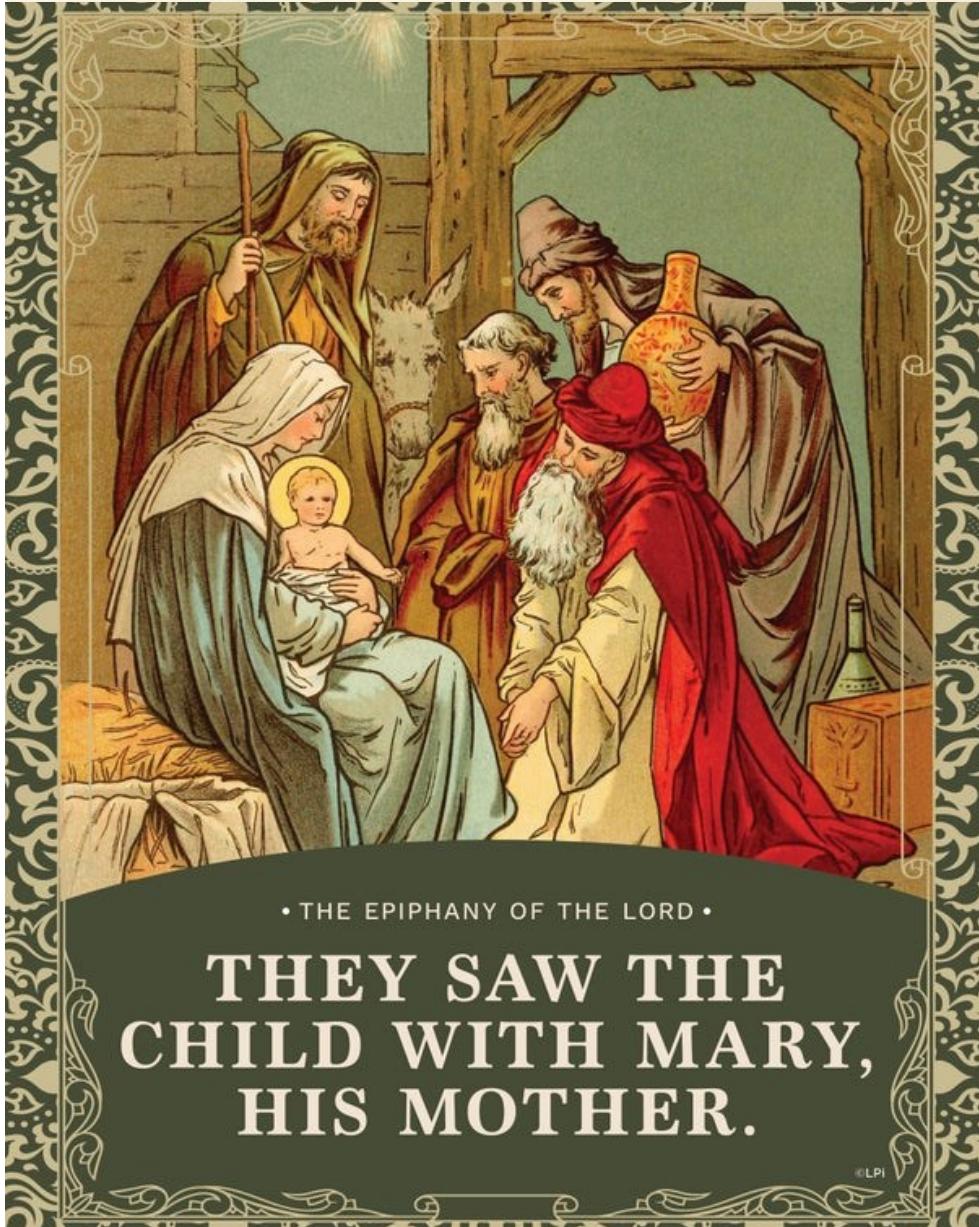




# The Parishes of

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



• THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD •

## THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY, HIS MOTHER.

### 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.

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

**JANUARY 4, 2025**

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### PARISH OFFICE

Email: tresecclisia@gmail.com

Website: tresecclisia.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

P.O. Box 246 | Alma, WI 54610

Kitchen: (608) 685-3898

#### 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)

## FROM OUR PASTOR

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany means manifestation - a revealing. On this day, Christ is revealed not only to Israel but to the whole world. The Magi, foreigners and seekers from distant lands, represent all nations who are drawn to the light of Christ.

The Gospel tells us that the Magi followed a star. They did not have the scriptures like the people of Israel, they did not know the Law or the prophets. Yet they were attentive, searching and open. God met them where they were and led them step by step. This reminds us that God never abandons those who sincerely seek truth. Even today, God uses many "stars" to guide people toward Him - like questions in the heart, moments of longing, acts of love and even struggles that awaken the soul.

When the Magi arrived in Jerusalem, they encountered confusion and fear. King Herod was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. This contrast is striking: the birth of the Savior brings joy to the humble but fear to those who cling to power and control. Herod was afraid to lose his throne, the Magi were willing to before a child. The question for us is simple but challenging. When Christ comes into our lives, do we welcome Him with trust or do we resist Him out of fear of change?

The Magi finally reach Bethlehem and find not a palace, but a child with His mother Mary. Yet they are not disappointed. They recognize what faith reveals but the eyes alone cannot see; this child is King, God, and Savior. Their gifts speak loudly. God honors Christ as

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday – 1/5/26**

NO MASS



**Tuesday – 1/6/26 – St. Boniface**

NO MASS

**Wednesday – 1/7/26 – St. Lawrence**

NO MASS

**Thursday – 1/8/26 – St. Lawrence**

NO MASS

**Friday – 1/9/26 – Immaculate Conception**

NO MASS

**Friday – 1/9/26 – St. Boniface**

NO MASS

**Saturday – 1/10/26 St. Boniface**

4:30 pm † Ray & Mercille Bagniewski by Tom & Jodie Bagniewski

**Sunday – 1/11/26 St. Lawrence**

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

**Sunday – 1/11/26 Immaculate Conception**

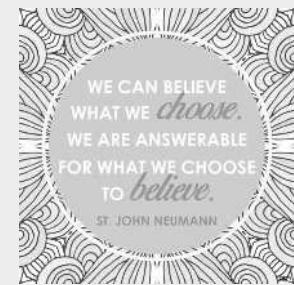
10:00 am † Deceased Members of the Bagniewski & Kupietz Families by Gene & Diane Bagniewski

King. Frankincense acknowledges His divinity. Myrrh foreshadows His suffering and death. Even at His birth, the shadow of the cross is present.

But the most important gift the Magi offer is not gold, frankincense or myrrh - it is themselves. They kneel in worship. True worship always leads to surrender. And after encountering Christ, they do not return the same way they came. Scripture says they went home by another route. An encounter with Christ always changes our direction.

Epiphany also reminds us that we are called to be witnesses. Christ is revealed to us so that He may be revealed through us. By living lives of kindness, justice, forgiveness and hope, we become "stars" that lead others to Christ. The Church exists not only to receive the light but to share it.

What we are therefore concerned with today is our vision. What the Church wants us to do is to see the Light of the World, to see things in God's light as He presents Himself to us in our lives. The light has come into our world and the darkness will not over it. The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to seek Christ sincerely, like the Magi and welcome Him humbly, unlike Herod and offer Him our best gifts and allow Him to change our direction. May the light of Christ continue to guide our journey, strengthen our faith, and shine through our lives for the salvation of the world.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE | JAN 10-11

### SATURDAY | 4:30 PM

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amanda Burrow

Mary Hildebrand & Bob Baecker

**Lectors:** Teri Putz

**Servers:** Gavin Kaltenberg & Bree Pronschinske

**Ushers:** Willie Pronschinske – Scott Pronschinske

### SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Lisowski

Bryce Lisowski & Heidi Baader

**Lectors:** Mary Lisowski

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Ushers:** Bob Jumbeck – Jon Wisneski

### SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lori Beseler

Debra Kujak & Michele Klein

**Lectors:** Duella Murphy

**Servers:** Goettlings

**Ushers:** Jim Semling – Roman Kujak

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FATHER'S VACATION

Father Albert will be traveling home back to India to see his family. He will be gone from January 4<sup>th</sup>(after mass) to February 11<sup>th</sup>. We will only have weekend masses during that time. Fr. Parr will celebrate the January masses and Fr. Dickman will join us for the Feb 7-8 masses. We wish Father safe travels!

## KNOWLEDGE OF TRUTH: FAITH AND REASON GUIDE US

Truth is not something we invent. It is something we receive from God, discover through reason, and share with others. Truth corresponds to reality as it truly is, and its ultimate source is God, who is Truth itself (John 14:6). When people claim that everyone can have their own truth, there is no longer a shared foundation for right and wrong.

## ANNUAL DIOCESE APPEAL

### Immaculate Conception

Goal: \$21,170  
Received: \$15,270—72%  
Under: \$5,900  
29 donors  
Recurring gift: \$60 month



### St. Lawrence

Goal: \$13,855  
Received: \$7,195—52%  
Under: \$6,660  
22 donors  
Recurring gift: \$200 month

### St. Boniface

Goal: \$6,150  
Received: \$7,245.27  
Over: \$1,095.27  
26 donors  
Recurring gift: \$75 month

## EPIPHANY BLESSING

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which are available in the back of church. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – and also signify the Latin phrase Christus mansionem benedicat: "May Christ bless the house."

## REBUILD MY CHURCH

What did people say at the 40 listening sessions this fall? Those comments are now available for viewing, along with a summary of the top trends. You can also check out a brief video from Fr. Derek Sakowski sharing a Christmas story illustrating what it means to "pivot from maintenance to mission."



## 2026 CATHOLIC CALENDARS

The calendars are available in the back of church! The calendars were generously provided by the support from the following businesses: Waumandee State Bank and the La Crosse Milling Co.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

### The New Year 2026: Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim. 1:1)

Moving forward in this New Year, we are called to be beacons of hope in the world, as called for in Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Let us continue to ask the Lord to increase our faith and hope in Him so that as beacons, we will help others to encounter Jesus through acts of love and mercy.



Looking back, every twist, every quiet moment, every "just getting through" day...  
God was in the details, writing a story I couldn't have imagined.

# PARISH FINANCIALS DEC 20-21

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
38 Env	\$ 2,474.72	20 Env	\$ 620.00	27 Env	\$ 3,085.00
Plate	\$ 131.00	Plate	\$ 236.00	Plate	\$ 103.00
Flowers	\$ 40.00	Religious Retire	\$ 25.00	Energy	\$ 400.00
Total	\$ 2,670.72	Flowers	\$ 10.00	Flowers	\$ 145.00
Attendance	97	Religious Retire	\$ 50.00	Religious Retire	\$ 100.00
		Total	\$ 916.00	Total	\$ 3,833.00
		Attendance	70	Attendance	60

## 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

### SUNDAY SOCIAL



Join us today for Donut Sunday which will be in Hansen Hall after Mass. Come and enjoy a little time for fellowship with other parishioners. All are welcome.

### PCCW

The next PCCW meeting is Monday, January 5th, at 2 p.m. in Hansen Hall (church basement). All women of our parish are automatic members of this group and there are no fees to participate. We would like you all to come so we can get new ideas on how to make our group even stronger.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OMELET BREAKFASTS



The first Omelet breakfast will be held next Sunday at the Immaculate Conception Parish Life Center from 8am–noon. Please come and support the Knights of Columbus and all the good things they do. Mark your calendars for the breakfasts - February 8, March 8, April 12

### 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. If you would like us to pray for you during Sunday's Rosary, please call Rita Bechly at 608-687-8180.

### ST. MARY'S QUILTERS



Beginning in January, we will resume meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, weather and road conditions permitting.

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Thanks to all who advertise on our back cover. They pay for our bulletin. Please consider doing business with them. This Week's feature advertiser:

\* Curtis Law, Alma\*

Alma Knights 6789 "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest had 23 CCD and Homeschool Kids and Handed out 1st place \$10 and 2nd and 3rd \$5 Gift Cards.

Age 11-14 Jackson Knight, Abby Pronschinske, Veronica Goetting.

Age 8-10 Taya Krause, Letty Bork, Elizabeth Fernholz.

Age 5-7 Fisher Hines, Gabby Goetting, Colton Scholl.

Participation Cards and Tootsie Rolls to all. Thank You to CCD Teachers from the Knights!



## SAINT BONIFACE

### PCCW

\*\*The St. Boniface PCCW encourages you to get involved in parish life in 2026 and mark your calendars for the following events:

- January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 the PCCW meeting;
- January 17<sup>th</sup> Parish social and cards after Mass;
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Ladies Luncheon and auction;
- March 14<sup>th</sup> Parish social and cards;
- August 16<sup>th</sup> St. Boniface Fall Festival.



We wish everyone a blessed Christmas Season!

## SAINT LAWRENCE

### PCCW

Our next PCCW meeting will be on today after mass. Your input and/or attendance is greatly appreciated.



### BREAKFAST SOCIAL

Our next KC/PCCW Breakfast Social will be on Sunday, January 18th. Members with their last name beginning with A-L are asked to bring an egg or French toast bake or another breakfast item. Fruit and beverages will be provided.



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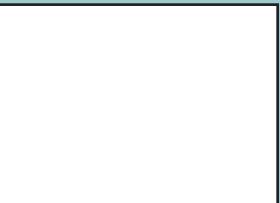
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