



Our Catholic Voice
St. Dominic and Immaculate Conception

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Lenten Reconciliation @ SD
Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 pm

Combined Parish Lenten Retreat
Saturday, March 21 @ SD

Lenten Reconciliation @ IC
Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 pm

Office Closed: Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day)

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9:00 am - 3:00 pm



Anointing of the Sick

- 2nd weekend of the month following Mass at both Parishes



St. Dominic and Immaculate Conception Catholic Communities

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March 2020

Second Quarter

By Jenna Michel

March for Life Pilgrimage

Thank you to our parish families for the prayers and generous financial support that made it possible for us to go on this amazing March for Life pilgrimage in Washington DC. We really appreciate it.

Participating in the 2020 March for Life was an incredible experience for Lily French, Kate Wagner and myself. Our pilgrimage began with Mass in Rice Lake. We then loaded the buses and drove for nearly 24 hours spending time in prayer and getting to know everyone.



We attended Mass at the National Basilica on our first day. It was beautiful. The rest of the day was spent experiencing the contrast of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine and the Holocaust Museum. The Saint John Paul II Shrine instilled the importance of every person's dignity as he recognized the dignity of every person he met, no matter their age, abilities, or ethnicity. On the contrary, at the Holocaust Museum we witnessed dignity being stripped from people. They had been dehumanized.

Before the March for Life, we attended the National Pro-Life Rally. We heard many powerful talks and testimonies, including the President of the United States, abortion survivors, and those leading the pro-life movement. Hearing from abortion survivors was especially meaningful. It was heartbreaking to think that they would not be here if abortions had ended their lives. Now

they are dedicating their lives to ending abortion. Participating in the actual March was powerful and inspiring as we were surrounded by so many people passionate about the same cause - the end of abortion.

On our final day in Washington D.C., we attended the Students for Life of America Conference. Again, we heard many speakers teaching us how to bring our experience home and be history makers. One of these speakers was Abby Johnson, former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic, and now pro-life advocate. In addition to hearing her speak, we had the opportunity to meet her in person.



Kate, Jenna and Lily with Abby Johnson

Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic Confirmation Retreat

On January 12 confirmation students and their sponsors gathered for some educational time. They began by attending Mass together during which they renewed their commitment to their confirmation journey. The sponsors had the opportunity to renew their commitment to support and pray for their confirmands.

After Mass the students and their sponsors reviewed their confirmation journey and talked about a variety of Church topics. There was a video and discussion on attending Mass on Sunday: What is my attitude toward Mass? How do I prepare for Mass? What changes do I need to make to come to Mass with a better attitude? These and other topics were designed to assist them in completing their preparations for being confirmed on April 22, 2020. Deacon Stan Marczak led the sessions.





Thoughts from the Deacon

As we begin our Lenten journey, we have choices to make as to how we will engage in the gift of Lent. We use this 40 day period to prepare for Easter during which the "...Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." (CCC 540). Our Church reminds us to practice three spiritual activities: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Please give careful consideration as to how you will participate in Lenten activities in order to deepen your relationship with Almighty God.

As you watch the bulletin, you will see suggestions. Whether signing up for the Dynamic Catholic "Best Lent Ever" program, attending Stations of the Cross, partaking in reconciliation, reading you Bible more, spending some quiet time in prayer, fasting, and disciplining our bodies. Pick a few suggestions and make a strong commitment to engaging them in a spiritual fashion.

One suggestion I would like to offer is to consider fasting from technology. This might mean spending less time on social media, not engaging in trivial texting, or not letting your phone control you. Perhaps watch less TV. Perhaps listen to religious music instead of secular music.

Our Church offers us the Gift of Lent. If we take advantage of this sacred time, our relationship with Almighty God will become stronger. Please pray about your Lenten Journey as we allow our practice of Lent to transform us into the image of Jesus, our Savior.

I would love to hear about your Lenten Journey –please email me and let me know your Lenten story. May God Bless us as we strive to become the people God created us to be.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, we offer our parishioners the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross. This is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' last hours on Earth as he experienced his passion, death and resurrection.

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross can be rich, deep, and meaningful.

Pope Francis has given us 8 reasons why we should pray the Stations of the Cross.

1. They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him
2. They Put Us into the Story
3. They Remind Us That Jesus Suffers with Us
4. They Compel Us to Action
5. They Helps Us Make a Decision For or Against Christ
6. They Reveal God's Response to Evil in the World
7. They Give Us the Certainty of God's Love for Us
8. They Guide Us from the Cross to the Resurrection

We encourage all of you to allow the Stations to assist you in your Lenten Journey.



Several parishioners gathered to help St. Dominic member, Phil Videen, celebrate his 97th birthday on January 28.

At age 92, Irene Nelson continues to live in her own home in Grantsburg. She lost her husband, Laurel, in 1994. She has also endured the heartache of losing three of her five children, Rick, Randy, and Tony, over the course of the last 28 years. Her daughter, Mary Jane Johnson, and son, Jim, live in Grantsburg with their families. Irene enjoys attending Mass whenever she is able and still hosts summer Outdoor Masses, as well. She thoroughly enjoys visits from members of the church and sharing stories of IC's rich history! She is the only IC member left from the original "peanut church," which was located at 123 W. Broadway Avenue in Grantsburg. She was baptized there in December of 1927 and has such fond memories of her time in that church. Her four oldest children were baptized in that church and her 5th was baptized in the new church.

Meet Our IC Family



Irene Nelson

Spotlight on Students

This month we are spotlighting our First Reconciliation and First Communion students from both parishes. They have been working very hard preparing for these two sacraments. Please pray for them as they continue their preparation.



Farrah Flanagan is the daughter of Mary Jean and Patrick Flanagan. She is in third grade at Grantsburg School. She is always excited

to go to school and learn new things. She enjoys playing on her iPad and building snowmen. She really likes going to church with her family. Farrah loves strawberries.



Jace Brown is the son of William and Sara Gonzalez and is in second grade at Grantsburg School. Jace really enjoys playing

football at recess with his friends and at home with his brothers. It was exciting when his club basketball team played at halftime at a high school game. Jace likes to read from the Bible and knows Jesus loves us.



Grady Carlson, son of Paul and Tanya Carlson, is a second grader at Grantsburg School. Grady likes writing and playing tag and sledding during

recess. Outside of school, he watches YouTube videos and rides his four-wheeler. Grady likes summer because his birthday is June 18. He can run really fast especially in races. He likes learning about Jesus in religion class.



Matthew Meier is the son of Joyce and Ken Meier and is home schooled. His favorite activity is reading about Jesus and an-

swering questions afterwards and learning new prayers. Matthew has six rabbits, two miniature horses, a parakeet and a dog. He loves playing on the trampoline and being outside especially in the summer.



Adrian Thiede is the son of Derek and Elizabeth Thiede. He is a home schooled second grader. He has three brothers and lives in Luck.

Adrian's favorite subject is history. He likes playing chess and drawing a cartoon book. He also has fun writing letters in the snow so planes overhead can see them.



Emory Nelson, daughter of Nick and Kayla Nelson, is in second grade at Frederic School and has one brother. Emory's favorite part of

school is recess and math class. She likes playing soccer, is a Girl Scout and has a dog, a rabbit and two cats. The cat is her favorite. She like singing in religion class.



Willow Carlson is the daughter of Sam and Ashley Carlson. She is a second grader at Frederic School. She has two

brothers and one sister. Her favorite subject in school is science. Willow likes playing outside and has two cats and two dogs. In religion class she likes coloring and getting prizes.



Dillon Gingras, son of Kathleen and Travis Gingras, is in second grade at Frederic School. Dillon likes playing hot dog tag and ice skating in gym

class. He also plays basketball. At home he plays video games, reads books and plays with his dog. He likes playing games in religion class.

Confirmation 2020

All parishioners from both parishes are invited to attend Confirmation on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00 pm. The Sacrament will be administered by Bishop James Powers for eight young people. Please come and support the youth of our parishes in this next step in their faith journey.



Lucas Swanson is the son of Michael and Kelly Swanson, and is a second grader at Siren School. He has one sister. His favorite part of school is math class, especially multiplication and story problems. Lucas plays defense on the Burnett Blizzard's Hockey team and center on the Siren Club soccer team. He is looking forward to First Communion so he can receive the Eucharist like the rest of his family.

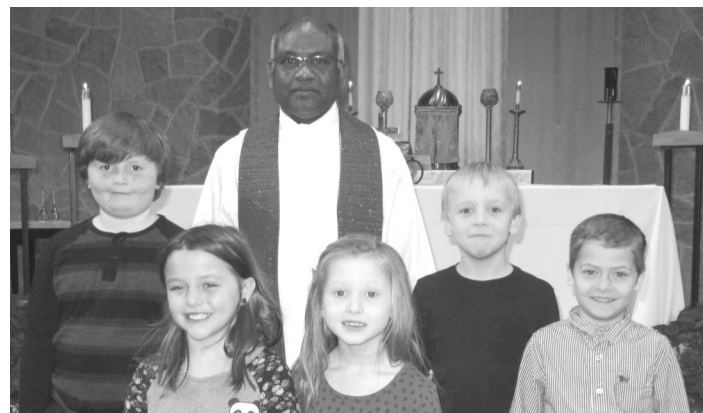


Alivia Melin, the daughter of Chris and Katie Melin, is a second grader at Grantsburg School and has one sister. In school she really likes working with money, counting change and playing tag with her friends at recess. At home, Alivia enjoys reading *Princess in Black*. She is afraid of spiders and usually screams and runs away. She likes learning about Jesus in religion class.



Recently 2nd grade students from both parishes celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Preparation for this included weekly home lessons with their parents and a parent/student retreat with Stephanie Weyenberg. During this time they learned about God's mercy and how important it is to regularly clean our souls so we can more clearly hear God's voice in our lives.

Over the next few months these same students will be preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday May 3. Please pray for these young people as they get ready to receive Christ in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time.



**Religious Education
Upcoming Events**

1st Eucharist Mini-Retreat @ SD

Saturday, March 14 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Parish Cluster Lenten Retreat @ SD

Saturday, March 21 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Youth Mass (Palm Sunday) @ SD

Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 am

No Religious Education Classes (Holy Week)

Wednesday, April 8

Youth Mass (Easter) @ SD

Sunday, April 12 @ 10:30 am

Confirmation @ SD

Wednesday, April 22 @ 6:00 pm

First Communion Mass @ IC and SD

Sunday, May 3 @ 8:30 and 10:30 am

Last Religious Education Class @ IC and SD

Wednesday, May 20

Teacher Appreciation Dinner @ IC

Wednesday, May 27 @ 5:30 pm

Extreme Faith Camp @ Mason, WI

Sunday, June 8 - Friday, June 12

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10

**Knights of Columbus Family
of the Month**

The Dan and Marie Ohnstad family was awarded the Family of the Month award for December 2019 by the Knights of Columbus Council 6370. The award was given because of the many contributions they have made to the community and Immaculate Conception Church. The Ohnstad family exemplifies the Catholic family. They were also recognized as Family of the Month for the Diocese of Superior.



Knight of the Year

The Council's Knight of the Year Award for 2018-2019 was presented to Dave Rudolph by Grand Knight John Scheidt at the Knights of Columbus annual Christmas party on January 11. This award was given to Dave for his exceptional service to the Knights of Columbus, our church and his community through the years and for his practice of the Catholic faith. (Pictured are John Scheidt, Dave, and grandson David Ohnstad)

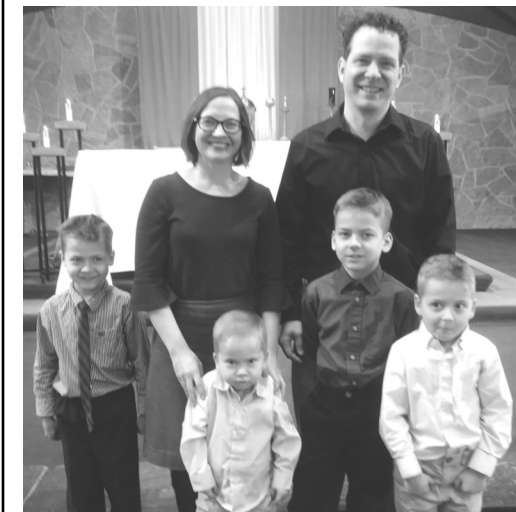


Thank You!

To the Parishoners of Immaculate Conception, Grantsburg & St. Dominic's, Frederic
Your generosity is overwhelming and we are so thankful for your partnership. Your beautiful baby shower donations will fill our Baby Boutique to overflowing and be a blessing to our moms. We can't thank you enough for your thoughtfulness & love.

Options for Women | TRI-COUNTY

Options for Women-TriCounty, a crisis pregnancy center serving Polk, Burnett and St. Croix Counties, is located at 215 1/2 Cascade Street in Osceola. It provides pregnancy and childbirth services, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and counseling to those in need. They accept monetary donations as well as baby items. If you need assistance during your pregnancy, call 715-755-BABY or send an email office@optionstricounty.org



New Members at SD

Derek and Elizabeth Thiede and their four boys, Edmund, Adrian, Otto and Hugo recently joined St. Dominic Parish. They moved here from northern Minnesota. Derek works in Grantsburg while Elizabeth home schools the boys. They are currently living in Luck.

Reconciliation Opportunities during Lent

Reconciliation Service at SD
Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 pm

Reconciliation Service at IC
Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 pm

Fr. Randy Knauf will join Fr. Joseph Raj in hearing confessions during these services.

Individual Confessions:

- 4:00 pm Saturdays at SD
- 8:00 am Sundays at IC
- Following 10:30 am Mass at SD
- By appointment

Be sure to make time during this Lenten season to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation to better prepare for Easter.

Triduum Services Schedule



Holy Week & Easter

Holy Thursday Mass @ IC

Thursday, April 9 @ 6:00 pm

Good Friday Service @ IC

Friday, April 10 @ 1:00 pm

Easter Vigil @ IC

Saturday, April 11 @ 8:00 pm



The Mass of Chrism

The Mass of Chrism will be held at noon on Tuesday, March 31 at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior. Please let the office know by Monday, March 25 if you would like to attend.

A luncheon will follow in Kress Hall at the Cathedral.

Updating Records

We are always looking to update our parish records. If you have changed addresses, dropped your landline phone, got a new cell phone number or are not receiving our emails about upcoming events or deaths of parishioners, please let the office know. We want to have all your current contact information.



If you are interested in singing with the joint SD/IC choir for the Triduum Services this year, practices will be held:

- Sunday, March 15 @ IC 10:00 am
- Sunday, March 22 @ SD 12:00 pm
- Sunday, March 29 @ IC 10:00 am

Everyone is welcome to join!



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Don't forget to turn your clock ahead on Sunday, March 8.

Parish Cluster Lenten Retreat

When: Saturday, March 21

Time: 12:30 – 4:30 pm

Where: St. Dominic

See article on following page.



Kid Quiz

Any student in 1st through 6th grade who correctly answers the following question by March 17th will be entered in a drawing to win a \$5 Subway gift card.

How many Books of the Prophets are there in the Bible?

Drop your answer with your name and phone number in the collection basket at Mass or give it to your religion teacher for a chance to win.

Cathletics

Training to be Champions for Christ

When: Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Where: St. Dominic Education Center

Who: All children from the community - Kindergarten through 6th grade (7th - 12th grade helpers)

Theme: Fruits of the Spirit

What: songs, games, crafts, snacks and bible stories

For more information, to sign-up or to volunteer to help, please contact the parish office or Karen Hill



Remembering Loved Ones



Tom Richards, member of Immaculate Conception, died November 19, 2019. He was born July 27, 1931, served in the US Marine Corp and married Audrey Deppa in November, 1953. Together they raised eight children: Stanley, Teresa, Julie, Michael, Joseph, Thomas, John, and Holly. He had 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Tom loved hunting, golfing, skiing, fishing, snowmobiling, bowling and mowing his lawn, but his family most of all. A Funeral Mass was held at Immaculate Conception on November 30, 2019.



Tony Nelson, member of Immaculate Conception, died December 15, 2019. He was born on February 15, 1959 and married Kerri Harter on October 5, 1985. They had three children - Tera, Kerissa and Alex. Tony was an exception taxidermist. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trap shooting and snowmobiling but most of all, spending time with family and his nine grandchildren. He was a member of the Grantsburg Rod and Gun Club and the Phantom Trail Riders Snowmobile Club. A Funeral Mass was held on December 20, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Church.



Sally Bibeau, member of St. Dominic, died December 17, 2019. She was born on January 31, 1951 in St. Paul to Jim and Patricia Bibeau. She lived in Willernie, MN until 1976 when she moved to Frederic. She had six siblings - Patricia, Jackie, James, Joseph, Janet and Julianne. A Funeral Mass was held on December 20, 2019 at St. Dominic in Frederic.



Fran Martin, member of St. Dominic, died December 24, 2019. She was born November 20, 1940 and married Bob Martin in 1963 raising their two children, Steven and Carla in Eau Claire. Fran and Bob built their retirement home outside of Frederic. Fran then began volunteering at St. Dominic Church, American Legion Post and the Humane Society. Fran loved the outdoors and daily walks with her dogs. She also loved spending time with her grandson Luke. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Dominic on January 3, 2020. (Fran's husband, Bob, died on February 4, 2020.)



Kate Kellerman, member of St. Dominic, died January 19, 2020. She was born July 4, 1934 and married Jerry Kellerman on April 27, 1957. They had two children—Edmond and Elizabeth, who died at the age of 17. Kate began her career as a paralegal and was the Corporate and Mutual Fund Treasurer at Mairs and Power until retirement. She had three grandchildren and eight great grandchildren and numerous pets who she loved dearly. A Funeral Mass was held on January 31 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Little Canada.



Lynn Kennedy, former member of St. Dominic, died February 16, 2020, as her husband walked into church to pray for her. She was born March 21, 1948. She married Richard Kennedy and they had two children—Rodney and Tara. She was one of the original employees of Wal-Mart in St. Croix Falls. She enjoyed acting and was involved in local community theater. She had one grandson, Michael. A Funeral Mass was held on February 21 at Church of St. Paul in Forest Lake.

1 Day...1 Location...2 Great Events

SD and IC will host two great events on one day in one location! On Saturday, March 21st beginning at 12:30 pm our parish cluster will hold a Lenten Retreat. Adults and students grades 7 - 12 are invited to hear Fr. James Brinkman talk about "Food for the Journey - Unlocking the Secrets of the Eucharist." The event will be held at St. Dominic Church in Frederic. It will conclude with a Mass at 4:30 pm.

Children through grades 6 are also invited to spend the afternoon learning about service to each other while enjoying games, crafts, music and fun with friends.

Registration is requested for adults and youth to help us plan for snacks and materials. Please call the Parish office at 715-327-8119 if you are interested in attending or sign up in the back of church.

