

# TRI-PARISH BULLETIN



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**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

Sun. 8:30 am St Joseph/St John  
10:15 am IC  
Mon. No Mass  
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

**Power of Prayer**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

During this season of Lent we are expected to spend more time in prayer, because prayer helps us to come closer to God. "Prayer is nothing but becoming oneness with Christ. St. Paul says, 'I live no longer, but Christ lives in me.' The apostles devoted themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word. Their example teaches us that the more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. Therefore, on the streets, at work, in the home, we should pray with our whole heart and soul.

No one underestimate the power of prayer. Because the scripture says, "the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops." James 5:16-18.

The power of prayer is not the result of the person praying. Rather, the power resides in God who is being prayed to. 1 John 5:14-15 tells us, "If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." When we pray passionately and purposefully, according to God's will, God responds powerfully!

We forget that in the silence of the heart God speaks, and from the fullness of the heart we speak. Only when we have learned to listen to God in the silence of our hearts, only then can we say: I pray. There is no either/or about prayer and love. We can't say we have either prayer or love: There is no prayer without love and no love without prayer.

Holiness is union with God. When we are holy—in prayer and action alike—we come from God in Christ and go to God through Christ. Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." These words should be a light to us, a flame consuming the selfishness that prevents the growth of holiness.

With love and prayers,  
-Rev. Fr. Arockia A. Stanislaus

**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: Elise Theiler, 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

**Sun. Mar. 11, 10:15 am, IC**

R: Matt Dale  
S: Dylan Anderson  
U: M Kujak, M Schroeder, D Laufenberg, J Rowekamp  
E: John Esser, Kathy Esser, JoAnn Kujak  
G: The Kujaks  
MC: Lawrence Anibas, Holly Dale

**Sun. Mar. 11, 8:30 am, St. Joseph**

R: Cna Eisberner  
S: Luke Kutchera, Elise Theiler  
U: Dave Kaufman, Dennis Elfering  
E: Dawn Kaufman, R Traczek, Louise Bourke  
G: Dennis & Jan Elfering  
MC: Jan, Louise, Rozanne

**Sun. Mar. 18, 10:15 am, IC**

R: Joan Esser  
S: Justin Rowekamp, Jaden Rowekamp  
U: C Cray, M Dale, J Esser, L Anibas  
E: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, Pat Gower  
G: The Dales  
MC: Greg Seichter, Mary Seichter, Pat Gower

**Sun. Mar. 18, 8:30 am, St. Joseph**

R: Bonnie Firkus  
S: Sierra Mayer, Elise Theiler  
U: Doug Scheffer, Jeff Smith  
E: Bonnie Firkus, Joan Scheffer, Peg Connelly  
G: Bill & Peg Connelly  
MC: Bonnie, Jeff, Peg

**Calendar of Events**

Date, Day	Event	Immaculate Conception	St Joseph/St John
Mar. 3, Sat	First Saturday Adoration & Confession	4:00 PM Adoration & Confession 4:30 PM Mass, Hispanic For All Members of Our 3 Parishes	
Mar. 4, Sun	Third Sunday of Lent	10:15 AM Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory	8:30 AM Mass St Joseph †Norman & Lydia Tischer
Mar. 5, Mon		No Mass	
Mar. 6, Tue		5:30 PM Mass, Hispanic Hispanic intentions <b>6:30 Sacred Worship Comm. Mtg.</b>	
Mar. 7, Wed		9:00 AM Mass †Claire & Laura Esser (John Esser) <b>6:00 PM Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 PM CCD</b>	
Mar. 8, Thu		9:00 AM Mass †John Laufenberg (M/M John Oertel)	
Mar. 9, Fri		9:00 AM Mass †Martin & Dorothy Kalina (B Meacham) <b>6:30 Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>6:30 Stations of the Cross</b>
Mar. 10, Sat		4:30 PM Mass, Hispanic For All Members of Our 3 Parishes	
Mar. 11, Sun	Fourth Sunday of Lent	10:15 AM Mass †Claire & Laura Esser (John Esser)	8:30 AM Mass St Joseph †Jean Kutchera & Becky Kortbein

**KATHY LEIS RETIRES**

We would like to thank Kathy Leis for her years of service as Bookkeeper at Immaculate Conception. Dawn Kaufman has accepted the position, and will serve as Secretary/Bookkeeper at all three parishes.

**NEW TRI-PARISH EMAIL**

We have a new Tri-Parish email. If you wish to contact us by email, please use the new email: [icjosephjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:icjosephjohn@hotmail.com)

**NEW SERVERS?**

St Joseph's needs some servers! Victor is going to be gone for 6 months, and we need someone to take his place ASAP!! Could we get some former servers to step forward?

**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.

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU!**

We always show a calendar of events in our bulletin to show you what is going on in our parishes. Take a look and mark down a Mass you can attend, First Friday or Saturday events you can participate in, etc.

We also encourage all members to help out with parish functions. We have 2 people from St Joseph's who will become new Eucharistic Ministers! How about you? It's not hard to do, and helps you feel closer to God and His goodness. And we sure need to feel God's goodness! Or volunteer to be on your Parish Council, the choir, or to be a reader of the Epistles. There are so many opportunities for you to feel you are helping your parish, why not give it a try.

**ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER IN ETTRICK**

St Bridget's Catholic Church in Ettrick will hold its annual St Patrick's Day Dinner on Sunday, March 11 from 11 am to 2 pm. They will be serving oven roasted turkey with all the fixings, pie and beverages. Please see the poster on the board.



**CATHOLIC APP OF THE WEEK**

Laudate—Laudate is a fantastic single-source app for a variety of Catholic needs. There's no excuse not to download this gem, I recommend it to everyone. And once you download it, you'll definitely find it to be an important too in your Catholic app arsenal. It has some things in it not included in our MyParish app. Check it out!

Birthday Wishes			
Judy Mayer	2/26	Jolene Janke	3/2
Brooke Mayer	3/1	Bethany Mayer	3/5
Ethel Forsting	3/1		

**Anniversary Wishes**  
**No anniversaries reported for this month.**

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

We thank Kam Anibas and Zach Janke for stepping up to help serve. Can we get some more adult servers, please?



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join your parish for The Stations every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM. Thank you to all who have been attending.



**WEEKLY TITHING**

2/25	IC 2/18	IC	St. Jos.	ST. JOHN
ADULT	525.00	241.00	265.00	305.00
PLATE	235.35	290.00	19.00	
FUEL	50.00	50.00		
ROOF	500.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>760.35</b>	<b>531.00</b>	<b>284.00</b>	<b>305.00</b>
BUDGET	880.00	880.00	702.00	344.00
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>-119.65</b>	<b>-349.00</b>	<b>-418.00</b>	<b>-39.00</b>
BUDG DIFF YTD	2250.53	1901.53	2816.30	-1835.85
ASH WED	199.00			

**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](mailto: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.