

TRI-PARISH BULLETIN



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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:30 am St Joseph/St John
10:15 am IC
Mon. 5:30 pm IC
Tue. 5:30 pm IC
Wed 9:00 am IC
Thu. 9:00 am IC
Fri. 9:00 am IC
Sat. 4:30 pm IC

ADORATION WITH CONFESSION

First Friday 5:30-6:00 pm at St Jos
First Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm at IC

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm at IC
Sunday 8:00-8:30 am at SSJJ

ROSARY

Before every Mass

CCD Class

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm at IC

Ash Wednesday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” These are the traditional words with which the priest traces the ashes on the foreheads of the faithful on Ash Wednesday.

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God “with all their hearts” (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. Pope Francis Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

You are Going to Die

You are going to die, whether you think about it or not. Stretch your life out as long as technology makes possible, and even there at the furthest reach of medicine, Death is still waiting for you.

The Present Moment

Today — right now — is when we make our choices and take action; the present moment is the only moment in which we can show charity and mercy to others, forgive each other, repent, convert our souls, and reach for sainthood.

You are Dust ...

The point is not to live in fear of Death but to live in fear of life. The point is to live in the recognition that now is the only time we have to repent and reform our lives, to order our priorities according to that recognition. Take the ashes upon your forehead, then go do something merciful and loving with the now that you have been given. For it is the only time you have.

-Rev. Fr. Arockia A. Stanislaus

Sun. Feb. 11, 11:00 am, IC

R: Matt Dale
S: Dylan Anderson
U: D Laufenberg, J Rowekamp, C Cray, M Dale
E: John Esser, Kathy Esser, JoAnn Kujak
G: George & Kathy Esser
MC: Lawrence Anibas, Holly Dale

Sun. Feb. 11, 8:30 am, St. Joseph

R: Ceanna Eisberner
S: Elise Theiler, Sierra Mayer
U: Pat Kutchera, Joe Kutchera
E: Dawn Kaufman, R Traczek, Louise Bourke
G: Bob & Louise Bourke
MC: C Eisberner, Tim Mayer, R Traczek

Sun. Feb. 18, 10:15 am, IC

R: Joan Esser
S: Justin Rowekamp, Jaden Rowekamp
U: J Esser, L Anibas, B Leis, M Kujak
E: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, Pat Gower
G: Mike & Joan Esser
MC: Greg Seichter, Mary Seichter, Pat Gower

Sun. Feb. 18, 8:30 am, St. Joseph

R: Bonnie Firkus
S: Luke Kutchera, Victor Firkus
U: John Kutchera, Nick Kutchera
E: Bonnie Firkus, Joan Scheffer, Peg Connelly
G: Tim & Beth Mayer
MC: Bonnie, Joan, Peg

Sun. Feb. 25, 10:15 am, IC

R: JoAnn Kujak
S: Dylan Anderson
U: M Schroeder, D Laufenerg, J Rowekamp, C Cray
E: John Esser, Kathy Esser, JoAnn Kujak
G: McFarlanes
MC: Marilou Peterson, Mike Esser, Joan Esser

Sun. Feb. 25, 8:30 am, St. Joseph

R: Rozanne Traczek
S: Luke Kutchera, Elise Theiler
U: Rick Dimmitt, Pam Dimmitt
E: Dawn Kaufman, R Traczek, Louise Bourke
G: Bob & Sandy Mayer
MC: Pam Dimmitt, R Traczek, Louise Bourke

Calendar of Events

Date, Day	Event	Immaculate Conception	St Joseph/St John
Feb. 10, Sat		4:30 PM Mass For All Members of Our 3 Parishes	
Feb. 11, Sun	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00 AM Mass †Deceased member of Catholic Family Life	8:30 AM Mass St Jos MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST after Mass †Aurelia & Leopold Traczek (R Traczek & Sons)
Feb. 12, Mon		5:30 PM Mass †Claire & Laura Esser (John Esser)	
Feb. 13, Tue		5:30 PM Mass, Hispanic Hispanic intentions	
Feb. 14, Wed	Ash Wednesday Day of Fast and Abstinence	6:30 PM Mass Intention by Father	4:30 PM Mass St Joseph †Charles K. Kaufman (Gerry Kaufman)
Feb. 15, Thu		9:00 AM Mass †Bernard Laufenberg Family	
Feb. 16, Fri		9:00 AM Mass †Skalitzky & Giunta Families 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross	6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Feb. 17, Sat		4:30 PM Mass For All Members of Our 3 Parishes	
Feb. 18, Sun	First Sunday of Lent	10:15 AM Mass †Bernard Laufenberg Family	8:30 AM Mass St Joseph Children’s Mass †Lydia & Norman Tischer

MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST TODAY!!

St Joseph's will hold their annual Mardi Gras Breakfast after 8:30 Mass today. We hope you can all attend. We will serve pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, and lots of other goodies. We will also hold a raffle with tickets sold only at the breakfast, so your odds of winning are greater than most raffles. And we've gotten some good prizes!

Because of the breakfast, **Mass at Immaculate Conception will be at 11:00 AM today only**, instead of 10:15, so Father has an opportunity to have breakfast with the parishioners at St Joseph's. We hope to have a good representation from all parishes at the breakfast!!

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study started this past week. The next one will be on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the IC rectory at 6:30 PM.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are running low on Mass intentions at Immaculate Conception. We have a few there, but they are for the same couple of people, so we need more, and different, ones to come in. St Joseph/St John's is catching up on intentions, so if you have been waiting for us to catch up, this is a good time to request them. We recommend a donation of \$10 per Mass, but any amount is accepted. Make checks payable to Immaculate Conception or St Joseph parishes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held at Immaculate Conception and St Joseph on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM. Remember back when everyone went to these every Friday during Lent? Please come share this Catholic tradition this Lent.

CHILDREN'S MASS

The CCD classes will hold a Children's Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday, Feb. 18th at the 8:30 AM Mass. Come encourage their participation and show them we appreciate their hard work.

LOOKING FOR COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH ANNIVEERSARY!

I am looking for any couples from our parishes that will be celebrating their 50th anniversary during 2018. Please contact Dawn Kaufman if you are celebrating that milestone any time during this calendar year. I don't have marriage dates for all our couples, so I need you to come forward and let me know!

ROSARY BEFORE MASS— We will be praying the rosary before Mass. **We would like some volunteers to lead, please.** Let us know if you can lead the rosary! There are rosaries at the back of church if you need one. Please come a few minutes early before Mass to participate in this uniquely Catholic tradition.

CLEANING AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Change of plans!! We had to switch cleaning day to Saturday, March 24th at Immaculate Conception. We will start at 9:00 am. The more people we have, the faster it will go, so everyone who can should come and make the work go quickly.

LOOKING FOR A CLOSE BY FISH FRY?

With Lent quickly approaching, it's time to think about enjoying a parish fish fry. You can use the diocesan **Fish Frynder**, where you will find Lenten meals listed by parish with the location, the times and detailed information about the meal. diolc.org/fishfrynder

Birthday Wishes			
Leanna Cernohous	2/12	John Schroeder	2/16
Janet Napientek	2/13	Brianna Castillo	2/17
Marcella Zimmerman	2/14		
Anniversary Wishes			
Tim & Bethany Mayer	2/14	Floyd & Marilou Peterson	2/17

Let us know when YOUR birthday or anniversary will be so we can add you to our list!



First Saturday Adoration was held at Immaculate Conception Church on 02.03.2018. Thanks to all participants and those who helped. We encourage more people to participate.

WEEKLY TITHING			
2/4	IC	ST. JOS.	ST. JOHN
ADULT	3155.00	331.00	30.00
PLATE	327.00	29.00	
FUEL		150.00	25.00
OTHER ADULT		250.00	
VOTIVES		29.50	
TOTAL	3482.00	789.50	55.00
BUDGET	880.00	702.00	344.00
DIFFERENCE	+2602.00	+87.50	-289.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	+2423.18	+1621.30	-1633.85



First Bible study was held at Immaculate conception on 02.07.2018. Heartfelt thanks to all participants. You are most welcome to attend. The next Bible study will be Wednesday, Feb. 21st in the rectory at 6:30 PM.

HOME VISITS: If you or someone you know is homebound or in the hospital or nursing home, or not feeling well and unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive a visit or Communion, Father or Bonnie would love to visit with you. Contact Father at (715)964-5201 or (715)574-4265, or Bonnie Firkus (715)334-4501.

Prayer Chain Requests contact Jolene Janke 715-964-6334 or stevenmj@centurytel.net
The power of prayer is Amazing!
Please pray for all on the Prayer Chain, as well as our Active Military: GERALYN JANKE, JOSEPH JANKE, KATIE KOTSCHI-NELSON, FRANK UEKER, BENJAMIN KAUER, DEREK LAUFENBERG, LOGAN MEACHAM