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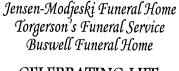
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Sunday 10:15 AM with Fr Dan - Go to our Facebook page, Immaculate Joseph John

> 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

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#### **Links from the Diocese of La Crosse**

https://diolc.org/

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

Link to Fr Dan's Homily-weekly

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

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## PARISH BULLETIN September 6, 2020 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time









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

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St Joseph!

Our country is a melting pot of different and extraordinary peoples. As I write this column I am watching numerous individuals of every background exit a shopping market. This diversity within our nation is a blessing and we as Americans should be proud that our country espouses such a virtue.

Our church too embraces diversity. The Catholic Church fulfills Matthew 28 in bringing the unity of the Gospel to the diversity of the entire world, from the east to the west. God has created each person. Our uniqueness reflects God's omnipotence. Each of us are made in God's image and likeness. Thus we as Christian Catholics rejoice in the diversity of God's creation. The message of the Gospel is meant for all peoples of every unique background. The Gospel calls all of us into the fullness of life for which God has created us.

As we rejoice in the diversity of God's creation, our readings for this weekend nevertheless urge us to be strong witnesses of the one truth in Christ. We are appointed watchmen, and we must speak out against evils of this world.

As Americans, we find it very difficult to differentiate between these two seemingly opposing positions. The celebration of the diversity in God's creation and the unity of the moral truths in Christ. But do we not already embrace this in a similar way with regard to culture and science. Our nation embraces diversity in culture, while at the same time accepting the oneness of scientific truths. So why can we not embrace that there is oneness in moral truths? Why do we as Americans often feel the urge to accept a diversity of opinions in regard to morality?

As Catholics, our morality is best framed by the concept of virtue. Virtue is the habit of doing good. A virtue can be symbolically depicted on the natural level by looking at a sports player. Through repetition and practice an athlete creates the habit of doing well in his/her sport. The same is true in morality. By repeated good actions a person develops a habit of doing good. Likewise, in sport, the game is filled with complexity, yet victory is achieved only through a singular manner. (For instance, a golfer has to deal with a complexity of issues from both weather and terrain, yet victory is only achieved by putting the ball into the hole. He/she cannot alter the rule by which victory is achieved) Thus, morality too works with a complexity of challenges, yet it likewise has just one path to virtue. There is a oneness in moral truths, just as there is oneness to victory in sports or truths in science. Morality is not relative, it is objective.

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Sun 8:30 am St Joseph 10:15 am Immaculate Con. Facebook live at 10:15AM

Tue-Fri Immaculate Conception

Sat 4:30 pm IC Spanish

#### CONFESSION

Wed 5:00-7:00 pm at IC Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC Sun 8:00-8:25 am St Joseph

#### Saturday September 5

4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic Sostenes Jaime

#### Sunday September 6 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mass St Joseph

†Achiel D'Huyvetter (A D'Huyvetter)

10:15AM Mass Immaculate Conception

Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15

†Members of Both Parishes

#### Monday September 7

Private Mass

#### Tuesday September 8

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

6:15-6:45 PM Adoration Immaculate Conception

#### <u> Wednesday September 9</u>

9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception

†Betsy Traczek (R Traczek)

5:00-7:00 PM Confessions Immaculate Conception

#### Thursday September 10

9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception

†Raupp Family (T Thompson)

5:30-7:30 PM Adoration Immaculate Conception

6:00 PM Bible Study at Immaculate Conception in person and through ZOOM app

#### Friday September 11

9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception

†Edward Simonis

#### Saturday September 12

4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic

†Richard Gilles (L Schnur)

#### Sunday September 13 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mass St Joseph

†Bernard & Anne Scheffer (Maggie Scheffer)

10:15AM Mass Immaculate Conception

Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15

†Marion Simon (G&M Seichter)

#### **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 venmj@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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How can we discern a moral truth? How do we know a moral truth? We as Catholics have the gift of revelation, both from sacred scripture and sacred tradition. God has given us moral truths, through His revealed Word. We likewise are blessed to have the Magisterium (the Pope and the Bishops), who guided by the holy Spirit articulate the truths of revelation for every age.

As Catholic Christians we celebrate the diversity of God's creation, while firmly holding that morality is objective. When we believe this then we can accept and understand the words from Ezekiel in today's first reading. To speak the truth on moral issues is an act of love. Truths should be spoken with empathy and compassion, but they must always be spoken. "I have appointed you watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, 'O wicked one, you shall surely die', and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death." (Ezekiel 33:7)

May we be blessed with the gift of fortitude in speaking up for our faith. 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

#### **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

Fr. Daniel L Thelen

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.

Sept 13 - M-Z

Sept 20 - A-L

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WEEK OF 8/30	IMMAC. CONCEPTION	St. Joseph
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#### **Sunday Fund Day Winner!!**

Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020 \$50 winner is Mike Esser

### St Mary's Cemetery Association Meeting

Sun., Sept 6 after 10:15 Mass at Immaculate Conception



St Joseph's is getting closer and closer to handicap accessibility! Thank you to the Kutchera Family for all the work they did putting in the new sidewalk.

Next week: pictures of the new lift! It is being installed now!

#### We could use a couple more money counters!

Please talk to Dawn or Fr Dan if you are able to help.

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Ushers will begin collecting the offertory as we used to, with the collection baskets. Our safeguards have been working, thanks to your cooperation. Keep up the good work!

#### **FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES! BIBLE STUDY AND ROSARY**

We have some wonderful opportunities for you to participate in our faith.

On Thursday evenings at 6 PM, we hold Bible Study. You can participate in person, or through Zoom! You don't even have to leave your home!

On Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings, you can participate in an online ro-

Please contact Fr Dan if you would like to give either of these opportunities a try. You are not obligated to join every week, participate as you can. You will love it!

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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

#### Money Counters-meet at IC 9:30am

Wed. Sept. 9: Connelly, Laudon Wed. Sept 16: Elfering, Laudon Wed. Sept. 23: Statz, 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.

#### YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

