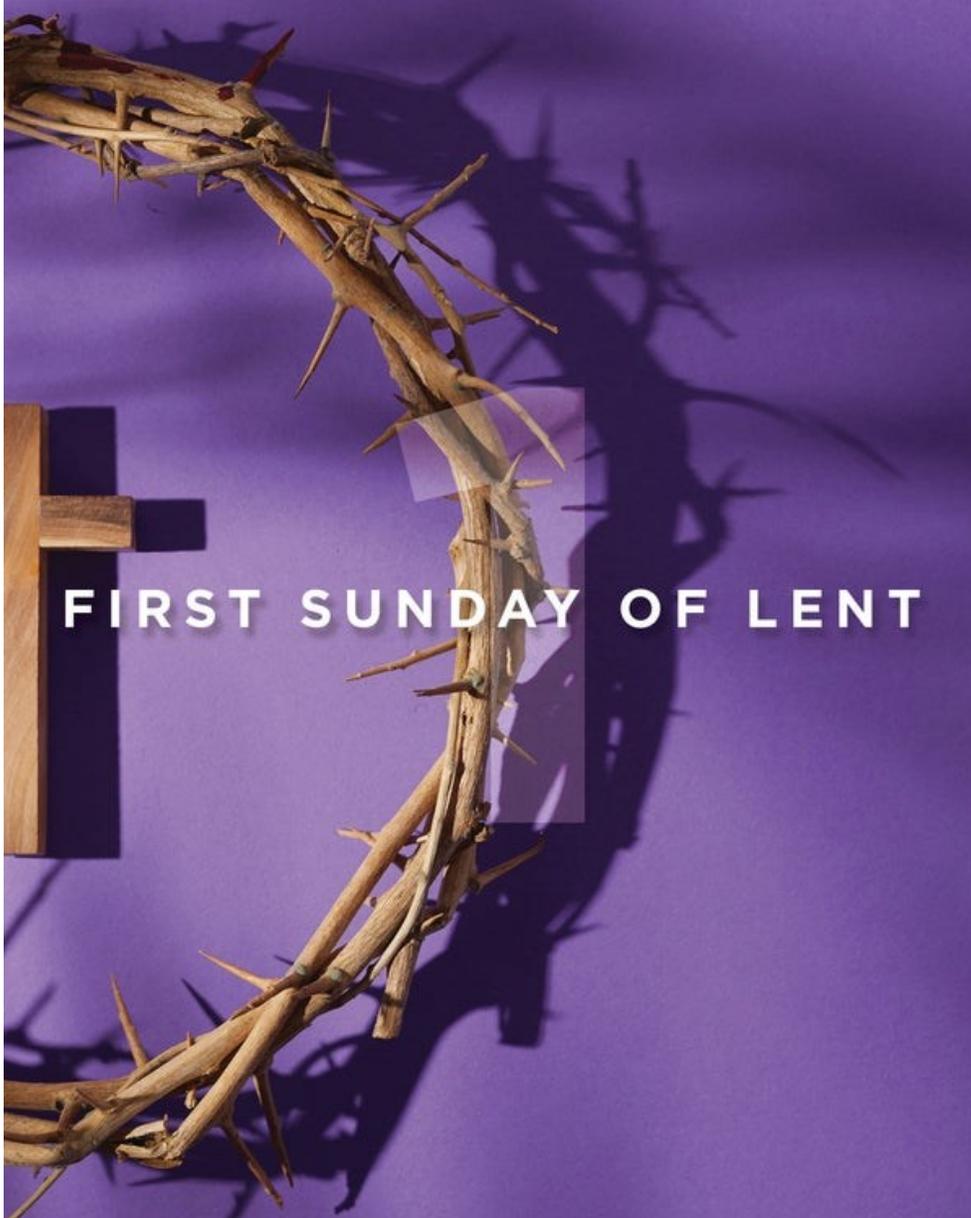


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FEBRUARY 22, 2026

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 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: 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 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, on the First Sunday of Lent, the church leads us into the desert with Jesus Christ. The Gospel from the Gospel of Matthew presents the powerful story of His temptation - a story that is not only about Him, but about us. After the Baptism of Jesus, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The desert is not a place of punishment, it is a place of preparation. Before beginning His public ministry, before preaching, healing and saving, Jesus fasts and prays for forty days.

The Gospel reminds us that temptation itself is not a sin. Jesus was tempted, yet He did not sin. Temptation is part of being human. The question is not whether we will be tempted but how we will respond. The devil tempts Jesus in three fundamental ways. First temptation: Turn stones into bread. Jesus is hungry. The temptation is to use His power for Himself - to satisfy immediate physical needs without reference to God. How often are we tempted to put comfort first? Jesus teaches us that we are more than our appetites. We are spiritual beings, without God, even abundance leaves us empty.

Second temptation; Throw yourself down from the temple. Here the devil even quotes Scripture, The temptation is to test God - to demand signs, to seek glory, to manipulate faith for spectacle. How often do we say, " God, prove yourself? or live our faith only when it benefits our image? True faith is trust, not manipulation.

Third temptation; All the kingdoms of the world in exchange for worship. This is the temptation of power, compromise, and idolatry. Bow down just a little. Trade worship for influence. Choose success over obedience. Jesus firmly declares;"The Lord your God shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve." In that moment, He shows that nothing - not power, not glory, not comfort - is worth losing, fidelity to God.

The desert strips away illusions. There are no distractions, no crowds, no applause- just truth. Lent does the same for us. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we enter a spiritual desert, we begin to see; what controls us, what we rely on instead of God, what we are afraid to surrender. The desert is uncomfortable. But it is also freeing. When distractions fade, God's voice becomes clearer.

Jesus does not argue creatively with the devil. He responds with Scripture. He is rooted in the Word of God. If we want to overcome temptation, we cannot rely on willpower alone. We need prayer, the world of God, the Sacraments, A disciplined heart. Lent is training. It strengthens spiritual muscles. Fasting teaches self-control. Prayer deepens trust. Charity loosens our attachment to material things.

The three temptations of Jesus correspond to our own; The temptation of pleasure and comfort, the temptation of pride and recognition, the temptation of power and control. but the enemy still whispers; you deserve this, God does not really care. Compromise just this once. But Christ shows us another way. The Gospel does not end with struggle. it ends with victory. The devil departs and angels come to minister to Him. This is the hope of Lent; that through small daily acts of faithfulness, we grow stronger; that through repentance, we grow free; that through surrender, we grow closer to God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – 2/23/26

NO MASS

Tuesday – 2/24/26 - Immaculate Conception

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

Wednesday – 2/25/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † The Living & Deceased Members of the
Glen & Marion Averbeck Family

Wednesday – 2/25/26 - St. Boniface

5:30 pm † Anthony & Maxine Sendelbach by Tom
Sendelbach

Thursday – 2/26/26 - St. Lawrence

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

Friday – 2/27/26 - St. Lawrence

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

Friday– 2/27/26 - St. Boniface

11:00 am Darlene Slaby by Alice Breitung

Friday– 2/27/26 - Immaculate Conception

5:00 pm † Dennis Semling by Diane Semling

Saturday – 2/28/26 St. Boniface

4:30 pm † Theo Van Haren by The Stolz Family

Sunday – 3/1/26 St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Eugene & Laura Auer by Ron & Rheta Brownell

Sunday – 3/1/26 Immaculate Conception

10:00am † Richard Rady by Marlene Krzoska



MINISTRY SCHEDULE | FEB 28–MAR 1

SATURDAY | 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Les Brommer

Bob Baecker & Brenda Pronschinske

Lectors: Maria Burrow

Servers: Esther Burrow - Claire Fernholz

Ushers: Willie Pronschinske - Leon Bork

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Stacy Haigh

Max Bachhuber & Sue Schamaun

Lectors: Darlene Auer

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Bruce Ausetth - Ron Brownell

SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Matt Foust

Diane Bjorge & Rick Duellman

Lectors: Bernice Semling

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Peter Schaffner - Donnie Bjorge

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lenten Season

LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL

The PCCW's Soup and Sandwich

Luncheon will start this



Tuesday. The menu for this week, Feb 24th, will be Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham

Sandwiches, cake and veggies & Dip.

This year proceeds will go to the "Angel Fund" the name CFC food service gives to monies donated to help kids who forgot their money or do not have enough money for a hot lunch or breakfast. There are more in our community that needs this service than expected. 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.

Stations of the Cross

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

8 am—St. Lawrence

11am—St. Boniface

5pm—Immaculate Conception



Lent books

There are The Magnificat Lenten Companion books available in the back of church. They have Daily readings & Meditations for Lent. We have plenty.



The Important Season of Lent

During the season of Lent, the major focus is on three pillars: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Regarding prayer, a transformative way of praying is incorporating a daily examination of conscience. This simple process takes about five minutes. Before climbing into bed, think back over the day in a broad sweep and give thanks to God for two things. Also, think back on how personal selfishness was manifested in your dealings with others and ask the Lord to forgive you. Fast from one thing that you particularly like, such as some type of social media, a type of food or a tv program, etc. Offer up this sacrifice for a member of your family who is struggling. Almsgiving is about sharing what we have with the poor - not only money but also ourselves - by serving someone in need.

Prayer For Lent

Dear God,

Just as the rains from heaven prepare the lands to flourish, we know that your blessings are bestowed upon us. In this season of preparation, help us grow closer to you as we make time for prayer, solitude and reflection. Make ready our ears to hear your loving call amidst the stressful and hurried days that make up the storms of our life. Loving Father, we know that we do not face such days alone; your divine strength is our unfailing aid as we await the joy of the Easter Season.



Amen

ANNUAL DIOCESE APPEAL

Immaculate Conception

Goal: \$21,170

Received: \$18,610—88%

Under: \$2,560

37 donors

Recurring gift: \$60 month

St. Lawrence

Goal: \$13,855

Received: \$8,080—58%

Under: \$5,775

25 donors

Recurring gift: \$200 month

St. Boniface

Goal: \$6,150

Received: \$13,006.33

Over: \$6,856.33

32 donors

Recurring gift: \$75 month

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School

Education Celebration

Saturday, March 14

3:00 pm—10:00 pm

Everyone is Welcome!

2:30 pm - Indoor Bingo

3 pm—Bar Opens, Silent Auction & Raffles open

3:30pm—Euchre Tournament

5 pm— Kids Activities

6 pm—River Valley Raptors

5-7:30 pm—Delicious Catered Meal
Free Drinks all Night

7 pm- Live Auction

Attendance prizes with drawing every 30 minutes. More info on the board in back of church.

PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
26 Env	\$ 2,285.00	23 Env	\$ 467.00	13 Env	\$ 2,200.00
Plate	\$ 172.00	Plate	\$ 267.35	Plate	\$ 419.91
Energy	\$ 40.00				
Total	\$ 2,497.00	Total	\$ 734.35	Total	\$ 2,619.91
Attendance	79	Attendance	100	Attendance	155

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. The next class will be

March 4th at St. Lawrence.

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

SAINT LAWRENCE

QUILTING GROUP



St. Lawrence quilting group have started meeting again. They meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1pm in the church basement. Anyone is welcome to join! Any questions call Louise at 608-685-4188.

PCCW



Ladies, this year's Embracing Your Call to Holiness Women's Retreat is on Saturday, March 14th at St. James the Greater Parish, 2502 11th St. Eau Claire, WI. This year's theme is "Women Evolving Through our Faith and the Importance of the Eucharist. More information is posted on the bulletin board. Please let Darlene Auer 715-495-5544 or Joette Gillette 507-860-1701 know by February 10th if you are interested in attending. Our PCCW has agreed to cover the registration fee for our members.

GIVE IT UP FOR LENT!

Is it Lent already? Alma Council Knights of Columbus, will again sponsor a food drive during lent, to help the local food pantry. If you are looking for an opportunity to deepen your commitment to Christ and to your community, this food drive is perfect.

This year, the Pantry is in need of cereal, canned soups, and canned fruit. However, any donation is welcome. We have a collection box in the back of church for your donations. All are welcome to participate. When you place your donation in the box, say a little prayer, (the special gift only you will know about) Thank you for helping make a difference to those in need.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PCCW

The PCCW will again be holding our Soup and Sandwich meals after Tuesday's 5:30 Mass during Lent. There is a sign-up sheet by the bulletin board for Desserts or Veggies & Dip if you would like to bring one or the other to one of the meals. This year proceeds will go to the "Angel Fund" the name CFC food service gives to monies donated to help kids who forgot their money or do not have enough money for a hot lunch or breakfast. There are more in our community that needs this service than expected. We will also be holding a Quilt Raffle; tickets will be available before and after mass. Prizes will be in church basement for you to look at. If you would like to donate a basket, gift certificates, or other items for raffle, just drop off in church basement. There will also be a jar for donations if you cannot make Lenten meals.

FOOD PANTRY

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. List of items needed on bulletin board.



ST. MARY'S QUILTERS



With the Soup & Sandwich during Lent on Tuesdays, we will not meet again until April.

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



SAVE THE DATE:

St. Boniface Spring fundraiser—**April 11th**
Lawnmower Raffle tickets, dinner tickets, table/auction tickets are available through any school family, the school office or at All About You Salon in Waumandee. Limited number of raffle and auction tickets available.



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 19th at 3:30pm—5:30 pm

Please join us for the open house. You will have a chance to meet teachers, tour school, visit classrooms, review policies, ask questions and learn more about the exciting and amazing benefits of St. Boniface School. Any questions or more info, please call 608-626-2611.

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