



The Parishes of

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



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

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.

AUGUST 9, 2026

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PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours

Immaculate Conception:

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

St. Boniface:

Tues & Thurs | 9 am - 2 pm

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- Immaculate Conception St. Mary's Catholic
- St. Lawrence Catholic Church
- St. Boniface Church

PARISH STAFF

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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
8:00 am (IC)
11:00 am (SB)

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

Today's Gospel begins with an interesting detail; Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him while He remained behind to pray. They were not acting on their own. They were following the Lord's instruction. Yet, despite their obedience, they found themselves in the middle of a storm. That is an important lesson for every believer in Christ. Faithfulness to Christ does not exempt us from difficulties. Sometimes we mistakenly believe that if we are doing God's will, life should become easier. But the Gospel tells us otherwise.

The disciples were exactly where Jesus wanted them to be, and yet they struggled against powerful winds and crashing waves. Many of us know what those storms feel like. Some are battling illness, financial uncertainty, family conflict, loneliness, grief or anxiety about the future. Others carry hidden burdens that no one else sees. There are storms in our hearts as well as storms in our world. The Gospel reminds us that being in the storm does not mean God has abandoned us.

We notice that while the disciples struggled, Jesus was on the mountain praying. He had not forgotten them. His eyes remained on them even when they could not see Him. The Lord watches over His people even when His presence feels hidden. The Gospel says that during the fourth watch of the night, just before dawn, Jesus came to them walking on the sea. The timing is significant. He did not arrive immediately. He allowed them to struggle through the night before revealing His saving presence.

God's timing is often mysterious. We want immediate answers, instant healing, and quick solutions. Yet God often works through waiting, in the waiting, He strengthens our faith, deepens our trust and teaches us to depend on Him rather than on ourselves. When the disciples finally saw Jesus, they did not recognize Him. They thought He was a ghost and cried out in fear. How often does that happen in our own lives? Sometimes God comes to us in unexpected ways. He may come through difficult conversations, through the kindness of a stranger, through the encouragement of a friend, through the wisdom of Scripture, through the Eucharist, or even through suffering that transforms our hearts.

Yet because His presence does not match our expectations, we fail

to recognize Him. Jesus immediately speaks words that echo throughout salvation history: "Take courage. it is I, Do not be afraid." These are not merely comforting words. The phrase "It is I" also recalls the divine name revealed to Moses. Jesus is not simply saying, "It is me." He is revealing His divine identity. The One standing before the disciples is the Lord of creation. The wind and waves obey Him because He is their Creator.

Peter's response is remarkable. He says, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Peter often receives criticism for sinking, but before he sank, he did something no other disciple dared to do. He stepped out of the boat. Faith always requires leaving the illusion of security. Boats feel safe. They are familiar. Yet Jesus often calls us beyond what is comfortable.

For a few moments, Peter actually walks on water. As long as his attention remains fixed on Jesus, the impossible becomes possible. But then Matthew tells us, "Seeing the strong wind, he became frightened." we noticed that the wind had been there all along. The storm itself had not changed. What changed was Peter's focus. His eyes shifted from Christ to the storm. The same temptation confronts us every day. We become consumed by the news, by uncertainty, by criticism, by fear, by our failures, by our limitations. we begin to believe that the storm is greater than the Savior. When fear becomes our focus, faith weakens.

Peter begins to sink and his prayer becomes wonderfully simple: "Lord, save me" sometimes the greatest prayers are also the shortest. We do not always need beautiful words. We simply need honest hearts. in moments of desperation, "Lord, save me" may be the most authentic prayer we can offer. The Gospel tells us that Jesus immediately reached out His hand. He did not hesitate. He did not lecture Peter before rescuing him. He first saved him, then gently corrected him; "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" This reveals the heart of Christ. His mercy always comes before His correction. He lifts us before He teaches us. Even when our faith falters, His faithfulness never does.

May we have the courage to leave behind whatever keeps us from following Him. May we keep our eyes fixed on Christ when the winds of life grow strong. And when our faith falters, may we never hesitate to cry out with Peter, "Lord, save me," trusting that Jesus will always reach out His hand.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – 8/10/26

NO MASS

Tuesday – 8/11/26 - St. Boniface

5:30 pm † Vivian Lisowski by Rosemary Hillig

Wednesday – 8/12/26 - St. Lawrence

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

Thursday – 8/13/26 - St. Lawrence

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

Friday – 8/14/26 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 am † Mike & Irene Waletzki

Saturday – 8/15/26 - St. Boniface

7:30 pm † Irene Dittrich by Roger & Joanne Klein

Sunday – 8/16/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Louis & Mary Anne Glentz by The Glentz Family

Sunday – 8/16/26 - Immaculate Conception -Fr Dickman

10:00am † Rusty Auseth by His Family

Sunday – 8/16/26 - St. Boniface Fall Festival

10:00am † LaVerne Rippley by Dan & Elsie Brommer



MINISTRY SCHEDULE | AUGUST 15-16

SATURDAY | 7:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Baecker
Mary Smith / LaVerne Pronschinske

Lectors: Bob Baecker

Servers: Bree Pronschinske / Esther Burrow

Ushers: Scott Pronschinske
Pat Pronschinske

SUNDAY / 10:00 AM

Brenda Pronschinske
Les & Dan Brommer

Elsie Brommer

Fernholz Girls

Willie Pronschinske
Leon Bork

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Thomsen
Ron Brownell - Heidi Baader

Lectors: Carolyn Thomsen

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Mel Danzinger - Mark Schamaun

SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Matt Foust
Diane Borge - Rick Duellman

Lectors: Bernice Semling

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Peter Schaffner - Donnie Borge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HISTORY TRAIN RIDE FUND RAISER:

Alma Knights of Columbus will host a mini-train ride fund raiser on Sept 26, 2026, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Involves a 7 mile ride aboard a mini-train into the historic Chippewa Bottoms (and back out) Info for the train can be found at: <https://www.cvmca.info/events>

The ride will include presentations on the history of the train, history of

DNR, and history of the Native Americans in the area (including artifacts).

Cost is \$40 / person with only 35 seats remaining. Contact Bryce Lisowski, GK at 715-495-0488, (text preferred) Or email for full details: Almaknights6789@gmail.com



CHARACTERISTICS OF A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST: PRAYER

The second characteristic of a disciple is that we are committed to times of prayer on a daily basis, both individually and with family, and frequently with the parish, where we are thankful to God for the blessings of the day and we seek His will. Prayer becomes an important part of our life.

The Catechism describes prayer as our "vital and personal relationship with the living and true God" (CCC 2558). Our life of prayer manifests itself in different ways, such as the silent time we take each day to be present to Jesus, the celebration of the Mass, the sufferings we offer up and the opportunities to pray with others in need.

FATHER ARULDOSS UPDATE:

Father Doss has been assigned as associate pastor at St Bernard, Abbotsford, St Louis, Dorchester and St Mary Help of Christians, Colby. He has a new phone number and address. His number is 534-227-0629 and address is 205 S 2nd Street, Colby, WI 54421-9401.



WELCOME ONE HOME: The Power of Your Invitation

Though there are many reasons why Catholics stop attending Mass and other aspects of parish life, it is safe to assume the majority will only come back if they are personally invited. A simple invitation to someone who has been away from the parish can remind them that they are remembered, loved, and always welcome. A personal invitation can become the first step toward someone coming home. No matter how long someone has been away or what circumstances have shaped their journey, the Catholic Church remains a place where God's mercy, healing, and love are always offered. If even one person is absent from our parish family, their absence has an impact on the community.

There are cards in the back of each church. We need to remind people that we are still here and will welcome them back. Thank you for helping our Parish community.



ST. LAWRENCE FUNDRAISER

St. Lawrence is selling tickets for their new fundraiser. For \$20 you get a ticket with a chance to win one of the 30 prizes in the month of November. All proceeds will go towards their general account.

Any of the parishioners will be able to sell you a ticket or call Connie in the office.



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29 \$250	30 \$125	Thank you for supporting St. Lawrence Catholic Church.				
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WELCOME

We're blessed to have new faces joining us at Mass. If you're interested in becoming a registered member of our parish, we invite you to fill out one of the **Family Registration Forms** located in the back of the church.

Registering helps us stay connected with you, and it also ensures you receive proper credit for all your contributions throughout the year.

We're grateful you're here and hope you feel at home in our parish family.



PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
30 Env	\$ 1,795.00	23 Env	\$ 865.00	12 Env	\$ 443.00
Plate	\$ 88.00	Plate	\$ 149.00	Plate	\$ 121.00
		Mission	\$ 20.00	Auto Deposit	\$ 450.00
		Auto Deposit	\$ 658.35		
Total	\$ 1,883.00	Total	\$ 1,692.35	Total	\$ 1,014.00
Attendance	55	Attendance	90	Attendance	56

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PCCW

The next PCCW meeting will be Monday, Aug 10th (please note date change) at 2 p.m. in Hansen Hall (church basement). All women of the parish are automatically members and there are no dues required. We welcome new and old members to attend and share your ideas. Any questions call Rita Bechly at 608-687-8180.

DONATION

We have been blessed with several families coming forward wanting to make monetary donations to the church and/or PCCW. If you have ideas or suggestions on what you think best use of these donations would be, please let Connie Sweno, Deb Kujak, or Rita Bechly know. Or better yet please attend our next PCCW meeting where we will be holding discussions on this topic.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are in need of Mass intentions. They are running low. Please use the blue envelopes in the back. Intentions are \$20 or whatever you would like to give.

SAINT LAWRENCE

ALL LADIES:

The annual PCCW potluck "picnic" is Monday, Aug 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. We will be eating at 6pm. This is a great chance for us to gather, eat and enjoy time together. Drinks and tableware will be provided, please bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert to share.

SUNDY BRUNCH

There will be NO Sunday Brunch in August. Please enjoy the St. Boniface Fall Festival

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QUILTING GROUP



St. Lawrence quilting group meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1 pm in the church basement

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We welcome Amanda Burrow as our new Director of Religious Education. Amanda was our director once before so we are welcoming her back. She will be getting the new school year information out soon and contacting families. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Religious Education email: treecclesiae.red@gmail.com

SAINT BONIFACE



Sheryl Rothering

July 31, 2026

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival work schedule is out in the back of church to be picked up. If you aren't signed up to work and can help out, please let Teresa know.



St. Boniface Parishioners are asked to bring items for the fall festival booths. The kids games, silver nugget, country store and cake walk depend on donations. If you have something for the raffle booth, please contact Kim. Please drop off the prizes in the church walkway by August 9th if possible. Baked goods should be brought on Saturday evening or early Sunday morning. Donated items are what keep the booths going and the fun last longer, thank you for your help!

Everyone is invited to the St. Boniface Fall Festival

Sunday August 16th

10:00 Polka Mass

11:00—2:00 Homestyle Dinner

12:00 Kiddie Tractor Pull

2:30 Bingo in the hall

4:00 Duck Race

5:00 Raffle

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