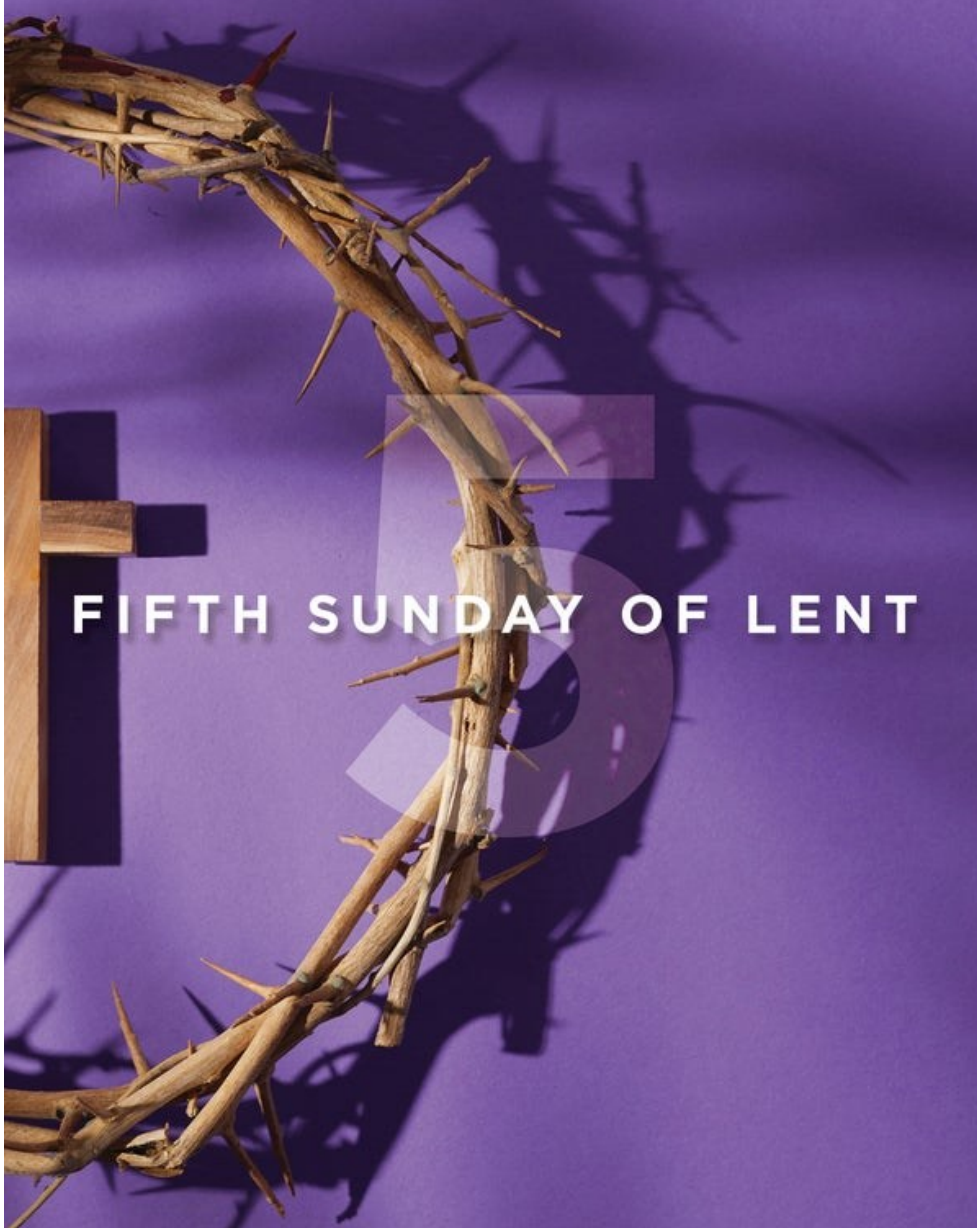




# The Parishes of

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



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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.

**MARCH 22, 2026**

**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### 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

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Office: (608) 687-8418

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Kitchen: (608) 685-3898

#### St. Boniface Parish

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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:** 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)

**KEY** Immaculate Conception = (IC) | St. Lawrence Parish = (SL) | St. Boniface Parish = (SB)

## FROM OUR PASTOR

In the Gospel passage, we encounter one of the most powerful and emotional moments in the ministry of Jesus Christ - the raising of Lazarus of Bethany. This story is not about a miracle; it is about faith, suffering, hope and the promise of resurrection. The story begins with sickness. Lazarus, the brother of Martha of Bethany and Mary of Bethany, becomes gravely ill. The sisters send word to Jesus saying, "Lord, the one you love is sick." Even those who are loved by Jesus experience suffering. Faith does not mean a life without pain, illness, loss, and sorrow, touch every human life.

Yet in the midst of suffering, Martha and Mary do something very important - they bring their problem to Jesus. Their first response is not despair, but trust. This teaches us that when difficulties arise, the most powerful thing we can do is turn toward Christ. When Jesus arrives, Lazarus has already been in the tomb for four days. Martha goes out to meet Him and says: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

This statement carries both grief and faith. She believes in Jesus, yet she struggles with the reality of loss. Then Jesus speaks one of the most powerful declarations in all of Scripture: I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." Jesus is not merely promising resurrection in the future - He Himself is the source of life. Faith in Christ is not simply believing in an idea; it is trusting in a living person who has power over death.

When Jesus sees Mary weeping and the crowd mourning, the Gospel records the shortest verse in Scripture: "Jesus wept" even though Jesus knows He will raise Lazarus, He still enters into the path of those who are grieving. This reveals

something profound about God: God is not distant from human suffering. In the incarnation, God became human and experienced sorrow, loss and compassion. Jesus' tears show us that God's heart is moved by our pain. When we suffer, we do not suffer alone.

When Jesus arrives at the tomb, He commands: "Take away the stone." Martha protests because Lazarus has been dead for four days. The situation seems beyond hope. But before Jesus performs the miracle, the stone must be moved. Spiritually, this represents the obstacles that keep us trapped in our own tombs: fear, resentment, sin, despair, lack of faith. Sometimes we pray to God for changes in our lives, yet we hesitate to move the stone that blocks the miracle. God asks us to cooperate with His grace.

Then Jesus cries out in a loud voice: "Lazarus, come out" And the dead man emerges from the tomb, still wrapped in burial clothes. This moment foreshadows the ultimate victory of Christ over death in the Resurrection of Jesus. The raising of Lazarus is a sign pointing to the greater resurrection that will come through Christ. But notice something else: Lazarus comes out still bound. Jesus then commands the people: "Untie him and let him go." Even after being brought to life, Lazarus needs the support of others - friends, family, and the Church - to help us grow in freedom.

The raising of Lazarus reveals three great truths: Jesus shares in our suffering. Jesus has power over death. Jesus calls us from the tombs of our lives into new life. No matter what burdens we carry today, the voice of Christ continues to call us. Just as He called Lazarus from the grave, He calls each one of us to step out of darkness and walk in the light of life. Mary we hear His voice, trust His promise and live in the hope of the resurrection.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday – 3/23/26**

NO MASS

**Tuesday – 3/24/26 - Immaculate Conception**

5:30 pm † Mike Fogel by Derek & Ruth Fogel

**Wednesday – 3/25/26 - St. Lawrence**

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

**Wednesday – 3/25/26 - St. Boniface**

5:30 pm † Cecelia Braem by Marian Huber & Family

**Thursday – 3/26/26 - St. Lawrence**

8:00 am † Sam Speltz by His Family

**Friday – 3/27/26 - Immaculate Conception**

8:00 am † Peter McCamley by The McCamley Family

**Friday – 3/27/26 - St. Boniface**

11:00 am † Mike & Cheryl Benusa

**Saturday – 3/28/26 St. Boniface**

4:30 pm † Diana Bork by Francis & Sandy

**Sunday – 3/29/26 St. Lawrence**

8:00 am † Don Miller by Bonnie Miller

**Sunday – 3/29/26 Immaculate Conception**

10:00am † Edward Hentges by Rich & Wendy Baures



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE | MARCH 28-29

**SATURDAY | 4:30 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cletus Foegen

Dan Brommer & Karen Engstrand

**Lectors:** LaVerne Pronschinske

**Servers:** Elizabeth Fernholz - Bree Pronschinske

**Ushers:** Glen Pronschinske - Joe Slaby

**SUNDAY | 8:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carolyn Thomson

Stacy Haigh & Max Bachhuber

**Lectors:** Carolyn Thomson

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Ushers:** Bruce Ausetth - Ron Brownell

**SUNDAY | 10:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Matt Foust

Diane Bjorge & Rick Duellman

**Lectors:** Debra Kujak

**Servers:** Goettings

**Ushers:** Peter Schaffner - Donnie Bjorge

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## EASTER SCHEDULE

This year the Easter Triduum will be held at St. Boniface, Waumandee.

**Holy Thursday—6 pm**

**Good Friday—1 pm**

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil—8:30 pm**

**Easter Sunday—8am St. Lawrence**

**Easter Sunday—10am Immaculate Conception**



## LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL

The St. Mary's PCCW's Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will start this Tuesday. The menu for the last week, March 24th, will be Spaghetti, Garlic Bread,

refrigerator desserts 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 week on the following schedule followed by mass.

Thursday 8am —St. Lawrence

Friday 8am—Immaculate Conception

Friday 11am—St. Boniface



## CHARCOAL CHICKEN DINNER

**Sacred Hear Parish in Pine Creek**

will be holding their chicken dinner on March 22 from 11am until gone. Dinner includes 1/4 chicken, parsley buttered potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw & dessert. Adults \$14 and Children \$7—5 and under free. There will also be coffee cakes for sale and a raffle drawing.



## Fountain City First Responders

The 3rd Annual Chicken Que will be at the Fountain City Ballpark on April 11th starting at 11am. The fundraising this year will not only help them cover their operational costs, most importantly it will ensure they are actively engaged in recruitment efforts. The event features a chicken dinner, along with a bake sale, raffle, and silent auction to support local first responders.

## ST. ANSGAR FISH FRY

Annual Fish Fry at St. Ansgar Catholic Church in Blair will be held Friday, March 27 serving from 4-6:30pm. Dine in or carry out. Battered fried fish, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, roll & dessert for \$15.

**The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Presents:**

*Hope For today*

**Biennial Convention**

**Saturday. April 25**

**8:30pm—3:00pm**

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

**Arcadia, WI**

More information on the bulletin boards in back of church.

## GIVE IT UP FOR LENT!

Is Lent almost over already?

During Lent's time of almsgiving, the CFC Food Shelf and the Alma Council Knights of Columbus food drive to help the local food pantry are in full swing!! If you are looking for an opportunity to deepen your commitment to Christ and to your community, these food drives are perfect. The Pantry is in need of cereal, canned soups, and canned fruit, however, any donation is welcome. We have a collection boxes in the back of St. Lawrence and in Hansen Hall at Immaculate 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.

## A Prayer of Spiritual Renewal

*Holy Spirit, cleanse my soul and renew my spirit this Lent. Help me to leave behind my old ways and step into the new life you have prepared for me.*

*Amen*

# PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	ST. LAWRENCE	ST. BONIFACE
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## 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

**April 8th 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](mailto:treeclisiae.red@gmail.com).

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### PCCW



Please check the Bulletin Board for info on the Biennial La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention. Date is Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church in Arcadia. There are brochures with info and registration forms on bookcase in entryway. Bishop Battersby will be the Keynote Speaker. A wonderful time to gather with women throughout our diocese.

### PRAYER CHAIN

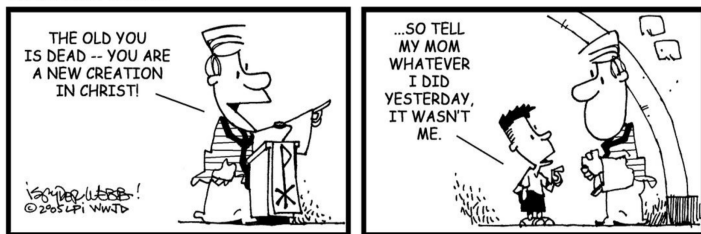
Reminder that our prayer chain is still active. If you or you know of someone in need of prayers, please contact Bernice Semling at 608-687-8530. Or if you would like to be part of this chain, she is also the person to contact. Miracles can and do happen with the help of prayer. If you would like us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

### ST. MARY'S QUILTERS



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

### 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



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We are looking for people from all 3 parishes to join the Triduum choir. If you like to sing and want to help make the masses sound joyous, please email Peggy Duellman at [fcduellman@gmail.com](mailto:fcduellman@gmail.com) or call the office at 608-687-8418.



## St. Boniface School Spring fundraiser—April 11<sup>th</sup>

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.



## SAINT LAWRENCE

### QUILTING GROUP

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



### ALMA KNIGHTS FREE THROW EVENT

Alma Knights held their Annual Free Throw Event on March 1st at the Alma HS. This is held for Ages 9-14 in the Alma, Nelson, Cochrane-Fountain City, Pepin Area. Winners are going on to the Diocese Event in Marshfield in March.

Winners are:

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