



# The Parishes of

Immaculate Conception Parish | St. Lawrence Parish | St. Boniface Parish

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the pastor 1-2 months Prior to date.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made 6 months in advance.  
Contact the Pastor.

### RCIA

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults desiring baptism, confirmation or full membership in the Catholic Church, contact Father. Sessions begin in Fall.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the parish office or fill out one of the Family Registration sheets in the back of church. They can be handed in the weekend collection

### VISITATION

Please notify the pastor when a hospitalized / homebound parishioner desires holy communion.

### ANointing OF THE SICK

Call the church office or the Pastor.

**DECEMBER 21, 2025**

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### PARISH OFFICE

Email: [tresecclesiae@gmail.com](mailto:tresecclesiae@gmail.com)

Website: [tresecclesiae.org](http://tresecclesiae.org)

### Office Hours

**Immaculate Conception:**

Mon, Wed, & Fri | 9 am - 2:30 pm

**St. Boniface:**

Tues & Thurs | 9 am - 2 pm

### Immaculate Conception Parish

2 North Hill Street | P.O. Box 218

Fountain City, WI 54629

Office: (608) 687-8418

### St. Lawrence Parish

206 Second Street South

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### St. Boniface Parish

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Parish & School Office: (608) 626-2611

### Facebook Pages:

- Immaculate Conception St. Mary's Catholic
- St. Lawrence Catholic Church
- St. Boniface Church

### PARISH STAFF

**Fr. Albert, Pastor**

Mobile: (608) 863-8815

Rectory: (608) 687-3496

**Connie Sweno, Office Administrator**

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4:30 pm (SB)

**Sunday:** 8:00 am (SL) & 10:00 am (IC)

**Tuesday:** Adoration an hour before mass  
5:30 pm (SB)

**Wednesday:** 8:00 am (SL)

**Thursday:** Adoration an hour before mass  
8:00 am (SL)

**Friday:** Adoration an hour before mass  
8 am (IC)

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm (B)

**Sunday:** 7:30 am (L)

**Sunday:** 9:30 am (IC)

**KEY** Immaculate Conception =(IC) | St. Lawrence Parish =(SL) | St. Boniface Parish =(SB)

## FROM OUR PASTOR

"The Virgin shall conceive and bear a son." Today, celebrating the Last Sunday of Advent, prior to the Feast of Christmas Day, to some extent, we can associate with the greatest joy of the Blessed Virgin Mary who awaited the coming of Baby Jesus into the World. In four days, we will commemorate the birth of her beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus, God incarnated.

Today's Reading from the Gospel of Matthew provides us with the circumstances surrounding the virgin of Mary. When Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. When reference is made to Mary being engaged to Joseph, it means that the marriage contract had been drawn up between Joseph or his parents of Mary. According to the Jewish custom, the marriage did not take place until such time as the groom had taken the bride into the house. When doing so, this was referred to as having "come together" or "live together".

When Joseph was preoccupied with the pregnancy of Mary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. As we all heard, the angel of the Lord told Joseph, the Son of David, not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife, for the child conceived in her was from the Holy Spirit. These words indirectly support that the birth of Jesus was a virgin birth. The angel of the Lord told Joseph that the Son of Mary should be

called Jesus because He will save His people. Therefore, it is being revealed that while Jesus would be an agent of salvation for God's people, this would be salvation from their sins and not from worldly enemies or the dangers associated with nature.

Today's First Reading, the Lord God spoke through the great prophet Isaiah. The Lord said to Ahaz, "Ask for a sign of the Lord your God; let it be as far down as Hell or as far up as Heaven." Ahaz answered, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then the Prophet Isaiah says Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Whether we ask for a sign or not, the Lord will give us the sign that what the Lord God planned to do, he will do it or accomplish it perfectly.

Today's Second Reading from the Letter to the Romans affirmed that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, descended from King David, as prophesied through Isaiah. This affirmation is also found in Matthew. Furthermore, Our Lord Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of Holiness by resurrection from the dead. Now is the last chance to prepare ourselves for the great moment. Now is the last chance to repent of our sins with a sincerity of heart and to receive the Sacrament of Confession.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday – 12/22/25**

NO MASS

**Tuesday – 12/23/25 - St. Boniface**

NO MASS

**Christmas Eve – 12/24/25 - St. Boniface**

4:30 pm † Al Slaby & Jeff Anderson by Family

**Christmas Eve – 12/24/25 - Immaculate Conception**

8:00 pm † Allen Kochenderfer by His Family

**Christmas – 12/25/25 - St. Lawrence**

8:00 am † Donald Orne by Joanne & Family

**Christmas – 12/25/25 - Immaculate Conception**

10:00 am † Betty Hentges by Ron & Rheta Brownell

**Friday – 12/26/25 - Immaculate Conception**

8:00 am † All Entrusted To Our Pastor's Care

**Friday – 12/26/25 - St. Boniface**

NO MASS

**Saturday – 12/27/25 St. Boniface**

4:30 pm † Urban & Esther Pronschinske by Their Children

**Sunday – 12/28/25 St. Lawrence**

8:00 am † Jeff Steffen by His Family

**Sunday – 12/28/25 Immaculate Conception**

10:00am † Sara Gabrick



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE | DEC 27-28

**SATURDAY | 4:30 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amanda Burrow

Dan Brommer & Mary Hildebrand

**Lectors:** Elsie Brommer

**Servers:** Gavin Kaltenberg & Claire Fernholz

**Ushers:** Kyle Pronschinske - Pat Pronschinske

**SUNDAY | 8:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ron Brownell

Ellie Taverna & Max Bachhuber

**Lectors:** Deb Noll

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Ushers:** Ron Brownell - Dean Haigh

**SUNDAY | 10:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lori Beseler

Debra Kujak & Michele Klein

**Lectors:** Doris Killiam

**Servers:** Goettings

**Ushers:** Jim Semling - Roman Kujak

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

4:30 pm - St. Boniface

8:00 pm - Immaculate Conception

### Christmas Day

8:00 am - St. Lawrence

10:00 am - Immaculate Conception



## TREE DECORATING ON DEC 20-21

All 3 parishes will be decorating the church for Christmas after mass today. Everyone is welcome to help make the church look beautiful for the birth of Christ. The more the merrier!

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

If you are doing your Christmas shopping, please consider using St. Boniface School Scrip. You can enroll online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) using enrollment code: **16B2L53F5915**



## INVITE THEM BACK.

Each of us has the opportunity to softly ask someone back to church by sending them a post card. There are cards in the back of each church. We need to remind people that we are still here and will welcome them back.

## C-FC FOOD SHELF

If you need food assistance, we would like to direct you to C-FC Area Food Shelf located at St. John's Church 303 Hill St in Fountain City. The hours are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 4:30-6:30 p.m. and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Weds from 3:00-5:00 p.m.



## RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

**Our women and men religious offer gratitude.** A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious.

To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).



## ANNUAL DIOCESE APPEAL

### Immaculate Conception

Goal: \$21,170

Received: \$12,210—57%

Under: \$9,035

25 donors

### St. Lawrence

Goal: \$13,855

Received: \$6,120—44%

Under: \$7,735

20 donors

Recurring gift: \$200 month

### St. Boniface

Goal: \$6,150

Received: \$6,180.27

Over: \$30.27

21 donors



## JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

### Advent: Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim. 1:1)

The Advent hymn Come, O Long Expected Jesus states that He fulfills all the prophecies about the coming of our Savior. Jesus is born a helpless child, but He is the King of kings who establishes the kingdom of God on earth who desires to reign in our heart as the Christ. Let us stay focused during these days of Advent that Jesus is our only hope, asking Him to increase this gift within us.

The third verse:  
Born your people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Your gracious kingdom bring.

The fourth verse:  
By Your own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Your all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Your glorious throne.

The Jubilee Year of Hope officially ends on January 6th when Pope Leo XIV closes the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. A Mass to close the Jubilee Year in the Diocese of La Crosse will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman by Msgr. Richard Gilles, 10 a.m. on Dec 28th. All are welcome.

# PARISH FINANCIALS DEC 13-14

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
44 Env	\$ 1,384.55	27 Env	\$ 765.00	11 Env	\$ 710.00
Plate	\$ 231.00	Plate	\$ 246.00	Plate	\$ 115.75
Flowers \$140.00	Energy \$100.00	Flowers	\$ 40.00	Flowers	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 1,855.55	Total	\$ 1,051.00	Total	\$ 845.75
Attendance	76	Attendance	62	Attendance	



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Both the elementary and the high school classes will be on Winter break for the rest of Dec and the month of January. Classes will resume for all students on Feb 4th at Immaculate Conception in Fountain City.



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### THANK YOU

\*\*Thanks for all the donations for the Food Shelf, you are helping those in need in our community. Let us continue with this giving thru the new year.



\*\*Thanks to all who participated in buying gifts for children in need from the Giving Tree tags. We are sure they will have a Very Merry Christmas because of your generosity. Also thanks for those who bought pillows, underwear, hats and gloves for them. Also, a big thanks to those who helped bag the gifts and load into vehicle to get to them.

### PRAYER CHAIN

Reminder that our prayer chain is still active. If you or you know of someone in need of prayers, please contact Bernice Semling at 608-687-8530. Or if you would like to be part of this chain, she is also the person to contact. Miracles can and do happen with the help of prayer.

### ST. MARY'S QUILTERS



Quilters will not meet any more in December, as it is too close to Christmas. Beginning in January, we will resume meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, weather and road conditions permitting.

## SAINT BONIFACE

### PCCW

The ladies of the St. Boniface PCCW invite you to our Christmas potluck Tuesday December 30<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 Mass at Darlene's house. Please RSVP to Teresa if you are able to attend.



### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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**Congratulations to all the winners!**



\$1,000— Don Bjorge  
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\$100— Rita Bechly (Donated back to church)  
\$50— Rich Baures  
\$50— Rich Baures  
\$50— Cary Hansen  
\$50— Ron Olson  
\$50— Shirley Saverynski



Thank you again to everyone that bought and sold tickets!

We made a profit of \$ 5,860

A quiet night.  
A weary world.  
A humble manger.  
And in the stillness...  
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