

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

1 Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm at IC

Alms giving

Dear brothers and sisters,
Almsgiving is a form of prayer because it is "giving to God" — and not mere philanthropy. It is a form of fasting because it demands sacrificial giving — not just giving something, but giving up something, giving till it hurts.

Jesus presented almsgiving as a necessary part of Christian life: "when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Mt 6:2-3).

The first Christians knew this. "There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need" (Acts 4:34-35).

That was the living embodiment of a basic principle of Catholic social teaching, what tradition calls "the universal destination of goods." The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it succinctly: "The goods of creation are destined for the entire human race" (n. 2452).

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Indeed, many Catholics extend the concept of almsgiving beyond money to include time and talent as well, donating a portion of these to worthy causes.

As God gave himself entirely to us, so we give ourselves entirely to Him. In the Eucharist, He holds nothing back. He gives us His body, blood, soul and divinity — everything He has. That's the giving we need to imitate.

Charity begins at home, where we daily make the choice to give our time, our attention, our affirming smile, and give generously. But charity must not stop there, because for Catholics "home" is universal, and our family is as big as the world. We need to dig deep and give much where much is needed. Sometimes all we can give is a smile, but sometimes that is the greatest sacrifice, the greatest prayer, and indeed the most generous and most sacrificial alms.

-Rev. Fr. Arockia A. Stanislaus

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: Children
S: Luke Kutchera, Victor Firkus
U: Children
E: Bonnie Firkus, Joan Scheffer, Peg Connelly
G: Children
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

Sun. Mar. 4, 10:15 am, IC

R: Kathy Esser
S: Justin Rowekamp, Jaden Rowekamp
U: M Dale, J Esser, L Anibas, B Leis
E: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, Pat Gower
G: Pam & Duane Laufenberg
MC: John Esser, Peg Hayden, John Hayden

Sun. Mar. 4, 8:30 am, St. Joseph

R: Jan Elfering
S: Victor Firkus, Sierra Mayer
U: Chuck Zimbauer, Bob Mayer
E: Bonnie Firkus, Joan Scheffer, Peg Connelly
G: John & Sheila Kutchera
MC: Joan Scheffer, Jan Elfering, Sheila Kutchera

Calendar of Events

Date, Day	Event	Immaculate Conception	St Joseph/St John
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
Feb. 19, Mon		No Mass	
Feb. 20, Tue		5:30 PM Mass, Hispanic Hispanic intentions	
Feb. 21, Wed		9:00 AM Mass †John L Laufenberg (M/M B Spiegel) 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM CCD	
Feb. 22, Thu		9:00 AM Mass †Bernard Laufenberg Family	
Feb. 23, Fri		9:00 AM Mass †Claire & Laura Esser (John Esser) 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross	6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Feb. 24, Sat		4:30 PM Mass For All Members of Our 3 Parishes	
Feb. 25, Sun	Second Sunday of Lent	10:15 AM Mass †Dec. Members of Catholic Family Life	8:30 AM Mass St Joseph †Dec. Members of the Kutchera Fam.

MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST A SUCCESS!

St Joseph's Parish Council and PCCW would like to thank everyone who came and enjoyed the Mardi Gras Breakfast. We had a very good turnout, with people from St John's, IC, and other churches, and even some from Eau Claire. We would also like to thank those who donated food items, and those who donated their time to help with the breakfast. And last, but certainly not least, those who donated prizes for the raffle. The Kutchera siblings donated a 32" flat screen TV, the Dimmitt's donated the Chickadee print, some cash prizes were donated anonymously, the art work items by Katie Kaufman, and so much more. I'm sorry I don't know who donated everything else, but it was greatly appreciated! We hope you all come back next year, and bring a friend.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study started this past week. The next one will be on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the IC rectory at 6:00 PM. The time has been changed, as it was discovered that more time was needed by those participating.

MASS INTENTIONS

Immaculate Conception only has enough Mass intentions for a couple weeks, and the intentions we have are for 3 people. Please consider having a Mass said for a loved one who has passed away, or someone you know who is sick, or just to thank God for all your blessings. 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. Please come share this Catholic tradition this Lent.

CLEANING AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Cleaning day is 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.

MITE BOX AND RICE BOWL PROGRAMS

Mite boxes are available for CCD students and Rice Bowl boxes are available for adults to use during Lent.

PERSONAL INTENTION ROCKS

St Joseph's has a Walkway to the Cross lined with rocks. There are Personal Intention rocks provided at the back of church. If you would like to make a personal intention for Lent, take a rock and put it on the pathway, purple cross up. Jolene will explain more at Mass.

FROM THE FAMILY OF JOHN L LAUFENBERG

We would like to thank and acknowledge with deep appreciation to Father Arockia A. Stanislaus of Immaculate Conception Parish for the Mass of Christian Burial, Altar Servers, Gift Bearers, Pall bearers, Organist Kathy Leis, St. Ann's Altar Society for the luncheon and Jensen Modjeski Funeral Home for the services rendered for our brother, John, held January 18, 2018, on his last earthly journey into the Graces of our Dear Lord. May he rest in peace joining his parents, Godfrey and Octavia, sister, Dorothy, brothers, Bernard (Dorothy) and Edward (Helen), nieces; Mary Ann Spiegel, Miranda and Rose Laufenberg and nephews; David Spiegel and Paul Laufenberg.

-The Family of John L. Laufenberg

Birthday Wishes			
Sheila Kutchera	2/18	Paola Jaime	2/20
Mickie Theiler	2/19	Tim Mayer	2/22
Wendy Olvera	2/19	Jeanie Olson	2/23
Gordy Zimmerman	2/20	Justin Rowekamp	2/23
Anniversary Wishes			
Willie & Jeanie Olson	2/19		

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

ST JOSEPH'S MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST



WEEKLY TITHING			
2/11	IC	ST. JOS.	ST. JOHN
ADULT	625.00	1357.00	370.00
PLATE	202.00	110.00	
FUEL		175.00	30.00
TOTAL	827.00	1642.00	400.00
BUDGET	880.00	702.00	344.00
DIFFERENCE	-53.00	+940.00	+56.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	+2370.18	+2561.30	-1577.85

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 and MADELEINE SEARLES.