



The Parishes of

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



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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 16, 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

Immaculate Conception Parish

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

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Albert, Pastor

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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 presents us with one of the most powerful and challenging encounters in the ministry of Jesus: the encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman. The woman comes to Jesus with a desperate cry: "Have pity on me, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." She is a mother in pain. She has reached a point where she knows that human strength is no longer enough. She has heard about Jesus, and she believes that He can help her.

Jesus does not immediately answer her. The Gospel tells us that Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. she cries out and there is silence. she asks again and there is no immediate response. She continues to plead, while the disciples even become uncomfortable and say, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." yet she does not leave. She keeps praying. She keeps believing. She keeps approaching Jesus.

And finally, Jesus says something that sounds even more difficult: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman kneels before Him and simply says: "Lord, help me." Those three words contain an entire prayer. She does not give Jesus a long argument. She does not demand an explanation. she does not tell Him what He must do. She simply says: "Lord, help me." And perhaps that is one of the most beautiful prayers we can learn.

There are moments in life when we do not know what else to say. when a loved one is sick. when a marriage is struggling. when a child has gone away from the faith. when we are facing financial difficulties. when we have lost someone we love. when we are anxious about the future. when we feel abandoned or forgotten. At those moments, perhaps we do not need complicated words. we can simply kneel before the Lord and say: "Lord, help me."

One of the first lessons of this Gospel is that God's silence does not necessarily mean God's absence. The Canaanite woman experiences silence. she asks, but Jesus does not answer immediately. There is something many of us experience in prayer. We pray for healing, but the healing does not come

immediately. we pray for a solution, but the problem remains. We ask God for guidance, but the path still seems unclear. We pray for a person we love, but that person continues to struggle.

And we begin to wonder: why is God silent? The Gospel gives us an important answer. The woman continued to believe even when she did not receive the response she expected. Her faith was not based on immediate results. She believed because she knew who Jesus was. This is mature faith. immature faith says, "I will believe if God gives me what I ask for." mature faith says, "Even when I do not understand, I will continue to trust God."

There are prayers that God answers immediately. There are prayers that God answers gradually. There are prayers that God answers in ways we never expected. and there are times when we may not understand God's answer at all. But faith teaches us that God's silence is not abandonment. Sometimes God is working in ways that we cannot yet see.

At the end of the story, Jesus says: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the Gospel tells us: "Her daughter was healed from that hour." Her faith is great because she refuses to give up on Jesus. She believes even when the situation appears hopeless. She trusts even when the answer is delayed. she kneels even when others are telling her to leave. She continues to ask because she knows that Jesus is her hope. That is the kind of faith Jesus desires from us. Not perfect faith. not faith without questions. not faith without questions. not faith without tears. but faith that keeps returning to Jesus.

The Canaanite woman came to Jesus with a broken heart. She came with a problem she could not solve. She came with a daughter she could not heal. She came with nothing except her faith. and that was enough. She cried out: "Lord, help me." and eventually Jesus said: "Great is your faith." Today, perhaps that same message is being spoken to us. Maybe we are going through something that we cannot understand. Maybe we have been praying and waiting. Maybe we are tired. The Gospel tells us: Do not give up. Keep coming to Jesus, keep praying, keep believing. Even if all you can say is: "Lord, help me."

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – 8/17/26

NO MASS

Tuesday – 8/18/26 - St. Boniface

5:30 pm † Bernadette Shaffer by John & Sharon Bradburn

Wednesday – 8/19/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Sam & Kathy Speltz by Stephanie Foster

Thursday – 8/20/26 - St. Lawrence

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

Friday – 8/21/26 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 am † Jeff Semling by Diane Semling

Saturday – 8/22/26 - St. Boniface

7:30 pm † Joan Washington by Cathy Stolz

Sunday – 8/23/26 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Marc Przybylla by Mary Ann Przybylla

Sunday – 8/23/26 - Immaculate Conception

10:00am † Ed & Betty Hentges by Dan & Lori Senn



MINISTRY SCHEDULE | AUGUST 22-23

SATURDAY | 7:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Cletus Foegen

Amanda Burrow - Faith Pronschinske

Lectors: Maria Burrow

Servers: Esther Burrow - Gavin Kaltenberg

Ushers: Kyle Pronschinske - Leon Bork

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Stacy Haigh

Ron Brownell - Max Bachhuber

Lectors: Deb Noll

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Mel Danzinger - Mark Schamaun

SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Beseler

Debra Kujak - Michele Klein

Lectors: Karen Bagniewski

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Jim Semling - Roman Kujak

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



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.



IMPORTANT WORDS TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Receives the Sacraments

The third characteristic is that a disciple prayerfully encounters Jesus on a regular basis through the sacraments of the Church and lives in the power of the grace they have received through them.

A Catholic disciple of Jesus Christ understands that sacraments are "the" way of receiving God's grace. We are made children of God through Baptism. We are forgiven of our sins through Reconciliation. We receive the Body and Blood of Jesus through the Eucharist. Jesus also instituted the Sacraments of Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick for the sake of our salvation, so that the power He displayed in His public ministry would continue through the sacraments He gave to the Church. A disciple of Jesus frequently receives and cooperates with the graces he or she has received through the sacraments.

HELP NEEDED

Liturgical Ministries

All three churches are in need of Readers, Servers, ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. Also, choir members for each parish. Music is an important spiritual part of the mass. We are in need of the faithful who are willing to share their time and talent as one of these important roles at mass. There will be a training or refresher class available. Please contact Connie in the office



RURAL LIFE DAY SEPT. 23, 2026 Creamery Creek in Bangor

Join us for the 45th Annual Rural Life Day Celebration at Creamery Creek, hosted by the John and Donna Hansen family and the Justin and Louisa Peterson family. Rural Life Day is a beautiful event that brings together several hundred members of the faithful to honor rural life in our communities. Our celebration begins with Mass at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop Gerard Battersby, together with many priests and deacons of the diocese. This is followed by special awards and the blessing of crops, animals, and machinery of the farm. We conclude our celebration with a delicious lunch and a freewill offering to benefit Project Milk.



Creamery Creek is located at W1250 County Road U, Bangor, WI 54614.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Our parish cluster has a wonderful little Catholic School that teaches younger students about our faith and to keep it in our lives everyday.

We would like to expand our enrollment with better tuition assistance. If you would like to make a donation to our Tuition Assistance, there are red envelopes in the back of each parish. Any donation is appreciated!

PARISH FINANCIALS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		ST. LAWRENCE		ST. BONIFACE	
31 Env	\$ 1,675.00	24 Env	\$ 1,380.00	9 Env	\$ 211.00
Plate	\$ 161.10	Plate	\$ 235.00	Plate	\$ 91.00
Total	\$ 1,836.10	Total	\$ 1,615.00	Total	\$ 302.00
Attendance	82	Attendance	89	Attendance	70

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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.

Lighter side

- What did the triangle say to the circle?
You're pointless.
- How do you make seven an even number?
Remove the S.
- What are 10 things you can always count on?
Your fingers.
- What is a frog's favorite summertime treat?
Hopsicles.
- Why does a seagull fly over the sea?
Because if it flew over the bay, it would be a baygull.



St. Boniface Catholic School

Thank you to everyone that worked the Ashley for The Arts for St. Boniface School. We appreciate sharing your time for our school.

We are now enrolling for the 2026-27 school year. If you know anyone that is interested, please have them email Olivia wick @ owick@stbonschool.com.

St. Boniface first day of school is August 26th.



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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.



Registration for grades **1- 8** will be **Wednesday, Sept 2** at Immaculate Conception-Fountain City (Parish Life Center)

Come anytime between **4 and 7pm** to register.

Classes for all grades will start Wednesday, Sept 9

Mandatory Parent and Student class for grades 9 and 10 will be Wednesday, September 9th from 7 to 8:00pm at St. Boniface Rippley Hall

Contact Amanda Burrow at (608) 323-0085 or treecclesiae.red@gmail.com with any questions.

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QUILTING GROUP



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

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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