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<p>ONLINE MASS OPTIONS</p> <p>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 23, 2020



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

On the fourth of August of this year, an explosion occurred in Beirut, Lebanon, devastating the city. The explosion was so powerful that the land shook, equivalent to a seismic event of magnitude 3.3. When I heard the news of this explosion, I immediately thought of a passage from Ezekiel. (Ezekiel 28:1-10)

To the prince of Tyre:	And yet you are a man, and not a god,
Thus says the Lord GOD:	You may think yourself like a god.
Because you are haughty of heart,	No, you are man, not a god,
you say, "A god am I!	handed over to those who will slay you.

The ancient city of Tyre is about fifty miles south of Beirut. Thus, the reason why I thought of this passage. The city of Tyre is mentioned numerous times in the Bible. One of these mentions occurred just this last weekend during the Sunday Gospel. A Canaanite woman from the region of Tyre and Sidon, asked Jesus to heal her daughter. Jesus said "It is not right to take the food of the children and to throw it to the dogs." The woman however persisted in her faith, and Jesus healed her daughter saying, "O woman, great is your faith!"

The city of Tyre was always depicted as the antithesis to Jerusalem. Tyre was a city of wealth. It was pagan and without knowledge of God. Yet according to the Gospel of Matthew it is this city, despite its unbelief, that would first receive mercy before all the cities of Israel. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." (Matt 11:21)

A verse in Deuteronomy echoes the passage from Ezekiel, 'Our own hand won the victory; the LORD had nothing to do with it.' (Deut 32:27) This passage could be the motto for our age. How often I sit on the porch of my rectory praying Rosaries or the Psalms. I see the cars and tractors, trucks and vacationers zip past my front window. No one stops by the church to say Hi to Jesus. Everyone is busy with their daily life, few seem to even acknowledge that their wealth and prosperity is a gift from God most high.

In our developed and prosperous nation, are we not like Tyre? We boast of our riches and ignore our churches.

There is one difference between us and Tyre. Tyre did not know God, they did not have any churches or structures in place to worship and adore our Lord. Here in America we have the entire infrastruc-

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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>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 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)

Monday August 24
Private Mass

Tuesday August 25
5:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
Sostenes Jaime

6:15-6:45 PM Adoration Immaculate Conception

Wednesday August 26
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Chad Stanley (B Stanley)

5:00-6:00 PM Confessions Immaculate Conception
6:30 PM IC Parish Council Meeting Immaculate Conception

Thursday August 27
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Lawrence Simonis

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

Friday August 28
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
For Our Troops (T Thompson)

Saturday August 29
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
†Members of All Three Parishes

Sunday August 30 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†Harold Frazee (M&C Kaufman)

10:15AM Mass Immaculate Conception
Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15
†Betty Luther (D&D Kraft)

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 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.

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Because you are haughty of heart, you say, “A god am I! (Ezekiel 28:2)

“Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of heaven.” (Matt 19:23)

The Spirit is dying within us. Our wealth is deadening the life of Faith. Return to God, return to prayer. Visit the churches often. Form prayer groups in your families. Pray every day!

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 30 - M-Z Sept 6 - A-L
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 8/16	IMMAC. CONCEPTION	ST. JOSEPH
ADULT	1145.00	1085.00
PLATE	51.00	216.00
VOTIVES	47.35	
TOTAL	1243.35	1301.00
BUDGET	1639.00	1082.00
DIFFERENCE	(424.65)	218.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	(3413.06)	1866.26
CFI DONATION	425.00	425.00
MISSION CO-OP	674.00	289.00

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!
Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020 \$50 winner is Kevin Ripp

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

St Mary’s Cemetery Association Meeting
Sun., Sept 6 after 10:15 Mass at Immaculate Conception



THANK YOU CATHOLIC FINANCIAL LIFE!
The Catholic Financial Life Insurance Alma Center Branch has donated \$425.00 to Immaculate Conception and St Joseph’s Parishes. We thank them for their kind donation to assist the parishes during the pandemic.

The Alma Center Branch of CFI has also given Seniors Elise Theiler and Sierra Mayer \$100.00 scholarships to assist them in furthering their education. We especially thank them for their service as Altar Servers and helping at parish events since they were in 3rd grade.

St Joseph Cemetery—Help Needed for Fix-Up
We are getting people together to fix up some of the gravestones in the cemetery. Over time, the stones start to tip as animals burrow under them, some crumble a bit, and it becomes unsightly and dangerous. We need some muscle and man power to shore them up, and some help making it look nice again. We ask that if you are able to help, please come on Thursday, Aug. 27th at 10am to help with the smaller stones, and/or Saturday, Aug. 29th at 9am to help with the big ones. The big ones need lots of muscle! We have a couple skid steers promised, and could use a pickup or 2 of sand/gravel/dirt as well. Bring a shovel.

Shout out to Sonsalla Heating!
They installed 2 new furnaces in the church at Immaculate Conception. Thank you!

Advertiser Of The Week
We thank this week’s Advertiser of the Week, **Carlos Auto Body & Custom Painting**, for their support. Call Carlos when you need help with your car, he can help you make your vehicle look new again, or ask about other custom painting!

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. 26: Connelly, Statz
Wed. Sept. 2: Statz, Elfering
Wed. Sept. 9: Elfering, Connelly

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.