



# The Parishes of

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



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

### 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.

**JANUARY 18, 2026**

**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### 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

P.O. Box 246 | Alma, WI 54610

Kitchen: (608) 685-3898

#### St. Boniface Parish

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Waumandee, WI 54622

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:** No Mass

**Wednesday:** No Mass

**Thursday:** No Mass

**Friday:** No Mass

### 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

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday in ordinary time. Through the Gospel the Church invites us to stand beside John the Baptist at the Jordan River and to hear words that have echoed through Christian prayer for two thousand years; "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

These words are so familiar to us that we hear them almost automatically at every Mass. But today's Gospel asks us to slow down and truly listen to them again - to hear them not just as liturgical words but as a revelation of who Jesus is and why He has come.

When John calls Jesus "the Lamb of God," he is drawing from the deepest memories of Israel. The lamb was central to the Passover- the sacrifice whose blood saved God's people from death and led them out of slavery. The lamb was also offered daily in the Temple, a reminder that sin damages our relationship with God and that reconciliation always costs something. By calling Jesus the Lamb, John is saying that Jesus will be both sacrifice and Saviour. He will not remove sin by condemnation or punishment, but by offering Himself. Jesus does not stand apart from human suffering; He enters it fully. From the very beginning of His ministry, He is already moving toward the cross- as a tragic accident, but as an act of love freely given. And John goes even further. He does not say that Jesus takes away some sin, or personal sin alone but "the sin of the world." This includes everything that distorts God's plan; injustice, violence, indifference to the poor, abuse of power, broken families, wounded relationships and

hardened hearts. Jesus comes to hear the whole human story.

John the Baptist is a remarkable figure, not because he seeks attention, but because he refuses it. He openly admits, "I did not know him," yet he remains attentive to God's voice. When the Spirit reveals Jesus to him, John steps back and allows Jesus to step forward. This is true humility. John understands that his mission is not to be the light, but to point to the light. He does not cling to followers or popularity. In fact, he loses disciples when they leave him to follow Jesus and he rejoices in that.

John tells us that he recognized Jesus because he saw the Spirit descend upon Him and remain with Him. This moment reveals something essential about Jesus' identity. He is the one anointed by the Spirit, sent by the Father and empowered to bring new life. This moment also speaks to us. Through our baptism, that same Spirit has been given to us. Christianity is not simply about moral effort or religious obligation, it is about allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us - to shape our thoughts, soften our hearts and guide our choices.

To follow the lamb of God means living differently in a world that often values strength over compassion and success over sacrifice. It means choosing mercy instead of revenge, truth instead of convenience, generosity instead of indifference. It means trusting that love, not power, is what truly changes the world.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday – 1/19/26**

NO MASS

**Tuesday – 1/20/26 - St. Boniface**

NO MASS

**Wednesday – 1/21/26 - St. Lawrence**

NO MASS

**Thursday – 1/22/26 - St. Lawrence**

NO MASS

**Friday – 1/23/26 - Immaculate Conception**

NO MASS

**Friday – 1/23/26 - St. Boniface**

NO MASS

**Saturday – 1/24/26 St. Boniface**

4:30 pm † Vivian Lisowski by Loren & Ruth Wolfe

**Sunday – 1/25/26 St. Lawrence**

8:00 am † Sam & Kathy Speltz by Ryan Speltz

**Sunday – 1/25/26 Immaculate Conception**

10:00am † Aloszy Saverynski by Pete & Shirley Saverynski



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE | JAN 24-25

**SATURDAY | 4:30 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amanda Burrow

Mary Hildebrand & Brenda Pronschinske

**Lectors:** Faith Pronschinske

**Servers:** Abby Pronschinske - Bree Pronschinske

**Ushers:** Leon Bork – Pat Pronschinske

**SUNDAY | 8:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ellie Taverna

Max Bachhuber & Heidi Baader

**Lectors:** Darlene Auer

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Ushers:** Bob Jumbeck - Jon Wisneski

**SUNDAY | 10:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen Bagniewski

Rod Bagniewski & Rita Bechly

**Lectors:** Karen Bagniewski

**Servers:** Goettings

**Ushers:** Jim Semling - Roman Kujak

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FATHER'S VACATION

Father Albert is traveling back home to India to see his family. He will be gone from January 4<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>. 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

## A BIG THANK YOU FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Thank you for all the food donations. They had 41 people come in to get the food in December and said the need is still great so if you have the resources, please pick up some extra food the next time you go shopping and drop off in church basement. Also, they said they could use toilet paper in the single rolls or in 4 packs (not the larger packs). So, if you see some on sale you may want to pick some up for them. Feeding the poor and helping the needy is all part of our Christian mission.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

This year it will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joyful holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved.



## CELEBRATING GROWTH:

### Correction from last week:

Even better news on Mass attendance! I have a correction from last week's reported numbers. The average Mass attendance in 2025 was 43,265—an increase of 2.3% from 2024. Average Mass attendance in 2025 was 42,952 – an increase of 1.5% from 2024.



One of the biggest themes was a desire to grow by drawing young people and new families into the Church. With that desire, people named a need for guidance and training in evangelization and accompaniment. We will begin hosting Evangelization Summits and follow up resources for that purpose. Stay tuned!



## ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY LUNCHEON & ACTIVITIES

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week (the last week of January), we are asking parents, grandparents, and community members to join us for Special Person's Day featuring a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon on Tuesday, January 27th. Lunch will be from 12-1 and activities with the students starting at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome to join.

No cost – donations welcome.

If you would like to order your lunch to go, please call the school office by Monday, January 26th

## 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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
32 Env	\$ 725.00	26 Env	\$ 635.00	17 Env	\$ 2,551.00
Plate	\$ 107.50	Plate	\$ 187.00	Plate	\$ 94.00
Total	\$ 832.50	Total	\$ 822.00	Total	\$ 2,655.00
Attendance	79	Attendance	82	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

### 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



Join us today for our KC/PCCW Breakfast Social. 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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## SAINT BONIFACE

### MASS SOCIAL DATE CHANGE

**Due to scheduling conflicts the social & card party have been moved to Jan 31.**

### PCCW

\*\*All are invited to come for the after Mass Social Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SUNSHINE AWARD

**Congratulations Darlene Slaby**



Darlene was nominated by Olivia Wick and won the award.

*"We would like to nominate Darlene Slaby for a Sunshine Award. Darlene has dedicated decades of experience as a title teacher to St. Boniface Catholic School in Waumandee. She loves every student and is committed to ensure every child gets the best education. Darlene is such a big support of the school's students, staff, church and community. She brings so much love, encouragement and history to our school. We love having Darlene as a support staff and enjoy every day with her! Thank you Darlene for your years of dedication to St. Boniface!"*

*We can wait to celebrate your 90th birthday this upcoming Valentine's Day!"*

### THANK YOU

A special thank you to James & Lisa Bremer for their donation for the new sound system in the church. It is greatly appreciated!



Evelyn Rotering  
January 10, 2026  
May her soul and the souls of  
all the faithful departed rest  
in peace.

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