

TRI-PARISH BULLETIN



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DIR. OF REL. EDUCATION

Kathy Esser 715-964-1603

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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

Beyond every Mass

CCD Class

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm at IC

HUMILITY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,
“Humility is the mother of all virtues; purity, charity and obedience. It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted and ardent. If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed you will not be discouraged. If they call you a saint you will not put yourself on a pedestal.” – Mother Teresa.

Humility and humbling of oneself is out of fashion in today's world and seems unappealing to most of us. Humbling ourselves could be costly in the workplace, in the community, or in other ways. If we wish to follow Christ, we must choose the path of humility.

Christ teaches us that at the heart of humility is the recognition of our place before God and others. The desire to lift up and exalt ourselves beyond our place as God's creature lies at the heart of pride. The Fall took place when Adam's and Eve's desire to become Godlike grew stronger. There are three degrees of humility.

The first degree of humility is humility for the sake of salvation. This is the base line minimum humility. It is necessary to turn away from the seductive power of sin and toward a life following God. The first step towards holiness and humility is when the penitent sinner acknowledges his own faults and sin.

The second degree is to observe a detached life. It calls us to a freedom from our preferences, habits, and anything else that we consider to be ours so that we may more readily follow Christ just as Christ followed the will of God the Father above all else.

The final degree of humility is the humility for the Love of Christ. It provides us with the goal of discipleship and also propels us to live a very humble style of life similar to Christ's for no other reason than a sincere and profound love for Christ

Humility is our greatest friend. It increases our hunger for God's word and opens our hearts to his Spirit. It leads to intimacy with God. It imparts the aroma of Christ to all whom we encounter. It is a sign of greatness in the kingdom of God (Luke 22:24-27). But developing the identity, attitude, and conduct of a humble servant does not happen overnight. It is rather like peeling an onion: you cut away one layer only to find another beneath it. But it does happen. It is such amazing grace that can choose and call a sinner like Peter and make him a Prince among the Apostles and Fisher of Men, and it is such grace that will be our salvation..

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

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE—PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE

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

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

R: JoAnn Kujak, Matt Dale
S: Dylan Anderson, volunteer
U: Bill Leis, Larry Boehnen, Mike Schroeder, Cal Casper
E: John Esser, Kathy Esser, JoAnn Kujak
G: Cal & Maria Casper
MC: Marilou Peterson, Mike Esser, Joan Esser

Sun. Mar. 25, 8:00 am, St. Joseph

R: Rozanne Traczek, Bonnie Firkus
S: Luke Kutchera, Sierra Mayer
U: Bill Connelly, Peter Emer
E: Dawn Kaufman, R Traczek, Louise Bourke
G: Bob & Louise Bourke
MC: Bonnie, Louise, Rozanne

Sun. Apr 1, 10:15 am, IC

R: Kathy Esser
S: Justin Rowekamp, Jaden Rowekamp
U: J Rowekamp, D Domenosky, M Dale, G Esser
E: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, Pat Gower
G: Dan & Lori Domenosky
MC: John Esser, Peg Hayden, John Hayden

Sun. Apr 1, 8:30 am, St. Joseph

R: Jan Elfering
S: Elise Theiler, Rick Dimmitt
U: John Kutchera, Nick Kutchera
E: Bonnie Firkus, Joan Scheffer, Peg Connelly
G: Greg & Cna Eisberner
MC: Bonnie, Jan, Peg

Calendar of Events

Mar 17, Sat		4:30 PM Mass, Hispanic For All Members of Our 3 Parishes	
Mar 18, Sun	Fifth Sunday of Lent	10:15 AM †Barb Anibas	8:30 AM Mass St Joseph †Frank Traczek
Mar 19, Mon	Sol. of St Jo- seph, spouse of BVM		6:00 Confessions 6:30 Mass †Gould Family
Mar 20, Tue		5:30 PM Mass, Hispanic †Serio Family	
Mar 21, Wed		9:00 AM Mass †Claire & Laura Esser 6:30 PM CCD 6:30 PM Lenten Confessions for all	
Mar 22, Thu		9:00 AM Mass †Martin & Dorothy Kalina	6:30 PM Choir Practice St Joseph
Mar 23, Fri		9:00 AM Mass †Michael Rusch 6:30 Stations of the Cross	6:30 Stations of the Cross
Mar 24, Sat		4:30 PM Mass, Hispanic For All Members of Our 3 Parishes	
Mar 25, Sun	Palm Sunday	10:15 AM †Living & Dec. Members of the Jim & Ethel Forsting Family	8:00 AM Mass St Joseph †Aurelia & Leopold Traczek

FAMILY LIFE & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEES

The IC Parish Council is looking for some people to head the Family Life and Social Justice Committees. This will not take much time! We will ask you to attend the council meetings, and receive mailings and emails on those subjects. Please let Father know if you are willing to help out.

CCD STUDENTS

CCD mini-lesson students are reminded to complete and return their homework sheet about the 5th precept of the church which is Continue to Support your Church. Also, be sure to fill out your church envelope and put it in the collection box this morning or next week.

MASS TIME CHANGE FOR ST JOSEPH ON PALM SUNDAY!!

Just a head's up to let you know that we will start Mass on Palm Sunday a half hour early. The readings that day take extra time, and we don't want Father to be too late for his next Mass in Alma Center. **Mass will start at 8:00 AM that day.** Parishioners will gather in the basement before Mass at both churches on Palm Sunday.

MASS AT ST JOSEPH FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH ON MON, MAR 19TH

On Monday, Mar. 19th, St Joseph's will hold Confessions for Lent at 6:00 PM and a Mass for St Joseph's Feast Day at 6:30 PM. We hope all the parishioners from St Joseph's can make this feast day Mass. After Mass, we will hold a training session for Altar Servers, please be there if you are willing to help serve Mass.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

The Holy Week schedule will be as follows, all at St Joseph's this year: Holy Thursday 7:00 PM, Good Friday 1:00 PM, Holy Saturday 8:00 PM. For Holy Saturday, the congregation will meet outside by the fire and process into church when appropriate. Please dress accordingly. Easter Sunday will be the normal Sunday schedule at St Joseph and Immaculate Conception.

CONFESSIONS

Father is in the confessional before every weekend Mass. Remember your Lenten obligation and take advantage of those times to have your confession heard. We will also have opportunities to go to confession on Monday, Mar 19th from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm before a special Feast Day Mass at St Joseph's, and Mar 21st during CCD time from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Immaculate Conception.

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 together this Lent.

CLEANING AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Last notice—cleaning day Sat, March 24th at IC. We start at 9:00 am. We are inviting everyone: young, old, men, women! Anyone who goes to Mass at IC can help out.

SIGN UP SHEETS

Holy Week services will be at St Joseph's this year. We need volunteers from all three churches to help make the week successful. There are sign up sheets in the vestibules, sign up for the days you are attending. There were no names on the IC sheet when I looked on Wed. PLEASE SIGN UP!!

FUNDRAISERS FOR PAINTING THE CHURCH

We will be raising funds for painting the outside of Immaculate Conception church. If you have a fundraising idea, please bring it forward. Watch the bulletin for announcements about this, as we will begin soon.

MYPARISH APP

If you have a smartphone with internet capabilities, we ask you to text "APP" to 88202, or go to your phone's app store and download the myParish app. The app is free! It has links to many Catholic sites that can bring you an online Mass if you are ill and unable to attend Mass, help remind you to go to Confession, shows you many prayers you have probably forgotten, helps you pray the Rosary, AND SO MUCH MORE. Check it out.

Birthday Wishes/Anniversary Wishes

Jessica Jaime 3/21 Gabriela Estrada 3/24
Steve Janke 3/22

No anniversaries reported for this month.

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



CHILDREN'S MASS MAR. 11 IC The children did a great job at the Children's Mass this past Sunday. Isn't that the cutest usher you ever saw!



WEEKLY TITHING

3/4	IC SAT	IC SUN	ST. JOS.	ST. JOHN
ADULT	85.00	411.00	851.00	785.00
PLATE	75.00	376.00	62.00	
FUEL				10.00
TOTAL	160.00	712.00	913.00	795.00
BUDGET	—	880.00	702.00	344.00
DIFFERENCE	—	-8.00	+211.00	+451.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	—	+2498.28	+3096.05	-1698.85

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.