# 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



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# THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Dear brothers and sisters.

This week we celebrate the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Francis de Sales wrote: "I have often wondered who is the most mortified of the saints that I know, and after some reflection I have come to the conclusion that it was St. John the Baptist". He is one of the greatest saints of the Church, arguably outranked only by the Blessed Virgin Mary herself. John's stature, like that of Mary, results from his special role in salvation history. While Mary is the mother of Jesus, John, his cousin, was his herald and forerunner.

John spends thirty years in the desert preparing to announce Christ's coming. Despite growing up in the same general area, John meets Christ only once - when he baptized him at the Jordan River - only to remain behind as Jesus recruited others to be his apostles and disciples! John never sees his cousin again before dying in prison at the hands of one of King Herod's executioners.

John was faithful to the role God wanted him to play in the plan of salvation: John played that role supremely well. Listen to what Jesus himself said: "I tell you the truth: among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist." (Matthew 11:11) "Yet," Jesus continues, "Anyone who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." John shows us that being faithful to God's will often requires that we deprive ourselves of the desire to "have it all" and to dedicate ourselves to discerning - and embracing our unique roles in God's plan of salvation.

In ways unique to our states and stages of life, God calls us, too, to be "a light to the nations." Are we prepared to practice the discipline that being that light may require?

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

#### IF YOU CANNOT SERVE—PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE

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Sun. Jun. 24, 10:15 am, IC R: Kathy Esser S: Dylan Anderson, Makensi Janke, Annika Cernhous U: G Esser, M Esser, K Ristow, A Janicki E: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, JoAnn Kujak G: Steve and Diane Kalina MC: Marilou Peterson, Mike Esser, Joan Esser	Sun. Jun. 24, 8:30 am, St. Joseph R: Jan Elfering S: Rick Dimmitt, Dou Scheffer U: Larry Kohn, Bob Mayer E: C Eisberner, A Baumann, P Connelly G: Chuck Zimbauer and Tim Mayer MC: Jan Elfering, Dennis Elfering, Bonnie Firkus
Sun. Jul. 1, 10:15 am, IC R: Matt Dale S: Justin Rowekamp, Mercedes King, Emily Janicki U: C Cray, J Hayden, M Klimek, J Rowekamp E: John Esser, Kathy Esser, JoAnn Kujak G: Matt & Stephanie Esser MC: John Esser, Peg Hayden, John Hayden	Sun. Jul. 1, 8:30 am, St. John R: Cna Eisberner S: Luke Kutchera, Sierra Mayer U: Joe Kutchera, Cole Kutchera E: D Kaufman, G Eisberner, C Eisberner G: Mickie & Elise Theiler MC: Sandy Mayer, C Eisberner, L Bourke
Sun. Jul. 8, 10:15 am, IC R: Joan Esser S: Jaden Rowekamp, Chloe & Sierra McFarland U: M Kujak, L Boehnen, C Casper, E Olson E: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, Pat Gower G: Alan & Alison Janicki MC: Lawrence Anibas, Holly Dale	Sun. Jul. 8, 8:30 am, St. Joseph R: Bonnie Firkus S: Elise Theiler, Rick Dimmitt U: Chuck Zimbauer, Gary Kaufman E: J Scheffer, D Elfering A Baumann G: Bob & Louise Bourke MC: P Connelly, J Smith, T Baumann

Calendar of Events						
Date, Day	Occasion	Immaculate Conception	St Joseph/St John			
Jun 23, Sat		4:30 PM Mass, Hispanic For All Members of Our 3 Parishes	Wedding of Zach Janke and Abby Searles			
Jun 24, Sun	Nativity of St John the Baptist	10:15 AM Mass †Josef and Viola Blicharz	8:30 AM Mass St Joseph †Dec. Members of the Kutchera Family			
Jun 25, Mon		No Mass				
Jun 26, Tue		5:30 PM Mass, Hispanic Poor Souls in Purgatory 6:30 PM IC Parish Council, IC Budget Meeting				
Jun 27, Wed		9:00 AM Mass †Clara Lastofka				
Jun 28, Thu	Priest Unity Days	No Mass				
Jun 29, Fri	Priest Unity Days	No Mass				
Jun 30, Sat		4:30 PM Mass, Hispanic For All Members of Our 3 Parishes				
Jul. 1, Sun	13th Sunday in OT	10:15 AM Mass In honor of Gilbert Laufenberg's 100th Birthday	8:30 AM Mass St John †Norman and Norman Tischer			

# IC PARISH COUNCIL AND BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, June 26th at 6:30 in Alma Center

#### THANKS FOR OUR VISITING PRIESTS!

A big Thank You to the priest who took care of us while Fr Amir was away. Thank you to Fr Maria Doss for being with us on Sundays, Fr Varkey for being with us on Wednesday nights, and to Fr Nathan for sharing the Mission Coop Sunday with us.

### THANKS BONNIE AND BOB & SANDY!

We would like to thank Bob and Sandy Mayer for finding new curtains for St John's Confessional, and thank Bonnie Firkus for hemming them and making them fit. May God bless all of you!

# MISSION COOP—VELLORE DIOCESE, INDIA

There are still envelopes available for anyone who wishes to donate to the Mission Coop collection for the Vellore Diocese in India.

Anyone from IC that put their names on envelopes last week please take note: The money amounts were not on the envelopes. If you remember how much you gave, please let Dawn know so your account can be credited. Otherwise that amount will be added to the plate portion of the Mission collection.

# **BULLETIN ADS**

We are now looking for parishioners who would like to sponsor the bulletin with their own business, but don't want a full ad. This will entail a list of sponsors for \$50 each for 6 months, to finish out this year. If you would like to be included in this list, please put the name you would like listed (i.e. Janke Farms, Dawn's Daycare or even just your name-Mike & Joan Esser) in an envelope marked Bulletin Sponsor and mail it to the church or drop it in the collection. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Kaufman.

#### RAFFLE PRIZES

Well, it's that time again. We are planning ahead for the IC Roast Beef and Pork Dinner in August, and the St Joseph's Soup Supper in October. We are looking for raffle prizes for the big raffles each church has at their fundraiser. If you are willing to donate a super nice prize, money, or can get prizes from local businesses, please contact your PCCW. IC-Pat Gower or Joan Esser, SSJJ-Marcia Baugher.

I have gotten a list of prizes for the Soup Supper in October, and you won't want to miss out on this raffle!! So far we have a \$1000 Mutual Fund, several cash prizes, a Mossberg 702 Plinkster .22, a baby quilt, 4 Packer tickets for Dec. 30th, wooden bench (you build and finish!), several \$50 gift certificates and much more!!

I'll let you know the prizes for the Roast Beef Supper when I get the list.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Fr Amir's last Sunday Mass will be on July 1st. We are having a Going Away Pot Luck Lunch at noon that day in his honor, at Immaculate Conception. Please bring a dish to pass. More info next week.

# FUND RAISING FOR PAINTING THE CHURCH

If you have any ideas for raising money to paint the church, please bring them to the parish councils. Both Immaculate Conception and St Joseph need to be painted, and it's an expensive job. Let us know your ideas!

# **Birthday Wishes**

William Steindorf

3/27

Michael Castillo

6/27

Cecilia Jaime

6/30

"[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it."

- Pope Francis



People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at <a href="https://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!">www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!</a>



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WEEKLY TITHING							
6/16&17	IC SAT	IC Sun	St. Jos	Ѕт. Јони			
ADULT	100.00	940.00	351.00	440.00			
PLATE	55.00	105.00		23.00			
TOTAL	1200.00		351.00	463.00			
BUDGET	880.00		702.00	344.00			
DIFFERENCE	320.00		(351.00)	119.00			
BUDG DIFF YTD	4441.39		2898.79	(2296.85)			
Mission Coop	274.00	314.00	315.00	51.00			



BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST





**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.