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THE ESSENTIAL NEEDS
A part of Friends Sharing Food, has available personal care items such as body soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes, diapers, incontinent products and toilet paper. If you are in need of these items, please contact Kathy Laudon at 715-299-1992.
If you would like to donate items to the Essential Needs Program, a box is located at both Immaculate Conception and St Joseph churches.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of
Msgr Michael Burke
May God grant him eternal rest. Amen.



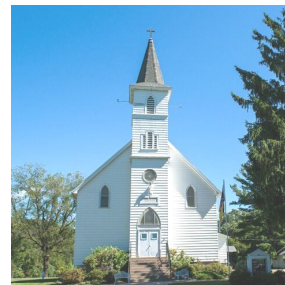
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of
Peter Kelly
May God grant him eternal rest. Amen.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of
Dale D. Fitzmaurice
May God grant him eternal rest. Amen.



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Alma Center WI 54611-0188
715-964-5201



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PARISH BULLETIN September 27, 2020
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St Joseph!

In my homily this past weekend I was trying to communicate the following spiritual truth. The commandments of God are clear. We are obliged to follow them. Yet in our Christian life we are also called to something deeper. We are called to a relationship with God in and through his Church. In this relationship we encounter the mystery of God. In seminary I had a theology professor who often said, “We can never explode the mystery of God.” The dual attributes of God, both his highness and his nearness, his transcendence and his immanence, will forever enrapture us. He is a mystery, and the fullness of who he is, will always be far beyond our grasp. Despite all this, our ability to love Him will never be stifled by our incapacity to fully know him. Rather we will be in an eternal pursuit to know and love him better.

Our first step in this eternal love story begins with our obedience to God in this world. In and through our daily obedience to God’s big and small commands, we open ourselves to a deeper relationship with God, that of knowing ourselves as his beloved sons and daughters. It is this relationship that leads us into the love we were created for, that of God’s love for us, and our love for God.

Our Lord himself shows us that obedience leads to sonship. In Hebrews we hear, “Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and when he was made perfect, he became the source of salvation for all who obey him.” (Heb 5:8)

In Luke 8 we hear Jesus’ interaction with his family and his declaration that “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.” (Lk 8:21) Psalm 119 repeats the words, “Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.”

The actions of Jesus in regard to his family seem entirely disrespectful. He seems to ignore his family and their desire to see him. Is this not a sin against the fourth commandment? We can see a similar situation from last weekend’s Gospel. Were not the workers in the vineyard paid unfairly? Why did those who worked just one hour receive an equal wage as those who worked a full day?

In both situations, Our Lord is speaking about supernatural justice. He is not disregarding the natural justice due to workers and family, but rather elevating the conversation of justice to a higher plane. In our life we should do the same and in our moral choices echo the psalm, “Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.”

Obedience to the commandments of God is an absolute. We are required to be obedient always. At the same time, however, our faith is more than obedience, it is a relationship. And in this relationship we need God’s help. At times people need the witness of supernatural justice to move them to a deeper encounter with God. The story of the workers in the vineyard and the account from the eighth chapter of Luke regarding the family of Jesus, demonstrate that at times it is right and just to cause a temporary injury for the sake of a higher good. The workers grumbled that they did not get paid more for a full day of work. They had an immediate negative reaction. However, through the parable we see Christ com-

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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 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</p> <p>CONFESSION Sat 4:00-4:30 pm at IC Sun 8:00-8:25 am St Joseph</p>
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Saturday September 26
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
†Members of Both Parishes

Sunday September 27 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†Frank Traczek (R Traczek)

10:15AM Mass Immaculate Conception
Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15
†Mike Laufenberg

Monday September 28
Private Mass

Tuesday September 29
5:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
†Mary Simonis

6:15 PM-6:45 PM Adoration Immaculate Conception

Wednesday September 30
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
Health & Welfare of Anderson Traczek

4:00 PM or 6:00 PM CCD Immaculate Conception

Thursday October 1
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Gilbert & Fern Laufenberg

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

Friday October 2
9:00 AM Mass Immaculate Conception
†Richard Gilles (L Schnur)

Saturday October 3
4:30 PM Mass Immaculate Conception-Hispanic
†Members of Both Parishes

Sunday October 4 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Mass St Joseph
†Shirley Petznick (D Bedell)

10:15AM Mass Immaculate Conception
Mass live-streamed through Facebook at 10:15
Health & Welfare of the Dan Domenosky Family

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

TEMP: Contact Dawn Kaufman (until Jolene gets back) at 715-533-8344 or dawnkaufman@hotmail.com to ask for prayers.

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.

(Continued from page 1) municating a far greater lesson. Grace can never be reduced to an hourly wage. Rather grace is always given in abundance. When we work in God’s vineyard, our pay is always measured out in grace without restriction.

Similarly, in Luke 8, Christ caused his family some immediate pain in ignoring them. However, he had a greater message to convey. He was telling everyone that if we listen to the word of God and act on it, then we can be included in the family of God.

You who are parents, you often deprive your children of some immediate things for the greater good of their formation and long-term happiness. I as a priest, when I was being formed in seminary, my formators restricted my freedoms for the greater good of my spiritual development. Each of us in our spiritual walk with God must deny ourselves for the greater good of living a life completely dedicated to God.

“Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.” Let us pray that through obedience we may be led deeper into the love story for which we were created, that of God’s love for us, and our love for God. 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

MASS INTENTIONS

We could use some Mass intentions, especially for our weekday Masses. If you have a certain date you would like them said, please indicate that on the envelope, and we'll do our best to say them on that date, or as close to it as possible. Suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. Make checks payable to your parish. If you have a preference for which church they are said, please indicate that as well.

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.

WEEKLY TITHING		
WEEK OF 9/20	IMMAC. CONCEPTION	ST. JOSEPH
ADULT	814.00	1605.00
PLATE	163.02	17.00
TOTAL	977.02	1622.00
BUDGET	1639.00	1082.00
DIFFERENCE	(690.98)	539.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	(4504.97)	1241.26
MEMORIAL		1000.00

Sunday Fund Day Winner!!
Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020 \$50 winner is Jessica Jaime

The Fall Mass at St. Malachy's Catholic Church, rural Black River Falls, will be on Sunday, October 4 at 1:15 p.m. Father Dan Thelen, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Alma Center will be the celebrant. The Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. All are welcome to attend. COVID 19 rules and regulations will be enforced. For more information contact Mary I. Murray Woods at 608-488-5981 or email her at cjmiw@msn.com.



Norah Sanchez was Baptized at Immaculate Conception this past Sunday. Congratulations to Norah, her parents and Godparents!

Pro-Life Rosaries with the Bishops of Wisconsin
Beginning Oct. 4 with Bishop William Patrick Callahan, join each of our five Wisconsin Bishops for a live-streamed Pro-Life Rosary from 7:30-8:00 PM on five consecutive Sundays.

October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, making it a providential time to pray with our Bishops to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Unborn, for an end to abortion and other offenses against human life and dignity. The closing Rosary will be led by Archbishop Jerome Listecky on Nov. 1, the Feast of All Saints, concluding with their invocation through the Litany of the Saints. For more details on this statewide pro-life prayer initiative, visit diolc.org/live.

May God’s grace be poured out upon our state, our nation, and our world.

Schedule of Pro-Life Rosaries
Sundays, 7:30-8:00 PM
Oct. 4 – Bishop William Patrick Callahan, Diocese of La Crosse Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/2767764356827317/
Oct. 11 – Bishop Donald Joseph Hying, Diocese of Madison Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/650889292488885/
Oct. 18 – Bishop David Laurin Ricken, Diocese of Green Bay Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/456493581893298/
Oct. 25 – Bishop James Patrick Powers, Diocese of Superior Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/3090558687738830/
Nov. 1 – Archbishop Jerome Edward Listecky, Archdiocese of Milwaukee Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/334174457652808/

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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.

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. Sept. 30: Elfering, Statz
Wed. Oct. 7: Elfering, Statz
Wed. Oct. 14: Connelly, Laudon

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

COMING SOON! THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL APPEAL!
Be watching for your mailing, don’t throw it away!

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St. Joseph Goal- \$7300

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YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Saint Joseph,
Pray for Us!