



# The Parishes of

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



## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

### 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.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

### PARISH OFFICE

Email: [tresecclesiae@gmail.com](mailto:tresecclesiae@gmail.com)

Website: [tresecclesiae.org](http://tresecclesiae.org)

### Office Hours

Immaculate Conception:

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

St. Boniface:

Tues & Thurs | 9 am - 2 pm

### Immaculate Conception Parish

2 North Hill Street | P.O. Box 218

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### St. Lawrence Parish

206 Second Street South

P.O. Box 246 | Alma, WI 54610

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### St. Boniface Parish

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Waumandee, WI 54622

Parish & School Office: (608) 626-2611

### Facebook Pages:

- 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: 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 am (IC)

### 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

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross traces its origin to 4th Century. According to tradition, Saint Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, journeyed to the Holy Land around 326 AD, where she discovered the True Cross, the cross upon which Jesus was crucified. To honor this discovery and mark the sacred sites of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, Constantine ordered the construction of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher. The church was consecrated on September 13, 335 and the next day, September 14, the cross was publicly displayed for veneration. By the 7th Century, this became an annual celebration across Eastern and Western Churches.

The veneration of the Cross gained prominence after Constantine's conversion and the legalization of Christianity with the Edict of Milan in 313 AD. Christian symbols, especially the cross, could now be displayed without fear. Crucifixion was also abolished out of reverence for Christ. Once a tool of humiliation and death, the cross gradually became the universal symbol of Christian faith, a paradoxical sign of suffering and salvation. The readings of the feast focus not on crucifixion itself, but on being 'lifted up' pointing towards the Cross's transformative power and to the mystery of death and new life.

The dialogue in the Gospel of John between Jesus and Nicodemus used for this feast, centers around transformation and it is saturated with symbolic meaning. Nicodemus, a Pharisee and teacher of the Mosaic Law, comes to Jesus by night, a gesture reflecting both secrecy and the spiritual searching of one who is still in darkness. But Nicodemus is drawn towards the light he sees in this 'human one'. he is genuinely curious and cannot ignore 'the

signs' that Jesus preforms; 'No one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.

This transformation, Jesus says, can only come through the Spirit, whose movements are as mysterious and free as the wind that blows where it will and certainly not under our control. How difficult would Jesus' words be for someone like Nicodemus whose whole purpose and security is based upon following and teaching the requirements of the Mosaic Law. The Son of Man must also be 'lifted up' so that all who believe in him may have eternal life. Here, the image of "lifting up" brings together death on the Cross with being raised and glorified. In John, the Cross is not only seen as a place of suffering and death but great emphasis is placed on its revelation of divine love and the gift of eternal life.

To gaze upon the Cross is to behold a God who suffers with us. it invites us to face our own suffering and sin - not with despair or denial, but with trust in a love that does not abandon us. The Cross does not erase suffering, nor does it offer easy explanation. Instead, it opens the heart to a transforming love that brings healing and hope. Only a God who has shared in our agony can be trusted with the depths of the human heart.

when the world appears forsaken, the message of the Cross endures; this is the world God so loves and does not condemn. The shadow of the Cross falls across all human suffering and loss, but it does so as an invitation to healing and restoration.

Like Nicodemus, we are drawn beyond the limits of Law to the love that comes 'from above' made visible in the self-giving tenderness of Jesus who is both crucified and exalted.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday – 9/15/25**

NO MASS

**Tuesday – 9/16/25 - St. Boniface**

5:30 pm † Vivian Lisowski by John & June Sendelbach

**Wednesday – 9/17/25 - St. Lawrence**

8:00 am † Living & Deceased Members of the  
St. Lawrence PCCW

**Thursday – 9/18/25 - St. Lawrence**

8:00 am † Robert Chilson by Lorena Hungerford

**Friday – 9/19/25 - Immaculate Conception**

8:00 am † Peter McCamley by Family

**Friday – 9/19/25 - St. Boniface**

11:00 am † Orville Helwig by Mike Benusa

**Saturday – 9/20/25 St. Boniface**

7:30 pm † All Entrusted To Our Pastor's Care

**Sunday – 9/21/25 St. Lawrence**

8:00 am † Mike Noll by Curtis & Kathy Noll

**Sunday – 9/21/25 Immaculate Conception**

10:00am † Allen Kochenderfer birthday by Family



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE | SEPT 20-21

**SATURDAY | 7:30 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cletus Foegen

Amanda Burrow & Karen Engstrand

**Lectors:** Elsie Brommer

**Servers:** Claire Fernholz - Esther Burrow

**Ushers:** Mike Schmidtknecht – Glen Pronschinske

**SUNDAY | 8:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Max Bachhuber

Stacy Haigh & Ron Brownell

**Lectors:** Deb Noll

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Ushers:** Gary Pronschinske - Dave Earney

**SUNDAY | 10:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Diane Bjorge

**Lectors:** Bernice Semling

**Servers:** Goettings

**Ushers:** Peter Schaffner

Donnie Bjorge

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE TRAIN IS COMING.....

Alma Council 6789, Knights of Columbus, is sponsoring it's second annual Mini-train ride fundraiser. Event happens on Saturday, September 27, 8:00 am till Noon.

Don't miss an opportunity to ride this historic mini-train, the only one like it in the United States. Teamed with area history, Train, and DNR presentations.

Cost is \$40 per person, with only 60 seats available. If interested, or for more information, call or text; 715-495-0488, or email; blisowski@tds.net, with "train ride" as subject.



### FALL BIBLE STUDY AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART , WINONA

Lectio: Evangelization: In this 10-part Bible Study, Dr. Mary Healy combines insightful biblical study with Church teaching and practical advice to show how modern Catholics can effectively impart their world for Jesus Christ. She explores topics such as the call of Jesus to evangelize, the power of the Sacraments, the role of charisms for building up the Body of Christ, techniques from St. Paul for reaching a secular culture, and more. They will be held Thursdays 6:30-8:30 pm, starting Sept 18 in the St. Augustine room at the Cathedral. Book/Study Guide cost is \$20.00. Facilitator is Jean Skime. Register by Sept 8th at [caswinona.org/adult-faith-formation](http://caswinona.org/adult-faith-formation). Contact: Anna Therneau [atherneau@cathedralwinona.org](mailto:atherneau@cathedralwinona.org)

### PILLOW CLEANING

St. John's Catholic Church in Whitehall will be holding a pillow cleaning on Monday, Sept 15 @ 6-8 pm & Tuesday, Sept 16 @ 7:30 am to 3pm. They will also have custom made new pillows & down comforters available for sale. More info on the bulletin board in back of church.

### FALL FESTIVAL

#### St. John the Apostle Parish, Whitehall

Will be having their Fall Festival on Sept 28 starting with mass at 10:15am. There will be food served in the church basement, bingo at 11:30am and raffle drawings ending at 1:30pm. More information on the bulletin boards in back of church.

#### Sacred Heart Parish – Pine Creek/Dodge,

Will be celebrating our Annual Fall Festival Dinner on Sunday, October 5, 2025 starting with Mass at 10:00 AM. They are serving Butter-Browned Chicken & Baloney, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Sauerkraut, Rutabagas & Carrots, Coffee Cake, Bread & Dessert. Adult Dinners \$20,

Children (ages 6-10) \$10, Children 5 and under FREE. Serving from 11:00 AM – 1 PM (Or Until Sold Out). Carry Outs are available for \$20.

They will have a bake sale, activities under the tent, General Store Game, Basket Raffle, Raffle Tickets, and Pull Tabs. Live Auction at 1:30 and Drawing for Super Ticket and Big Tickets at 3:00



### TOWN HALL MEETING – YOUR PRESENCE NEEDED!

Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. You are invited to attend a 90-minute session. A team will travel to facilitate 40 of these, inviting all of us to share in the first steps of what will be an extended process of strategic and pastoral planning. The sessions closest to us will be Oct 4th @ 10:30am—St. John's, Whitehall and Oct 18th @ 6pm—Holy Family, Arcadia.

Brochures are in the pews with more information, along with the website where you can sign up: [www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch](http://www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch)



## PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
31 Env	\$ 623.00	18 Env	\$ 415.00	16 Env	\$ 765.00
Plate	\$ 142.00	Plate	\$ 201.00	Plate	\$ 89.00
Energy	\$ 5.00	Energy	\$ 50.00	Energy	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 770.00	Totals	\$ 666.00	Totals	\$ 904.00
Attendance	90	Attendance	70	Attendance	

## SAINT BONIFACE

### PCCW

The St. Boniface PCCW invite all ladies to join us for our meeting, Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will be planning our fall activities.



### RETIREMENT PARTY



Everyone is invited to join us September 27<sup>th</sup> after Mass for a retirement party for Jan Dworschak. Thank you Jan for your many years of service!

### ORGANIST/PIANIST WANTED

St. Boniface is looking for a new organist. Janice has decided to retire and her last day will be Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. If you know someone able and willing, please let Connie know.

### CEMETERY WORK DAYS -

The St. Boniface Cemetery committee is planning a couple days to work in the cemetery and would appreciate any assistance from parishioners if you are available. On Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 2pm until 5pm and then Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 to noon - committee members will be on hand with supplies. Plans are to address items like raising smaller flat stones in the older part and adding crushed rock under them. We will straighten a number of leaning headstones around the cemetery and fix some headstones in the oldest part.

### Other Cemetery News:

A concrete pad has been added to the SS Peter & Paul Mission Cemetery on Montana Ridge that St. Boniface Cemetery Assn takes care of. Plans are to add a sign board there this fall that will enable us to post information about that cemetery for visitors.

## SAINT LAWRENCE

### BREAKFAST SOCIAL



The next KC/PCCW breakfast social will be Sunday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Parishioners with a last name beginning with M-Z are asked to bring an egg bake, French toast bake, etc. to share. Fruit and beverages will be provided.

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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**\* The Golden Frog Restaurant \***

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

\*\*The 1st-6th grade students meet every Wednesday after school until 5pm at St. Mary's Parish Life Center in Fountain City.



\*\*Grades 7th thru 10th will meet every other Wednesday from 7-8pm starting in Waumandee.

If you have any questions, please contact the office or Carrie Venner-Adams at 608-687-3228 or email at [treeclisiae.red@gmail.com](mailto:treeclisiae.red@gmail.com).

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

For the Month of September, we will be praying the Seven Sorrows of Mary after the Rosary, handouts are in entry way of church.



### PRAYER CHAIN

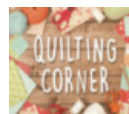
Reminder that our Prayer Chain is still active. If you or you know of someone in need of prayers, please contact Bernice Semling at 608-687-8530. Or if you would like to be part of this chain, she is also the person to contact. Miracles can and do happen with the help of prayer. If you would like us to pray for you during Sunday's Rosary, please call Rita Bechly at 608-687-8180.

### C-FC FOOD SHELF

If you need food assistance, we would like to direct you to C-FC Area Food Shelf located at St. John's Church 303 Hill St in Fountain City. The hours are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 4:30-6:30 p.m. and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m.



### ST. MARY'S QUILTERS



The quilters from St Mary's plan to meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. We would love you to join us whenever you can.





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