



The Parishes of

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM 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

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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

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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 Baptism of the Lord, a beautiful and profound moment in the life of Jesus and in the life of the church. This feast marks a transition. It brings the Christmas season to its conclusion and begins the public ministry of Jesus. The child who was born quietly in Bethlehem now steps into the public eye, revealing who He truly is and what His mission will be.

At first glance, the baptism of Jesus can seem puzzling. John the Baptist was offering a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, yet Jesus is sinless. Why, then, does He step into the waters of the Jordan? Jesus does this not because He needs cleansing, but because we do. By entering the river, Jesus chooses to stand in complete solidarity with humanity. He enters the waters carrying the weight of our sins, our brokenness and our need for healing. In doing so, He sanctifies the waters of baptism and prepares the way for our own rebirth in Him.

As Jesus emerges from the water, a remarkable scene unfolds. The heavens are opened, the Holy Spirit descends upon Him like a dove and the voice of the Father is heard: "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." This is one of the clearest moments in Scripture where the Trinity is revealed - Father, Son and Holy Spirit acting together. It is a moment of affirmation and love, as the Father publicly declares the identity of Jesus.

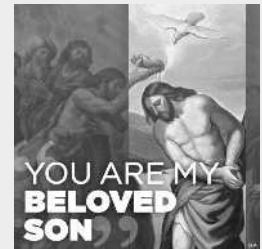
But this declaration is not meant for Jesus alone. It speaks powerfully to each one of us. Through our own baptism, we are united with Christ and share in His identity. We, too, are called beloved sons and daughters of God. Baptism is not merely a cultural tradition or a family celebration, it is a life-changing sacrament. It marks us

forever as belongings to God and incorporates us into the Body of Christ, the Church.

This feast also invites us to reflect on the mission that flows from baptism. Immediately after His baptism, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert and then begins His ministry of preaching, healing, forgiving and restoring hope. Baptism was not the end for Jesus; it was the beginning. The same is true for us. Our baptism is the starting point of a lifelong journey of faith. It calls us to live differently - to reject sin, to seek holiness and to bring God's love into our homes, workplaces and communities.

In renewing our baptismal promises, we are reminded that faith is not meant to be passive. We are called to be witnesses. In a world often marked by division, violence and indifference, baptized Christians are meant to be signs of unity, peace and compassion. We are called to speak the truth with love, to care for the poor and the marginalized, to forgive as we have been forgiven and to trust in God even when the path is difficult.

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord also reassures us of God's closeness. The image of heavens opening reminds us that God is not distant. He enters into our world, our struggles and even our suffering. Just as the Spirit rested upon Jesus, that same Spirit dwells within us, guiding us, strengthening us and giving us courage to live our faith faithfully. May we leave today confident in this truth. We are God's beloved, sealed by baptism, filled with the Holy Spirit and sent forth to make Christ known by the way we live our lives.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – 1/12/26

NO MASS



Tuesday – 1/13/26 – St. Boniface

NO MASS

Wednesday – 1/14/26 – St. Lawrence

NO MASS

Thursday – 1/15/26 – St. Lawrence

NO MASS

Friday – 1/16/26 – Immaculate Conception

NO MASS

Friday – 1/16/26 – St. Boniface

NO MASS

Saturday – 1/17/26 St. Boniface

4:30 pm † For The Health of Evelyn Rotering

Sunday – 1/18/26 St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Nancy LaBlanc Healing

Sunday – 1/19/26 Immaculate Conception

10:00am † Gerald Abts by Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE | JAN 17-18

SATURDAY | 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Les Brommer

Dan Brommer & Faith Pronschinske

Lectors: Maria Burrow

Servers: Esther Burrow – Claire Fernholz

Ushers: Mike Schmidtknecht – Kyle Pronschinske

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lisowski

Bryce Lisowski & Stacy Haigh

Lectors: Bryce Lisowski

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Bob Jumbeck – Jon Wisneski

SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Wolfe

Patrick Goetting & Elizabeth Goetting

Lectors: Bernice Semling

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Peter Schaffner – Donnie Bjorge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU— WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

A heart-felt thank you from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and our Diocesan Mission Office to St. Lawrence Parish in Alma—\$635, Immaculate Conception in Fountain City—\$350, and St. Boniface Parish in Waumandee—\$250 for answering our Holy Father's call to be "Missionaries of Hope Among the People" with your generous response of prayer and sacrifices for World Mission Sunday. We will forward your contributions to our national office. They can in turn support Catholic institutions most in need.

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."



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.

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. 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.

CELEBRATING GROWTH:

The 156 parishes of our diocese have been taking Mass counts for over two decades. Average Mass attendance in 2025 was 42,952 – an increase of 1.5% from 2024. Even with a large number of deaths, our Mass attendance has increased each year for five straight years. Praise God! See the latest updates with the QR code.



Automatic Deposits for December

St. Lawrence - \$633.35
St. Boniface - \$380.00

ANNUAL DIOCESE APPEAL

Immaculate Conception

Goal: \$21,170
Received: \$17,965—85%
Under: \$3,280
33 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: \$12,141.41
Over: \$5,991.41
29 donors
Recurring gift: \$75 month

Free money for your Church

Any monies that go over our yearly goal will come directly back to the church as a rebate and will not be counted as income for next year's quota. Please consider giving.



INVITE THEM BACK.

Each of us can 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.

PARISH FINANCIALS DEC 24/25-28 & JAN 4

| IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | | | ST. LAWRENCE | | | ST. BONIFACE | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 30-20- 45 Env | \$ 2,705.- | \$ 840.- | \$ 1,785 | 37 - 21- 36 Env | \$1,430.- | \$ 465 - | \$ 2,705 | 21-12-15 Env | \$ 1,870 – \$ 2,230 – \$ 1,988 | | |
| Plate | \$ 228.- | \$ 102 - | \$ 204 | Plate | \$ 387 - | \$ 238 | | Plate | \$ 650 – \$ 259 - \$ 251 | | |
| Flowers | \$ 50. | | | Flowers | \$ 45. | | | Flowers | \$ 65 - \$ 25 | | |
| Total | \$ 2,933. | \$ 992. | \$ 1,989 | Total | \$ 1,475 | \$ 852 | \$ 2,943 | Total | \$ 2,585 | \$ 2,514 | \$ 2,239 |
| Attendance | 40/95 | 81 | 103 | Attendance | 75 | 90 | 92 | Attendance | 230 | 89 | 91 |

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.



SAINT BONIFACE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council #1654 next meeting will be Tuesday January 13th in the Holy Family Parish Rectory conference room. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.



PCCW

**All are invited to come for the after Mass Social Saturday January 17th. There will be a free will offering dinner, a bake sale, Euchre tournament and fun bingo for all ages. Sign up in the back of Church for the Euchre tournament.



St. Gerard, St. Mary & St. Theresa will be making the dinner and St. Ann, St. Bernadette and St. Cecelia will be having the bake sale.

**Also, everyone is invited to the Luncheon and Auction Saturday February 14th starting at 11:30 in the Rippley Social Hall. Bring a dish to pass and something to be auctioned off. If you have something to be auctioned off, you can drop it off the week before in the church hallway.

LIGHTER SIDE

- What flies without wings? Time
- What has a roof but no walls? A Mushroom
- What has a head and tail but no body? A Coin
- What is easy to lift but hard to throw? A Feather
- What has a bank but no money? A River
- What has keys and space but no room? A keyboard
- What has a foot but no legs? A Ruler



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OMELET BREAKFASTS



The first Omelet breakfast will be held today 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 next breakfasts - February 8, March 8, April 12



THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS

Thank you to all who supported the various Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus fundraisers in 2025: omelet breakfast, tootsie roll drive, Kwik Trip scrip, sportsman's raffle, and rosette sale. Through your generous support the Knights were able to donate \$6,073.40 to various local charitable causes in 2025. We look forward to your continued support in 2026. Thank you all and God bless.

ST. MARY'S QUILTERS



Saint Mary's quilters will meet on Tuesday January 27th, 2026. Weather and road conditions permitting. Please note date change from second Tuesday to first Tuesday. If you have questions please call Jenny Schaffner 608.687.8466 or cell 608.683.2223.



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.

SAINT LAWRENCE

BREAKFAST SOCIAL



Our next KC/PCCW Breakfast Social will be next 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.

FATHER'S VACATION

Father Albert is traveling back home to India to see his family. He will be gone from January 4th to February 11th. We will only have weekend masses during that time. Fr. Parr will celebrate the January masses with us and Fr. Dickman will join us for the Feb 7-8 masses

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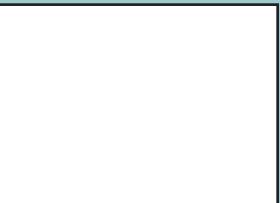
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