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#### **ONLINE MASS OPTIONS**

Sunday 10:15 AM with Fr Dan - Go to our Facebook page, Immaculate Joseph John

> Word on Fire daily Mass https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/

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

You can also listen to the Mass LIVE on the radio. SIRIUS/ XM, or listen online at ewtn.com/radio/listen-live

If you missed the live stream, the Daily Mass can be found at: video.ewtn.com/dailv-mass

#### Links from the Diocese of La Crosse

https://diolc.org/

https://www.youtube.com/user/dioceseoflacrosse https://www.facebook.com/diolc

https://www.youtube.com/user/timoudenhoven

Link to Fr Dan's Homily-weekly

https://www.facebook.com/immaculate.conception.7796420

https://www.voutube.com/channel/ UCD6cRqsr0lfLfKSvta1qkuQ





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St. Joseph Parish-Fairview N13740 Fairview Rd Fairchild WI 54741-8514 715-964-5201



St. John Cantius Parish 306 2nd St. Fairchild WI 54741-8514 715-964-5201

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

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. It was on this day, fifty days after Easter that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples. The once timid followers of Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit became courageous and fearless in their witness to the truth of Jesus Christ.

Can this happen again? Can we experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in such a profound manner? Jesus says yes, for according to His own words it is far better for the Holy Spirit to come than for Jesus to remain, "I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will not come to you." (John 16:7) The Sacrament of Confirmation in a particular way seals us with the gift of the Holy Spirit. However, like all sacraments, we must live our faith to experience the fruits of the sacrament.

Recently I heard a great analogy about stained glass windows. If you enter a church at night time with all the lights off, you will notice that stained glass windows are no more attractive than the walls of a church. Darkness hides their beauty. However, in the morning or evening as the sun's horizontal light fills the church with its radiance, the stained glass windows shine with an incredible brilliance that lifts the soul. The sun is what makes stained glass windows beautiful. The windows on their own cannot store and retain sunlight. They are only beautiful when the sun shines through them. Likewise, in our spiritual life, we only experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit when we daily offer our life's work and prayer to God. To shine brilliantly we must live our faith always!

My own personal experience testifies to this reality. Though I am a priest, I still live in the world. As a result, I often experience worldly desires moving subtly as an inner force attempting to overshadow my life with the Holy Spirit. As soon as I notice this, my spiritual sensitivity acts like an alarm, and I know I must pray, enter the church and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Personally, for me I need to actively pray and immerse myself in the presence of God at least every five hours. If I do not, I become worldly. I lose the sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. I often find myself engaged in various tasks; however, by frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament I end up 'praying always' as I am constantly keeping my desires and yearnings on God alone.

Therefore, as I have been urging each of you, please pray. Pray very much! As Jesus says, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." (Matt 4:4) May God bless each of you with the gift of the Holy Spirit on this the solemnity of Pentecost. I am here if you are in need. Please do not hesitate to call. You are in my prayers. Trust greatly in Jesus as we continue through this difficult time. St Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church – Pray for Us

Fr. Dan Thelen

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#### REVISED MASS SCHEDULE

Sun Facebook live at 10.15AM Tue Immaculate Conception Wed Immaculate Conception **Immaculate Conception Immaculate Conception** 

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#### CONFESSION

Wed 5-7 pm at IC Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC Sun 8:00-8:30am St Joseph

#### 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)

#### Monday June 1

Private Mass

#### Tuesday June 2

†Gilbert & Fern Laufenberg

#### Wednesday June 3

†Martin & Dorothy Kalina (B Meacham)

#### Thursday June 4

Our Pope, Bishops and Priests (N&K Nicks)

6:00 PM Bible Study through ZOOM app

#### Friday June 5

†Harold Frazee (M&C Kaufman)

#### Saturday June 6

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

#### Sunday June 7 The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 AM Mass at St Joseph's

†Henry & Evelyn Kohn (L Kohn)

10:15AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15 Marcel & JoAnn Kujak Anniversary & JoAnn's Birthday

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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

#### **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

#### **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 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.)

#### Resuming Sunday Mass

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

#### Sunday

- 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 attending Mass**

- 1) We will still continue the Live Stream Mass. The time of the Live Stream will be at 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) As Mass resumes, 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. 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) 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.
- 5) Parishioners with a last name starting with a letter from M Z are invited to participate in the Sunday Mass on June 7th. There is no obligation to attend. This is simply an invite for those who wish to attend.

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- 6) Ushers will meet you at the front door and guide you to your pew. They will ensure proper spacing.
- 7) Masks are encouraged but not required. You can bring your own from home if you have one, or you can get one at Mass.
- 8) Gloves can be worn. But they must be removed when you receive Communion.

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WEEK OF 5/24	IC	St. Joseph	Sт. Јон <b>и</b>
Adult	770.00	915.00	230.00
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TOTAL	806.00	915.00	230.00
BUDGET	1531.00	998.00	362.00
DIFFERENCE	(725.00)	(83.00)	(132.00)
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#### **Sunday Fund Day Winner!!**

Sunday, May 24, 2020 \$50 winner is Chalice of Mercy!



#### **St John Cantius Cemetery Association**

This weekend marks the transition of St John Cantius Parish into an oratory for the newly formed St John Cantius Cemetery Association.

Due to Covid-19 the closing Mass by Bishop Callahan is being postponed till a later date. Notification will be made when this new date is made known.



Congratulations to Chad and Danielle Hagedorn, who were married at Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 23rd.

We also congratulate
Danielle on her Confirmation, received the same
day. Double blessings!



# Don't fall for the misinterpretations of what true humility is all about. Part 1

Humility is viewed by many as a virtue of questionable value, because it's often misinterpreted as constantly putting yourself down or degrading yourself in the presence of others.

Misunderstood humility can be downright dangerous when understood in a way contrary to its original meaning in biblical spirituality and the Judeo-Christian tradition. People with low self-esteem often interpret humility as a form of disdain towards oneself. It can even be a form of hypocrisy, or an excuse for laziness, when we intentionally underrate ourselves. We avoid the difficulty of achieving our full potential by denying that we are even capable of it.

#### What humility is not

Humility shouldn't be confused with low self-esteem, timidity, feelings of inferiority, or self-degradation. While being humble requires acknowledging our own difficulties, shortcomings, and limits, it doesn't mean making a show of them. Humility means living in the truth, accepting that we aren't perfect. Humility isn't about putting ourselves down, but about realism. Many people think they're humble, when in reality, they're constantly talking about how unfortunate and low they are, focusing entirely on themselves, which is a hidden form of pride.

Miguel Pastorino and Matthew Green - Aleteia

Continued next week

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#### **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 at his cell number (715-218-8391) and set up a time.

5:00 pm-7:00 pm—Wednesday at IC 4:00 pm—4:30 pm—Saturday at IC 8:00 am-8:30 am—Sunday at 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.

#### Money Counters-meet at IC 9:00am

Wed. Jun. 3: Elfering, Hagedorn Wed. Jun. 10: Elfering, Baumann Wed. Jun. 17: Elfering, Connelly

#### **ENVELOPES AND DONATIONS**

If you are not ready to come back to Mass yet, 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.

We encourage you to sign up for Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). If you would like to do this please email or call Fr Dan or Dawn. This ensures that your donations are in on a regular schedule, and it helps keep the counters from handling money touched by others, which is safer and healthier for them.

#### YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

