



The Parishes of

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



APRIL 6, 2025

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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

The Gospel is one of the great Jesus stories and perhaps one of the most controversial. the central piece in which the woman who is a sinner is accepted by Jesus and forgiven. she is shamed, paraded, humiliated under the sentence of death. Jesus pronounces a sentence of life and ongoing conversion. The focus of Christian reconciliation is the sinner not the sin. Jesus risks the wrath of the Law, the leaders, the hearers, to free the unnamed woman and he does so within the temple itself.

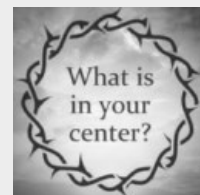
the woman is not the only sinner nor perhaps the most sinful of the sinners present. The scribes and the Pharisees have much to atone for their interest is not the Law or justice or the woman. Their intention is to trap Jesus. they craft a devious plan. They test Jesus' fidelity to the Law under three most trying circumstances for the Galilean teacher. They make the test around obedience to the divine Law. They set the test within the grounds of the Temple, the sacred place of the holy commandments. They take his audience of hearers as hostages ; they have come to hear a new teaching and they will be forced to see that with Jesus there is nothing too new or extraordinary.

Jesus opts for the poor, shamed, sinful woman and he loses everything. He takes the risk of Love. the religious officials will soon have his death. the temple and the Law will be witnesses against him. his hearers also desert him, they do

not seem to want to take in any more of his teachings. The woman is freed. scribes, pharisees and hearers had an opportunity to embrace the freedom and reconciliation God offers in Jesus, but only the adulteress takes up the offer.

scribes and Pharisees are eager to see the response of Jesus in the face of the sin of adultery, considered a cause of death by stoning according to the prevailing Law. seeking a chance to trap Jesus in his response to the situation, the Lord refuses to pass any judgement. In fact, Jesus simply stoops down and starts writing with his finger in the ground. The gesture was a way of saying without words that Jesus was unwilling to discuss the matter with the accusers. The silence of Jesus in this instance becomes an outright condemnation of the hypocrisy of the faultfinders. Jesus does not speak some words to the accusers, though, well-known to us now; " Let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her." In response, the hypocritical audience drifts away one by one, until no one is left, only the woman and Jesus. Saint Augustine says of the scene; "There remained only two; the one in great misery and the one with great mercy."

Jesus not only saved the life of the woman but also made her realize her true condition and the need for conversion. We are all in need of such an encounter with the Lord, who can help us to become aware of our true condition as he gently draws us to Himself.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday –4/7/25

NO MASS

Tuesday – 4/8/25 - Immaculate Conception

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

Wednesday – 4/9/25 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Holly Stiehl by Lorena Hungerford & Family

Wednesday – 4/9/25 - St. Boniface

5:30 pm † Cyriac & Rita Bork by Family

Thursday – 4/10/25 - St. Lawrence

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

Friday – 4/11/25 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Marvillia Baecker-Zittel by Tom & Patty Jansma

Friday – 4/11/25 - St. Boniface

11:00 am † Neil & Charlotte Bremer by Family

Friday–4/11/25 - Immaculate Conception

5:00 pm † All Entrusted To Our Pastor's Care

Saturday–4/12/25 St. Boniface

4:30 pm † Jim Schmidt knecht by Mike & Heather
Schmidt knecht

Sunday – 4/13/25 St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Alton Herold by David & Pam Earney

Sunday – 4/13/25 Immaculate Conception

10:00am † Deceased Members of the Bagniewski &
Kupietz Families by Eugene & Diane Bagniewski



MINISTRY SCHEDULE | APRIL 12-13

SATURDAY | 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Les Brommer

Lectors: Elsie Brommer

Servers: Bree Pronschinske
Brenden Weaver

Ushers: Pat Pronschinske
Howard Misch

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Stacy Haigh

Lectors: Pat Lisowski

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteer
Volunteer

SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Bjorge

Lectors: Bernice Semling

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Donnie Bjorge
Peter Schaffner

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

"Bringing Children to Eucharistic Adoration"

Stations of the Cross

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



Easter Deanery Confessions

This year we did the deanery confessions at 2 new locations. The last one will be held today, April 6 at Immaculate Conception— Fountain City starting at 3pm. There will be 5 priests available. Everyone is welcome to use this opportunity for repentance.

LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL



The PCCW's LAST Soup and Sandwich Luncheon menu for Tuesday, April 8th, will

California Medley, Egg Salad Sandwiches, refrigerator desserts 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.

EASTER SCHEDULE

This year the Easter Triduum will be held at St. Lawrence, Alma.

Holy Thursday—6pm

Good Friday—1 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil—8:30 pm

Easter Sunday—8am St. Boniface

Easter Sunday—10am Immaculate Conception



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 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 or call 608.791.0161.



DIocese ANNUAL APPEAL

Immaculate Conception

Goal: \$20,870
Received: \$15,945—76%
Under: \$4,985
52 donors
Recurring: \$20 month

St. Boniface

Goal: \$7,845
Received: \$16,755
Over: \$8,910
42 donors

St. Lawrence

Goal: \$13,145
Received: \$8,560—65%
Under: \$4,585
34 donors
Recurring: \$200 month



Jesus is the "living Bread from Heaven."

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." (John 6:51). Jesus gave this living bread for the first time to His Apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus gives this living Bread to us in Holy Communion. The living Bread is Jesus Himself.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are the "living Bread" received in Holy Communion.

This week, read the explanation that Jesus gives that He is the "living Bread from Heaven" in John 6: 48-51

HELP NEEDED Liturgical Ministries

All three parishes are in need of the faithful who are willing to share their time and talent as a Readers, Servers, ushers or Eucharistic Ministers.



There will be training or a refresher class available. Please contact Connie in the office.

PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
37 Env	\$ 1,048.00	221 Env	\$ 410.00	19 Env	\$ 1,080.85
Plate	\$ 58.00	Plate	\$ 140.00	Plate	\$ 232.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00	Flowers	\$ 45.00		
Vigil Lights	\$ 257.50	Vigil Lights	\$ 36.50	Vigil Lights	\$ 90.50
Total	\$ 1,413.50	Totals	\$ 631.50	Totals	\$ 1,403.35
Attendance	76	Attendance	72	Attendance	79

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 today 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.

CALLED TO MORE

What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn't anything more that can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S., Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602. Or call me at 608-791-2667. God Bless You!



TO OUR
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you have any questions, contact Carrie at treecclesiae.red@gmail.com or (608) 687-3228.



**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 9.

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SUNDAY SOCIAL



Join us today for our 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 next Sunday, April 13th from 8am—noon. Please come and support the Knights of Columbus and all the good things they do.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

During Lent's time of almsgiving keep the CFC Food Shelf in your mind when you are shopping. Perhaps one of the buy one get one free items could be donated to the Food Shelf. You can drop off items or money for items on shelves in church basement. Last month the Food Shelf donated 1078 lbs. of food to 53 people. List of items needed on bulletin board.

RAFFLE



Come check out the beautiful quilt and baskets in Hansen Hall. There is an Italian Basket, Margarita Basket, Princess Basket, Spiderman Basket, 2 Dinosaur Baskets, Spring Scent Basket, Garden Basket and a Basket filled with a few "Me Time" items. If you would like to contribute a basket or gift certificates, please bring in as soon as possible as drawing is Tuesday, April 7th. Tickets available for these great prizes before and after church.

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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