



The Parishes of

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

AUGUST 30, 2026

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH STAFF

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Connie Sweno, Office Administrator

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)

MY SOUL IS
thirsting
FOR YOU,
MY GOD.

PSALM 63

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)

From Our Pastor

Today's Gospel from Matthew 16: 21-27 brings us to one of the most challenging and important moments in the ministry of Jesus. After Peter has confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God, Jesus begins to reveal something that the disciples do not want to hear: He must go to Jerusalem, suffer gently, be rejected, be killed and on the third day be raised.

Peter cannot accept this. He takes Jesus aside and says, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." Peter loves Jesus, but at this moment, Peter's love is mixed with misunderstanding. He wants Jesus to be Messiah, but he wants a Messiah without suffering, a Savior without the cross, victory without sacrifice. Jesus responds with very strong words: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. you are thinking not as God, but as human beings do."

These words may sound harsh, especially because Jesus is speaking to Peter, the disciple whom He loves and will later entrust with the leadership of His Church. But Jesus is not rejecting Peter. Rather, He is correcting Peter's way of thinking. Peter is thinking according to human expectations. He imagines that the Messiah should be powerful, successful, admired and victorious according to worldly standards. but God's plan is different. The glory of Christ will pass through the mystery of the cross.

To the world, Jesus hanging on the cross appeared to be a man who had lost everything. His enemies seemed to have won. His disciples scattered. His followers were afraid. His body was broken and His life was taken. But what looked like defeat became the instrument of salvation. This is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith: God can bring victory out of suffering, hope out of despair and new life out of death.

The cross teaches us that suffering does not necessarily mean that God has abandoned us. Sometimes, precisely in the midst of our suffering God is accomplishing something we cannot yet see. We often pray, "Lord, take this suffering away." And it is good to

pray that way. Jesus Himself prayed in the garden that the cup might pass from Him. But sometimes God does not immediately remove the cross. Instead, He gives us the grace and strength to carry it.

After speaking about His own passion, Jesus turns to His disciples and says: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Every person has a cross. For one person, the cross may be an illness. for another, it may be loneliness. For another, it may be the pain of a broken relationship, the death of someone they love, financial struggles, family difficulties, disappointment, rejection or uncertainty about the future.

Jesus teaches us that true happiness is found not simply in getting what we want, but in becoming the people God created us to be. Sometimes love requires sacrifice. Jesus says, "Follow me." That is an invitation to a journey. we do not become perfect Christians overnight. Everyday we have opportunities to choose Christ. Someone today is carrying a very heavy cross. you may smile in front of others while carrying pain inside your heart. Today Jesus reminds us: Do not be afraid I am with you.

The cross is not the end of the story. Jesus went through the cross and entered into the resurrection. Therefore, our suffering does not have the final word. Death does not have the final word. Christ has the final word. The Gospel today reminds us that Christianity is not simply about believing that Jesus exists. It is about following Him. and following Jesus means walking the way of the cross. The cross can be painful but it is also the road to resurrection.

When we surrender our lives to Christ, we do not lose ourselves. we discover who we truly are. When we give ourselves in love, we discover true freedom. may we have the courage to follow Jesus- not only when the road is easy, but also when the road is difficult. May we trust Jesus when we understand and when we do not understand. May we remain faithful when life is joyful and when life is painful. May the Lord give us the grace to take up our crosses each day, to deny ourselves, to love generously and to follow Him faithfully until the day we enter into the fullness of His kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – 8/31/26

NO MASS -

Tuesday – 9/1/26 - St. Boniface

5:30 pm † Gerry Wojchik by LaVerne & Lori Pronschinske

Wednesday – 9/2/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Greg Lorenz by Dave & Pam Earney

Thursday – 9/3/26 - St. Lawrence

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

Friday – 9/4/26 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 am † Louis & Nancy Duellman by Roxanne Gabrick

Friday – 9/4/26 - St. Boniface

11:00 am † Irene Dittrich by Teresa Waters & Matt Dworschak

First Saturday – 9/5/26 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 am † Nancy LeBlanc

Saturday – 9/5/26 - St. Boniface

7:30 pm † Linda Schultz-Holt by Genevieve Schultz

Sunday – 9/6/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Jeff Steffen by Family

Sunday – 9/6/26 - Immaculate Conception

10:00am † Dennis Speltz by His Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE | SEPT 5-6

SATURDAY | 7:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Amanda Burrow

Dan Brommer - Mary Smith

Lectors: Les Brommer

Servers: Gavin Kaltenberg - Claire Fernholz

Ushers: Glen Pronschinske - Pat Pronschinske

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Lisowski

Amp Lisowski - Lorna Lisowski

Lectors: Amp Lisowski

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Gary Pronschinske - Dave Earney

SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Bagniewski

Rod Bagniewski - Rita Bechly

Lectors: Doris Killian

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Jim Semling - Roman Kujak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Tiffany Wildlife area of the 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

CHARACTERISTICS OF A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST: OBEDIENCE

The fourth characteristic is that we seek to understand and obey the teaching of Christ as passed on to us through the Apostles and modern-day apostles of the Catholic Church, which are the bishops.

The Church is our Mother and she shares with us the revelation of Jesus. The disciple understands there is not a difference between what Jesus taught and what the Church teaches, just as the head cannot be separated from the body. He or she humbly seeks to learn more about what God has revealed through the Church and live in obedience to it.

Obedience is the highest form of Worship.

FALL FESTIVALS

Holy Trinity Festival, Rollingstone Sept 13

Their 43rd Annual Church Festival will have dine in or take out a half chicken dinner. Enjoy Theme baskets, bake sale, quilt sale and a Big Ticket raffle.

Alma Area Community Fest Sept 13

Sponsored by the Alma School District it will be held at the Alma Rod & Gun Club from noon to 3pm. Community booths, games, crafts, Rocket launch and great kid's prizes. Free picnic meal.

Waumandee Lions Club Plow Fest 226 Harmonia Park

October 18—11am to 4pm

There will be Charcoal chicken, brat & hotdogs meals. Kids games, barrel train, hayrides, vendors & crafts and the Pumpkin Cannon. Free Admission.



HELP NEEDED Liturgical Ministries

All three churches are in need of Readers, Servers, ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. Also, choir members for each parish. Music is an important spiritual part of the mass.



We are in need of the faithful who are willing to share their time and talent as one of these important roles at mass. There will be a training or refresher class available. If you feel called to help enrich our liturgy and support our parish, please contact **Connie in the parish office**.

HIRING

St. Boniface Child Care

We are looking for someone to work around 36+ hours a week with potentially becoming the childcare director. Our hours are 7:30-5:30.

- No nights
- No Holidays
- No Weekend
- Enjoying time with a bunch of cuties all day
- Flexible scheduling



Please contact Olivia if you are interested or have questions about the position

owick@stbonschool.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for grades **1-8** will be **Wed, Sept 2** at Immaculate Conception- (Parish Life Center) Come anytime between **4 and 7pm** to register.

Classes for all grades will start **Wednesday, Sept 9**

Mandatory Parent and Student class for grades 9 and 10 will be Wednesday, Sept 9th from 7 to 8:00pm at St. Boniface Rippley Hall

Contact Amanda Burrow at (608) 323-0085 or Treecclesiae.red@gmail.com with any questions.

PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
31 Env	\$ 1,310.00	24 Env	\$ 485.00	9 Env	\$ 214.00
Plate	\$ 107.00	Plate	\$ 368.00	Plate	\$ 168.00
Total	\$ 1,417.00	Total	\$ 853.00	Total	\$ 382.00
Attendance		Attendance	84	Attendance	62

SAINT BONIFACE



Mary Tulus
August 17, 2026
May her soul and the souls of
all the faithful departed rest
in peace.

ST BONIFACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We started the new school year out this week and it was great to see everyone! We are still enrolling for the new school year. If you know anyone that is interested, have them email Oivia wick @ owick@stbonschool.com.

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DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org. (Mandated to post twice a year)

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Congratulations to
Jacob Bjorge
&
Lindsey Peterson
They were married August 22nd.

C-FC FOOD SHELF

The CFC Food Shelf is still very busy. So, you can imagine their stocks run out quickly. If you see any sales on canned meats or stews, baked beans, chili, crackers. Muffin mixes etc., please think of them and bring any items into church basement and we will get the Food Shelf.



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.

SAINT LAWRENCE

PCCW

Ladies please join us at our next PCCW meeting on Sunday, September 6th following mass. Your input is greatly appreciated.



SUNDAY BRUNCH



The next KC/PCCW breakfast social will be on Sunday, September 20th. Parishioners with a last name beginning with M-Z are asked to bring an egg bake, French toast bake, etc.

Fruit and beverages will be provided.

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.

QUILTING GROUP



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

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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