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<p>ONLINE MASS OPTIONS Sunday 10:15 AM 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/UCD6cRqsr0fLfKSvta1qkuQ</p>
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PARISH BULLETIN August 16, 2020



St. Joseph Parish-Fairview
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Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St Joseph!

In the Book of Revelation, Saint John sees a scroll with seven seals. No one is able to open the scroll but the Lamb, Jesus Christ. All heaven falls down before the Lamb and they sing a new song, as incense and worship fill the heavens. "Worthy are you to receive the scroll and to break open its seals, for you were slain and with your blood you purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation." (Rev. 5:9) It is interesting to note that this scroll was written on both sides. (Rev. 5:1) What other document from God was written on both sides? ... The Ten Commandments. (Ex. 32:15) Thus an indication that this scroll was of equal importance to the great law given to Moses. Just five chapters later in the Book of Revelation another scroll presented. We understand that this scroll is meant for all of us. It is described as smaller in size and it is already opened. A voice cries out, "Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel...take and swallow it. It will turn your stomach sour, but in your mouth it will taste as sweet as honey." (Rev. 10:8-10)

We hear a nearly identical passage in the Book of Ezekiel in the Old Testament. God speaks to Ezekiel, "Son of man, eat what is before you; eat this scroll, then go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth and he gave me the scroll to eat...I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth." (Ez 3:1-3) This scroll, like the Commandments, is written on both sides. Both Saint John and the Prophet Ezekiel are then commanded to speak the words of God to the people. The psalms say, "How sweet to my tongue is your promise, sweeter than honey to my mouth." (Psalm 119:103)

When we listen to the word of God, it often sounds sweet. However, when we begin to live it authentically, it often turns bitter. The Word of God is sharper than a two-edge sword, slicing between bone and marrow. Thus it roots out our attachments to vice. The Word of God purifies us so that we can be free in our ability to love, to become authentic images of Christ in His freedom. If we have Faith, we know that the temporary bitterness of God's purifying Word is a blessing.

These passages culminate in the greatest gift that we have as humans, the gift of the Holy Eucharist. At every Holy Mass, we 'take and eat' the Holy Eucharist, just as Saint John and the Prophet Ezekiel 'took and ate' the scrolls. In the Holy Eucharist we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, who is in himself the Word of God. Thus by receiving the Holy Eucharist we receive the Word of God. This last week we celebrated the First Communions of several of our children. The gift that these children received and that each of us can receive (Continued on page 2)

<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>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-Fri Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Sat 4:30 pm IC Spanish</p> <p>CONFESSION</p> <p>Wed 5:00-7:00 pm at IC Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC Sun 8:00-8:25 am St Joseph</p>
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Saturday August 15
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
 †Gilbert & Fern Laufenberg

Sunday August 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
 †Larry Mayer (J Mayer)

10:15AM Mass Immaculate Conception
Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15
 For All Students and School Staff

Monday August 17
 Private Mass

Tuesday August 18
5:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
 †Shirley Petznick (D Bedell)

6:15-6:45 PM Adoration Immaculate Conception

Wednesday August 19
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
 †MaryAnn & Larry Johnston (R Traczek)

5:00-7:00 PM Confessions Immaculate Conception

Thursday August 20
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
 †Martin & Dorothy Kalina (B Meacham)

5:30-7:30 PM Adoration Immaculate Conception
6:00 PM Bible Study at Immaculate Conception in person and through ZOOM app

Friday August 21
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
 †Ben Simonis

Saturday August 22
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
 2 Baptisms during Mass
 †Members of All Three Parishes

Sunday August 23 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
 †Bernard Scheffer (M Theiler)

10:15AM Mass Immaculate Conception
Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15
 †Richard Gilles (L Schnur)

1:00 PM First Communion Mass Immaculate Conception

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.
 Website: www.catholic-parishes-of-almacenter-fairchild.org

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS
 Contact Jolene Janke at 715-964-6334 or 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 KOTSCHINELSON, 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.)

(Continued from page 1) when we approach God in the state of Grace, is communion with God. By receiving Jesus in this way, one receives quite literally the Word of God. God has called us friends; he has invited us into an intimate relationship with himself. We are not meant to only read the Word of God; we are meant to also receive him substantially in our hearts. Holy Communion, therefore, is the pinnacle of God's expression of Love.

You may be experiencing bitterness, sadness, despair, heart break. When we receive the Word of God, we receive it with joy. However, this joy is often followed by the bitterness of a cross. We may wonder why our fidelity to Jesus leads to sorrow. But through Faith we can see beyond the horizon. The sadness of today will pass. The Word of God purifies and heals. Purification lasts for a time; however, the healing remains. As the dawn rising in the sky, our spiritual life becomes filled by authentic freedom and love, casting away all previous attachments and difficulties.

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. Daniel L Thelen

Resuming Sunday Mass
 - 8:30am - Mass at St Joseph (at 25% capacity) approx. 40
 - 10:15am - Mass at Immaculate Conception (at 25% capacity) approx. 60
 - 10:15am - FacebookLive Mass

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.

Parishioners with a last name starting with the following letters are invited to participate in the corresponding Sunday Mass. There is no obligation to attend. This is simply an invite for those who wish to attend.

Aug 23 - A-L Aug 30 - M-Z

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 8/9	IMMAC. CONCEPTION	ST. JOSEPH
ADULT	595.00	1180.00
PLATE	197.00	128.00
VOTIVES		21.25
TOTAL	792.00	1329.25
BUDGET	1639.00	1082.00
DIFFERENCE	(876.00)	246.25
BUDG DIFF YTD	(2988.38)	1648.26

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!
 Sunday, Aug. 8, 2020 \$50 winner is Fidelio Zarza

Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting
 Wed., Aug. 26 at 6:30 PM at Immaculate Conception

We could use a couple more counters, especially someone (or 2 or 3) from IC. Please talk to Dawn or Fr Dan if you are able to help. We meet Wednesday morning after 9 am Mass, about 9:30, at Immaculate Conception.



Our First Communicants and their families.
 Lily Swenson-Mendez, Jaeger Clarke, Alaina Cernohous and Hudson Ambort

St Joseph Parish is deeply grateful for the generosity of Marianne Selz. She has made a large donation toward the handicap lift in memory of John and Marianne.

Advertiser Of The Week
NEIGHBORS IN NEED
 Since 1993 more than 1000 helped. If you know of anyone with a special need, call Jeff Smith @ 715-334-3983 or Marcel Kujak @ 715-964-5301
 We thank this week's Advertiser of the Week, **Anonymous Donors** for their continuing support of our church bulletin. If you find yourself in financial difficulty, contact Anonymous Donors. They are here to help you out in your time of need. And let them know we appreciate their continued 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 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 9:30am
 Wed. Aug. 19: Elfering, Connelly
 Wed. Aug. 26: Connelly, Statz
 Wed. Sept. 2: Statz, Elfering

We changed the time to 9:30 am. You are welcome to attend daily Mass at 9 am before we count.

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.

