



The Parishes of

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



CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EDUCATING
Our Children



BUILDING
Our Future



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 25, 2026

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH OFFICE

Email: tresecclisiae@gmail.com

Website: tresecclisiae.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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- 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)

FROM OUR PASTOR

On the third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel marks a turning point - not only in the life of Jesus, but in the history of salvation. Matthew tells us that after John the Baptist is arrested, Jesus withdraws to Galilee and begins His public ministry. Jesus goes to Galilee, a region considered insignificant and even suspect by many in Judea. It was called "Galilee of the Gentiles" a place of mixed cultures, imperfect religious observance and people living on the margins. Yet Matthew reminds us that this is exactly where the prophet Isaiah said the light would shine: "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light."

This is our first lesson today; God's light appears where we least expect it. Jesus does not begin His mission in the centers of power or prestige but among ordinary people - fishermen, laborers, families struggling to survive. This should comfort us. It means that no place, no situation, no person is too dark, too broken or too ordinary for God to enter. Jesus' first public words are simple and demanding: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." To repent does not simply mean to feel sorry for our sins. It means to change direction, to turn our lives toward God. Jesus is saying: God is near. God is acting now. Therefore, live differently.

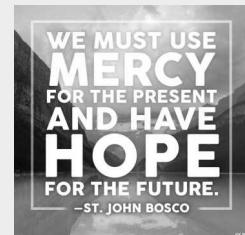
Repentance is not a threat, it is an invitation, Jesus does not begin by condemning, but by offering hope. The kingdom of heaven is not something far away or reserved for the future; it is already breaking into the present. Every time we choose forgiveness over resentment, honesty over deceit, generosity over selfishness, the kingdom becomes visible. Immediately after this call to repentance, Jesus calls His disciples. He meets Simon

Peter and Andrew, James and John not in a synagogue, not in prayer, but in the middle of their work. They are fishermen, busy, tired, focused on daily survival. And yet, when Jesus says, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men," they respond immediately. Matthew emphasizes this; "At once they left their nets."

This immediately should challenge us. The disciples do not ask for guarantees. They do not demand explanations. They do not wait for a more convenient time. They trust the voice that calls them. Of course, leaving their nets does not only mean leaving their boats. The nets represent security, habits, identity and control. Following Jesus requires letting go of whatever keeps us from fully trusting Him. For us today, the nets might be fear, comfort, resentment, pride or the belief that faith should not interfere too much with our daily lives.

Notice also that Jesus does not call the disciple to a solo journey. He forms a community. Christianity is not lived alone. We follow Christ together, supporting one another, struggling together, and being sent together. The Church exists not for itself, but for mission to continue what Jesus began. Jesus teaches, proclaims the Good News of the kingdom and heals every disease and illness. This threefold mission continues today in the Church. When we teach truth, proclaim hope, and show compassion, we become instruments of Christ's light.

Let us ask for the grace to recognize His voice, the courage to leave our nets, and the trust to follow Him so that the light we have received may shine through us for others.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – 1/26/26

NO MASS



Tuesday – 1/27/26 - St. Boniface

NO MASS

Wednesday – 1/28/26 - St. Lawrence

NO MASS

Thursday – 1/29/26 - St. Lawrence

NO MASS

Friday – 1/30/26 - Immaculate Conception

NO MASS

Friday – 1/30/26 - St. Boniface

NO MASS

Saturday – 1/31/26 St. Boniface

4:30 pm † LaVerne & Marlet Baecker by Their Family

Sunday – 2/1/26 St. Lawrence

8:00 am † LaVonne Bechly Meyers by Jim & Karen Bechly

Sunday – 2/1/26 Immaculate Conception

10:00am † Betty Hentges by Rich & Wendy Baures

MINISTRY SCHEDULE | JAN 31 -FEB 1

SATURDAY | 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: LaVerne Pronschinske

Les Brommer & Dan Brommer

Lectors: Elsie Brommer

Servers: Claire Fernholz - Gavin Kaltenberg

Ushers: Howard Misch - Joe Slaby

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Stacy Haigh

Ron Brownell & Max Bachhuber

Lectors: Deb Noll

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Ervin Bauer - Sam Wisneski

SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Matt Foust

Diane Bjorge & Rick Duellman

Lectors: Patrick Goetting

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Peter Schaffner - Donnie Bjorge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

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.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

BLESSING OF LIGHT

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine.

Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays.

Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus.

Amen.



The Best Gift for your Spouse--Harmony and Hope! A weekend for married couples facing a difficult time in their relationship to be held in Wausau area Feb 13-15, 2026 provides a path to rediscover the spouse you fell in love with. "We could not talk without arguing. Eventually, our marriage entered a second honeymoon. We are now able to live in harmony thanks to the skills we learned in the Retrouvaille program." For more info, couples' comments and reviews visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-877-922-4673 (Fully confidential).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IS COMING TO THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE February 13-15, 2026 Sparrow's Nest, Sparta, WI

Looking for a way to rekindle the love and romance in your marriage? Your marriage is your most important human relationship. This powerful experience of discovery helps you renew your commitment, deepen your intimacy and reignite the passion that brought you together. Space is limited....go to the website www.wwme.org to save your spot today!



INVITE THEM BACK.

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

ANNUAL DIOCESE APPEAL

Immaculate Conception

Goal: \$21,170
Received: \$18,250—86%
Under: \$2,920
34 donors
Recurring gift: \$60 month

St. Lawrence

Goal: \$13,855
Received: \$7,880—56%
Under: \$5,975
25 donors
Recurring gift: \$200 month

St. Boniface

Goal: \$6,150
Received: \$12,731.33
Over: \$6,581.33
31 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.

THE NEW BABY

After the birth of his baby brother, a little boy was thoroughly annoyed at all of his crying and screaming.

"Where did we get him anyway?" he asked his mother.

"He came from heaven," his mother said.

"Well, I can see why they threw him out!" the boy replied.



PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
21 Env	\$ 1,077.00	19 Env	\$ 415.00	10 Env	\$ 433.00
Plate	\$ 249.00	Plate	\$ 177.00	Plate	\$ 327.00
Total	\$ 1,326.00	Total	\$ 592.00	Total	\$ 760.00
Attendance	90	Attendance	85	Attendance	74

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 Tue. Jan 27th. Weather and road conditions permitting. 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.



SUNDAY SOCIAL



Join us next Sunday for Donut Sunday which will be in Hansen Hall after Mass. It is a day to take just a few minutes to sit down and enjoy a donut and beverage and have a little time for fellowship with other parishioners. All are welcome.

K of C OMELET BREAKFASTS

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

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UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:



**All are invited to come for the after Mass Social next weekend, January 31st, after mass. There is a free will offering dinner, a bake sale, Euchre tournament and fun bingo for all ages.



**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.

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

THANK-A-TEACHER:

Catholic Schools Week nears and we're kickstarting our annual "Thank a Teacher" effort. This is an easy means by which we can connect our Catholic educators with the stories of their profound impact. Already, the QR code that leads to the form has been scanned 98 times. The process is simple...go to the website:

<https://tinyurl.com/CSWthankateacher>

or scan the QR code. You'll be led to a Google doc where you can share their thoughts. Thank you to our St. Boniface Teachers—Olivia Wick, Lexy Rolbiecki & Meghan Mathis. And our teacher helpers - Brooklyn Bjorge, Faith Pronschinske, Darlene Slaby, Emily Kaltenberg, Karen Engstrand.



Thank-a-Teacher!

A great teacher doesn't just share knowledge; they help a student see their own worth as a child of God. They mentor, they pray and they inspire.

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