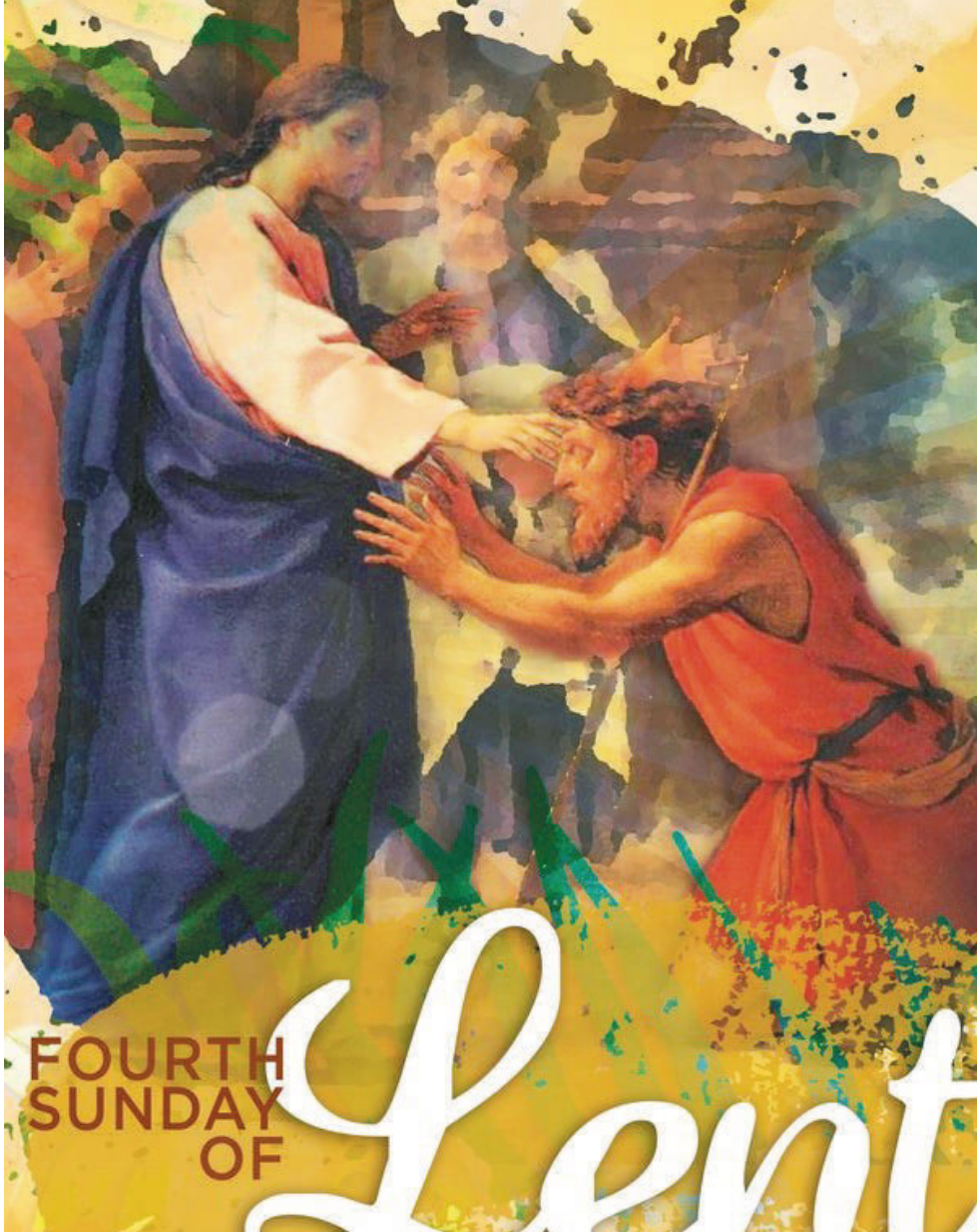




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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 4:30 pm (SB)

**Sunday:** 8:00 am (SL) & 10:00 am (IC)

**Tuesday:** 5:30 pm (IC)

**Wednesday:** 8:00 am (SL) & 5:30 pm (SB)

**Thursday:** 8:00 am (SL)

**Friday:** 8 am (SL) & 11 am (SB) & 5 pm (IC)

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm (B)

**Sunday:** 7:30 am (L)

**Sunday:** 9:30 am (IC)

**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  
 Deacon Wendt. 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.

## FROM OUR PASTOR

In Today's Gospel, we have the story of the Prodigal son which presents us with an overwhelming picture of God who is all-loving, all caring, and all-forgiving. This is the family story of the Prodigal Son, generally understood as the greatest short story in the world. The context of today's parable is very important. Jesus does not confront them directly but tells the story about a father who had two sons. Here both are seemingly lost since one has squandered the property and the other refused to love his brother. The central focus of the parable, however, remains on the Father throughout the story. The sons are also important but in a different way. At the beginning of the story, we see that the younger son is the bad boy, very much similar to the tax collectors and sinners who are listening to him. The elder son, the good boy, matches up well with the scribes and Pharisees who are also in his audience.

In the parable, we are given a most beautiful description of our heavenly Father. he is outside to him. When he does return his father runs to him, clasps him in his arms and kisses him tenderly and he brings him in and throws a party for him. When we return to God he throws a party for us too. Not only does he come out of the house once when he sees his older son angry but he comes out a second time to try to persuade him to come into the house. In the same way, our heavenly Father comes out to welcome each of us to his party. The most beautiful line in

the parable is that what the father says to the elder son, "all I have is yours". our heavenly Father says also to us, "all I have is yours".

The prodigal son did not get the full opportunity to fully express to his father that he would become a paid servant. the Father immediately readmits him as the part of the family and gives the order to bring the robe, the ring, and sandals and to kill the fatted calf for a celebration. the younger son in reality had a wrapped notion of his father's forgiveness. He had no understanding of what mercy really means. but now he had just learned the depth of the love of the Father. The elder son also did not know what forgiveness and love meant. He did not and could not forgive his younger brother for his misdeeds. In this parable, Jesus teaches us the depth of the generosity of God and his mercy.

The parable of the Prodigal son indicates, however, that we do have the opportunity to make a change, we do not have to stay in our hopeless state, we can come to ourselves. the lost son realized that in his father's house there was sustenance for him, he humbled himself, willing, if necessary, to be his father's servant and started back home. This turning in our lives is the first indication of God's love for us. This parable makes it obvious that God is at work. that he is able to see the younger son when he was still a long way off means that the father has been watching for his son, waiting for him, longing for him. When we come to Him, He washes away all our evil deeds of the past, not holding them against us.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday –3/31/25**

NO MASS

**Tuesday – 4/1/25 - Immaculate Conception**

5:30 pm † Barbara Jacobson by Derek Fogel & Ruth

Jacobson

**Wednesday – 4/2/25 - St. Lawrence**

8:00 am † Norman Rotering by The Family

**Wednesday – 4/2/25 - St. Boniface**

5:30 pm † Joyce Reuter by Joyce Haigh



**Thursday – 4/3/25 - St. Lawrence**

8:00 am † H. Gregory Green by Ellie Taverna

**Friday – 4/4/25 - St. Lawrence**

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

**Friday – 4/4/25 - St. Boniface**

11:00 am † Dale Servais by Darlene Slaby

**Friday–4/4/25 - Immaculate Conception**

5:00 pm † Frank Krzoska by Jim & Bernice Semling

**First Saturday – 5/5/25 Immaculate Conception**

8:00am † John Langlois by Dan Langlois

**Saturday–5/5/25 St. Boniface**

4:30 pm † All Entrusted To Our Pastor's Care

**Sunday – 5/6/25 St. Lawrence**

8:00 am † Joan Averbeck by David & Pam Earney

**Sunday – 5/6/25 Immaculate Conception**

10:00am † Ralph & Rosella Bechly by Rita Bechly

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE | APRIL 5-6

**SATURDAY | 4:30 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brenda Pronschinske

**Lectors:** Bob Baecker

**Servers:** Kailey Knight

Jackson Knight

**Ushers:** Willie Pronschinske

Glen Pronschinske

**SUNDAY | 8:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bryce Lisowski

**Lectors:** Amp Lisowski

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Ushers:** Bruce Auseth

Volunteer

**SUNDAY | 10:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lori Beseler

**Lectors:** Duella Murphy

**Servers:** Goettings

**Ushers:** Jim Semling

Roman Kujak

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LENT HAPPENINGS

An insert in the bulletin will offer different topics each week with reflections, chances for journaling and ideas to help you get closer to the Lord at home during Lent. Please take some time this Lent to foster yourself through the parish activities being offered or at home with this revival! This week's insert topic is

"Eucharistic Adoration: A Privileged Place of Encountering Jesus."

## Stations of the Cross

The Way of the Cross will be said every Friday followed by mass.



## Easter Deanery Confessions

This year we are doing the deanery confessions at 2 new locations. They will be held:

March 30—St. Bartholomew, Trempealeau

April 6—Immaculate Conc, Fountain City

There will be 5 priests available starting at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to use this opportunity for repentance.

## LENT: "RENEW YOUR MIND."

Scripture tells us: "Be Transformed by the Renewal of Your Mind." (Romans 12:2) We don't want to copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform us into new persons by changing the way we think. Then, we will learn to know God's will for each of us, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

We renew our mind by reading God's very Word in Scripture. This Lent, why not consider "detoxing" by setting aside your phone for some time each day to ponder a passage from the Gospel of Luke and listen to what God wants to say to you.

## LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL



The PCCW's Soup and Sandwich Luncheon menu this Tuesday, April 1st, will Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Cookies and veggies & Dip. The proceeds from the Lenten Soup and Sandwich meals will be divided between Carol Abts and Michael Malchaski to help with medical bills. These meals will be held after the 5:30 mass in Hansen Hall (church basement). All are welcome.

Quilt and Basket Raffle Tickets will be available before and after mass. One chance for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

## CATCH THE FIRE OF THE SPIRIT, GROW IN YOUR FAITH-JOIN LAY FORMATION!

Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation Institute cycle that begins in the fall of 2025. Deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a community of learners, catch the fire of the Holy Spirit and let Him make you a contagious witness to Christ! See the complete information and application form at

[diolc.org/lay-formation](http://diolc.org/lay-formation) or scan the QR

code to the right. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at

[ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org) or call 608.791.0161.



### Prayer of a Father's Blessing

*God who wills good things for your children,  
Help me to trust that You will be faithful.*

*God who will not leave me,  
Help me to seek You, too.*

*God who is ever-waiting for me,  
Help me to run straight towards You.  
Amen.*



## Our Response is Thanksgiving

When we receive Jesus, we want to thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us. This Gift of the Eucharist empowers us to live our lives with thankful hearts as we follow Him with trust and commitment. Let's read and pray this right now and every day this week:

*We have a Heavenly Father who loves each one of us, in an absolutely unique way as expressed in Scripture: "Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shadow caused by change" (James 1:17).*

In thanksgiving, let us pray the *Our Father* prayer, remembering both our Heavenly Father and our earthly father.



AS I LOOK BACK  
ON MY LIFE, I REALIZE  
THAT EVERY TIME I  
THOUGHT I WAS BEING  
**REJECTED**  
FROM SOMETHING GOOD,  
I WAS ACTUALLY  
BEING RE-DIRECTED  
TO SOMETHING BETTER.

## PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
37 Env	\$ 728.00	22 Env	\$ 345.00	15 Env	\$ 570.00
Plate	\$ 97.00	Plate	\$ 162.00	Plate	\$ 98.25
Flowers	\$ 130.00	Flowers	\$ 100.00	Flowers	\$ 25.00
		Auto Deposit	\$ 613.35	Auto Deposit	\$ 380.00
Total	\$ 955.00	Totals	\$ 1,220.35	Totals	\$ 1,073.25
Attendance	88	Attendance	72	Attendance	55

# SAINT LAWRENCE

## BUCKET

St. Lawrence Parishioners: Have you noticed the Act of Kindness Bucket in the entryway as you come into church? We have initiated this to collect loose change to use to offset energy costs for our church. That loose change can really add up to help!



## PCCW

\*\*Next St. Lawrence PCCW meeting will be held on Sunday, April 6th right after the 8am Mass in the lower level. Ladies please plan to join us as we plan events, Sunday Breakfasts and other upcoming activities.



\*\*On Wednesday, April 30th, starting at 2:00pm St. John's Lutheran Church will be holding the annual Spring Tea. All area women are invited to attend and to enjoy fellowship with other area women.

## GIVE IT UP FOR LENT!

This lent, the Alma Council of Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a food drive to help the local food pantry. If you are looking for something to do for lent this year, this is the perfect opportunity for you to help. At this time, the pantry is mostly in need of cereal and canned goods. We have a collection box in the back of church for your donations. All are welcome to participate.

# Spring Fundraiser



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**CHICKEN DINNER**  
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**MASS AT 4:30 PM**

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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\*\*The elementary students meet every Wednesday until 5pm at St. Mary's Parish Life Center in Fountain City.

\*\*The next class for Grades 7th thru 10th will be at St. Lawrence on April 2.

**Due to weather cancelations, high schoolers will have class every Wednesday in April.**

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### 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 last Omelet and French toast breakfast at the Immaculate Conception Parish Life Center will be held on April 13th from 8am—noon. Please come and support the Knights of Columbus and all the good things they do.

### ROSARY HELP WANTED

The PCCW will begin to say the Rosary but would like additional volunteers to lead this as we are all part of this church. Please reach out to a PCCW member to volunteer. Rosary would start around 9:35. "When people say the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking him."



### RAFFLE

Please check out the raffle quilt donated by our wonderful quilter ladies, fluffy throw, a beautiful print, and gift baskets in the church basement. We had someone generously donate 4 wonderful gift baskets for kids or grandkids. Tickets \$1.00 for one and \$5.00 for a book of six. If you would like to bring a basket or donation for raffle, please also drop off in basement.



### ST. MARY'S QUILTERS

The quilting group will not meet during Lent. Our soup & Sandwich meals are on Tuesdays, doing meal prep when our quilters meet. Two or more of our quilters help with the meal and we do not have many quilters right now.



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