worker and provider for the Holy Family, so to him we can entrust ourselves and our nation in the face of unprecedented unemployment and economic distress;
- ◆ As model husband and father, we turn to St. Joseph at a time when good examples of both are so desperately needed. We can ask him to help strengthen our families – as well as the bonds of our "parish family" – at a time when these can be fragile.
- ◆ As patron of the dying, we can invoke the intercession of St. Joseph on all who are in their last moments of life, including the elderly in nursing homes and others with terminal disease.

Visit the diocesan Year of St. Joseph website, [diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph/](http://diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph/), to watch Bishop Callahan's opening Mass and read his comments about this special year.



TRI-PARISH BULLETIN May 24, 2020



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St. John Cantius Parish  
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"The Four Loves"

As Americans we tend to use love loosely. We say that we love a lot of things such as food, cars, sports, guns, the farm, even some say they love the Vikings. But what do we really mean by love? If we take a look at the Greek language, they had four different words for love which are: Storge, Philia, Eros, and Agape. Storge is liking someone through familiarity. An example of this would be the natural love of a parent for their child. Philia is the love between friends. This friendship is built off of sharing common values, interests, or activities. Eros is a type of romantic love between two people. It's the sense of "being in love" or "loving" someone. The greatest love anyone can experience is Agape, which is the love that exists regardless of changing circumstances. This is considered as the unconditional "God" love. As we can see clearly now, love is much more than just a word that we throw around and use. It's easy to fall into this trap based on my own experiences. I'm sure you can relate at some level. If you would like further reading, and a better explanation, there is a book by C.S. Lewis called "The Four Loves."

With that foundation I would like to share with you what's been on my mind in prayer these last few weeks. The Lord has really been working on my heart a lot and love has been a constant theme as of late. There can be days where I struggle loving the Lord, i.e. putting Him first throughout my day. What struck me was how He responded to me as I was reflecting on this struggle. He mentioned that I can't love Him very well without loving myself. There's a lot of truth to this. If we struggle loving ourselves it will be difficult to give love to others. I have a tendency to be self-critical and harsh on myself if I make a mistake. I don't always love myself in ways that I should. I'm so quick to forgive others but not to myself. Moving forward the Lord is calling me to a deeper love. He wants me to experience the Agape love that C.S. Lewis talks about in his book. The unconditional love that only God can give us. Let us pray for the grace to see ourselves through the eyes of Christ so that we to may treat ourselves with gentleness, compassion, and patience.

By Alex Kren, Seminarian

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Dawn Kaufman  
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**Fr. Daniel Thelen**  
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**REVISED MASS SCHEDULE**  
Sun Facebook live at 9AM

Tue Immaculate Conception  
Wed Immaculate Conception  
Thu Immaculate Conception  
Fri Immaculate Conception  
Sat Immaculate Conception

**CONFESSION**  
Wed & Fri 5-7 pm at IC  
Sun 8:00-8:30am St Joseph



**Saturday May 23**  
Wedding of Danielle LaCost and Chad Hagedorn

**Sunday May 24 The Ascension of the Lord**  
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 25**  
Private Mass

**Tuesday May 26**  
†Bernard & Anne Scheffer (M Louie)

**Wednesday May 27**  
†Funeral Mass for Michael Laufenberg

**Thursday May 28**  
†Aurelia & Leopold Traczek (R Traczek)  
  
6:00 PM Bible Study through ZOOM app

**Friday May 29**  
†Gordon Skalitzky (B&J Giunta)

**Saturday May 30**  
4:30 PM Mass IC Hispanic  
†Members of All Three Parishes

**Sunday May 31 Pentecost Sunday**  
8:30 AM Mass at St Joseph's  
†Spc. Charles A Kaufman (M&C Kaufman)  
  
10:15AM Mass at Immaculate Conception  
Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15  
For Our Troops (T Thompson)

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

**PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA**  
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)

**HOME VISITS**  
Home visits are postponed unless it is an emergency.  
Fr Dan: (715)964-5201 or (715)218-8391

**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**  
Contact Jolene Janke at 715-964-6334 or [stevnmj@centurytel.net](mailto:stevnmj@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.)

Bishop Callahan is graciously allowing public Mass to resume again on Sundays.  
There is no obligation to attend. The following guidelines will be helpful for those who plan to come.  
**Schedule**

**May 24th**  
- 9am FacebookLive Mass as usual (No Public Mass)


**May 31st**  
- 8:30am - Mass at St Joseph (at 25% capacity)  
- 10:15am - Mass at Immaculate Conception (at 25% capacity)  
- 10:15am - FacebookLive Mass

**Several points for May 31st**  
1) We will still continue the Live Stream Mass. Starting May 31st the time of the Live Stream will change to 10:15 am  
2) The Sunday Mass obligation is not in effect. So it is not a 'sin' to miss Mass during this present time. However, you are still required to honor the Sabbath by setting that day aside for prayer and rest.  
3) When Mass resumes on May 31st we will only be able to allow the churches to filled to 25% capacity. To accomplish this at St Joseph we will have half of St Joseph parish come one Sunday, and the other half come the following Sunday. To accomplish this at Immaculate Conception we will do the same thing: half of the parish will come one Sunday, and the other half the other Sunday. Thus you will be able to attend Mass every other week.  
4) Seminarian Alex and I will flip a coin on Facebook Live at 7pm Wednesday, May 27th. The coin will determine which alphabetical group goes to Mass on May 31st. (We will not do the coin flip after this first time. The alphabetical groups will just rotate. Thus each group will be able to attend Mass every other week.)  
5) Ushers will meet you at the front door and guide you to your pew. They will ensure proper spacing.  
6) Masks are encouraged but not required. You can bring your own from home if you have one, or you can get one at Mass  
7) Gloves can be worn. But they must be removed when you receive Communion.  
8) If it is not your week to attend Mass, you can still come and wait in your car. If the 25% limit is not filled, the ushers will invite you into the church


WEEKLY TITHING			
WEEK OF 5/17	IC	ST. JOSEPH	ST. JOHN
ADULT	815.00	520.00	265.00
PLATE	3.00		
APPEAL REB	45.00		
TOTAL	863.00	520.00	265.00
BUDGET	1531.00	998.00	362.00
DIFFERENCE	(668.00)	(478.00)	(97.00)
BUDG DIFF YTD	2596.65	11049.78	(1709.00)

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!  
Sunday, May 17, 2020 \$50 winner is Tracy Stephens


Our Graduating Seniors!  
Congratulations and have a blessed future!



Justin Rowekamp



Sierra Mayer



Elise Theiler

Action Alerts from the US Bishops  
The US Bishops encourage the faithful to contact Congress on a number of important matters, including help for Catholic Schools in this time of economic devastation, strengthening of the SNAP program for hunger relief, development of a COVID-19 vaccine that does not use cell lines from aborted babies, and other issues. Visit [votervoice.net/USCCB/home](http://votervoice.net/USCCB/home) to see how you can make your voice heard.

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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.  
  
5:00 pm-7:00 pm—Wednesday and Friday  
At Immaculate Conception  
8:00 am-8:30 am—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.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH



STAMPS FOR BULLETIN MAILINGS

We have been mailing out bulletins to many people since the virus closed down churches. Some people pick up bulletins at the churches, but many are not able to come. If you would like to contribute stamps for these mailings, or money to purchase stamps, it would be greatly appreciated! Donations and stamps can be sent to the rectory at IC in Alma Center, or dropped in the collection when Mass becomes public again. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Remember your parish when you write your will!