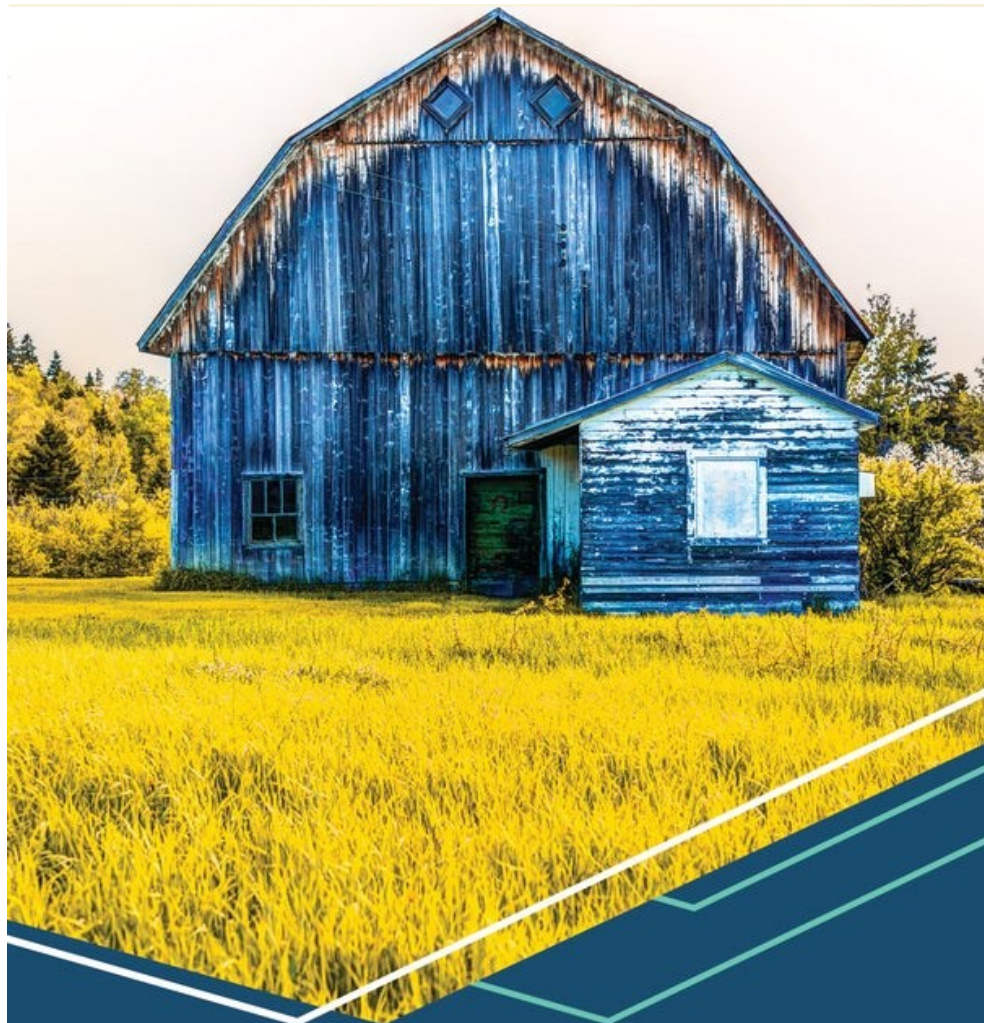




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"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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.

JULY 26, 2026

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

St. Boniface:

Tues & Thurs | 9 am - 2 pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 7:30 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
8:00 am (IC)
11:00 am (SB)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 7:00 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's Gospel presents us with a series of short but profound parables. Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a hidden treasure, a pearl of great price, a fishing net gathering every kind of fish and finally a wise scribe who brings out treasure both old and new. Jesus says: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

The man does not sell everything because someone forces him. He does not do it reluctantly. Jesus says he does it out of joy. Christian discipleship is not first about sacrifice. It is first about discovering something so beautiful, so valuable, that everything else becomes secondary. Following Jesus begins with finding a treasure. Once someone truly encounters Christ, sacrifices become expressions of love rather than burdens.

The saints understood this well. They gave away wealth, prestige, comfort and sometimes even their lives - not because they despised these things, but because they had discovered something infinitely greater. The second parable tells us of a merchant searching for fine pearls. Unlike the first man, this merchant is actively searching. Some people discover God unexpectedly. Others spent years searching through philosophy, science, success, relationships or different religions before finding Christ.

God reaches people in different ways. Some are like St. Paul, suddenly converted. Others are like St. Augustine, searching for years before finally finding peace. Still others quietly grow into faith over time. but once the merchant finds the pearl, he also tells everything. The point is not how we find Christ. The point is recognizing His incomparable value once we do.

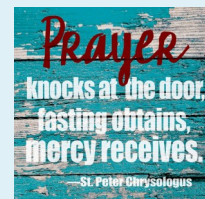
Sometimes we become attached to lesser treasures. like money, Career, Popularity, Entertainment and power. Even

good things like family, hobbies, achievements can become idols if they occupy the place that belongs to God alone. Jesus never says these things are evil. He simply reminds us that none of them can satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart. only God can. St. Augustine famously prayed, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in God." Many people spend their whole lives accumulating possessions while neglecting the treasure that lasts forever.

Jesus then changes the image. The kingdom is like a fishing net gathering fish of every kind. At the end of time, the good are separated from the bad. This reminds us that God's mercy is immense. the net gathers everyone. saints and sinners, believers and doubters. strong Christians and struggling Christians. God excludes no one from His invitation. but eventually there comes a moment of judgement. not because God delights in condemning. Rather, because our choices matter. Love must be freely accepted.

Finally, Jesus speaks of the scribe trained for the Kingdom who brings out treasures both old and new. The Church has always treasured this image. We do not discard what is old simply because it is ancient. Neither do we reject what is new simply because it is unfamiliar. The Holy Spirit continually renews the Church while remaining faithful to the truth handed down by Christ.

The man sold everything. The merchant sold everything. Not because they were losing something, but because they had found someone infinitely greater. May we ask God today for the grace to recognize Christ as our hidden treasure and our pearl of great price. And when others see our lives, may they recognize the joy of people who have discovered the greatest treasure imaginable as the kingdom of God revealed in Jesus Christ.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – 7/27/26

NO MASS

Tuesday – 7/28/26 - St. Boniface

5:30 pm † Eileen Christ Cross

Wednesday – 7/29/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Sam Speltz by Ryan Speltz

Thursday – 7/30/26 - St. Lawrence

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

Friday – 7/31/26 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 am † Dennis Semling by Diane Semling

First Saturday – 8/1/26 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 am † Nancy Duellman By Steve Duellman

Saturday – 8/1/26 - St. Boniface

7:30 pm † Vivian Lisowski by Ed & Laura Rippley

Sunday – 8/2/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Jerry Betthausen by Debbie Betthausen

Sunday – 8/2/26 - Immaculate Conception

10:00am † Jim Killian by Doris Killian



MINISTRY SCHEDULE | AUGUST 1-2

SATURDAY | 7:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Faith Pronschinske

Brenda Pronschinske - Amanda Burrow

Lectors: Mary Hildebrand

Servers: Esther Burrow - Abby Pronschinske

Ushers: Kyle Pronschinske - Mike Schimidtknecht

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Stacy Haigh

Ron Brownell - Max Bachhuber

Lectors: Darlene Auer

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Mel Danzinger - Mark Schamaun

SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Wolfe

Patrick Goetting - Elizabeth Goetting

Lectors: Debra Kujak

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Peter Schaffner - Donnie Bjorge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG AT HEART

Young At Heart is a Senior (55 and older) event held on the last Friday of each month at St. John's that is open to all Seniors in the Alma area. Since Covid, we haven't had the attendance as before but we keep hoping for more people to attend. A pot luck lunch is served at noon. Everyone brings a dish to pass. After we eat, do the dishes, and put the food away, you want to stay a little longer. We play a card game called Spades. It's a game everyone can learn and play. (Chuck is a good teacher!) We always have a variety of delicious food plus a lot of sharing, caring, and good conversations. Come and join us on the last Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome! You won't be sorry! The next Young at Heart will be on Friday, July 31 at noon.

DARE TO FOLLOW:

An Adventure in Faith:

Young men entering grades 6-8 are invited to Dare to Follow, an overnight experience filled with activities, prayer, friendship and honest conversation about where God may be calling them. Participants will spend time with Bishop Gerard W. Battersby, Father Stephen Weller, our diocesan vocations director, and priests from across the diocese while discovering what it means to become holy men of God. The next session is Aug. 10-11, 2026, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. The cost is \$30 and includes meals and lodging. Register at <https://dioceseoflacrosse.regfox.com/official-vocations-event-registration>

HISTORY TRAIN RIDE FUND RAISER;

Alma Knights of Columbus will host a mini-train ride fund raiser on Sept 26, 2026, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Involves a 7 mile ride aboard a mini-train into the historic Chippewa Bottoms (and back out) Info for the train can be found at: <https://www.cvmca.info/events>

The ride will include presentations on the history of the train, history of DNR, and history of the Native Americans in the area (including artifacts).



Cost is \$40 / person with only 35 seats remaining. Contact Bryce Lisowski, GK at 715-495-0488, (text preferred) Or email for full details: Almaknights6789@gmail.com

EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Saturday, August 22

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
Chippewa Falls

Step aside for the day to learn how we change the "soil" of our Catholic culture in order to plant the seeds of evangelization. At this summit, you can expect to:

- Encounter Jesus and others who desire a culture of discipleship in our parishes.
- Practice praying, listening, and discerning together.
- Grow in clarity of vision - what does "culture of discipleship and accompaniment" mean?
- Identify what support we need to live this way.

Scan to register



ST. LAWRENCE FUNDRAISER

St. Lawrence is selling tickets for their new fundraiser. For \$20 you get a ticket with a chance to win one of the 30 prizes in the month of November. All proceeds will go towards their general account. Any of the parishioners will be able to sell you a ticket or call Connie in the office.



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WELCOME

We're blessed to have new faces joining us at Mass. If you're interested in becoming a registered member of our parish, we invite you to fill out one of the **Family Registration Forms** located in the back of the church.

Registering helps us stay connected with you, and it also ensures you receive proper credit for all your contributions throughout the year.

We're grateful you're here and hope you feel at home in our parish family.



PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
33 Env	\$ 1,600.00	27 Env	\$ 790.00	13 Env	\$ 752.00
Plate	\$ 90.00	Plate	\$ 287.00	Plate	\$ 80.96
Total	\$1,690.00	Total	\$1,077.00	Total	\$ 832.96
Attendance	68	Attendance	91	Attendance	57

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PCCW

The next PCCW meeting will be Monday, Aug 10th (please note date change) at 2 p.m. in Hansen Hall (church basement). All women of the parish are automatically members and there are no dues required. We welcome new and old members to attend and share your ideas. Any questions call Rita Bechly at 608-687-8180.



EYEGLASS COLLECTION

The PCCW is still collecting eyeglasses, reading glasses, sunglasses, wipes, etc. for Casa Hogar Orphanage and Community. Box is at entrance of church.



PRAYER CHAIN

Our Prayer Chain is still active, so if you know of someone in need of prayers, please contact Bernice Semling at 608-687-8530. Miracles can and do happen with the help of prayer. We can also pray for you during our Sunday Rosary's, please call Rita Bechly at 608-687-8180.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

If you are interested in joining the Beautification Committee. This group is responsible for keeping our church looking beautiful throughout the year with flowers and seasonal décor. If you are interested, please call Connie she will be making the month schedule soon



MASS INTENTIONS

We are in need of Mass intentions. They are running low. Please use the blue envelopes in the back. Intentions are \$20 or whatever you would like to give.

Calling All Past Members!

You're invited to celebrate 75th Anniversary of the **Golden Hornets 4-H Club**

August 15th from 11am-3pm

Suncrest Gardens Pizza Farm, Yaeger Valley, Cochrane

Golden Hornets 4-H Club was founded by Father Timmerman as a community youth organization. It's founding leaders were Amalia Smeija and Tony Wolfe Sr. Many parish members have served as leaders over the 75 year period. We hope anyone involved will come and enjoy this commemorative celebration!



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PCCW

The next PCCW meeting will be on Sunday August 2nd following mass.



ALL LADIES:

the annual PCCW potluck "picnic" is Monday, August 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. This is a great chance for us to gather, eat and enjoy time together. Drinks and tableware will be provided, please bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert to share.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The monthly meeting will be the 1st Sunday of the month. Hopefully this will bring more members to the meeting. We need your support to keep going. Meetings will be after 8am Mass in the basement. Bring a brother Knight with you.



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QUILTING GROUP

St. Lawrence quilting group meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1 pm in the church basement.

SAINT BONIFACE

FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival Raffle tickets are ready to be picked up in the connection wing of the church.

Everyone is invited to the St. Boniface Fall Festival

Sunday August 16th

10:00 Polka Mass

11:00—2:00 Homestyle Dinner

12:00 Kiddie Tractor Pull

2:30 Bingo in the hall

4:00 Duck Race

5:00 Raffle

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