

December 14th, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart

Sunday @ 8:00 a.m.

Friday @ 9:00 a.m.

1st Friday Mass @ 9:30 a.m.

St. Wenceslaus

Sunday @ 10 am

Saturday @ 4 pm

Mon-Fri @ 8 am

1st Friday @ 8 am

Confessions

Sacred Heart

Sunday @ 7:30 am or by appt. Saturday 3 to 3:45
or by appt.

St. Wenceslaus

***Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Wenceslaus
Parish Combined Website:***

www.sacredheart-stwenceslaus.ORG

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The term *Gaudete* ("Gau-day-tay"), refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 13 4 pm for the ...Repose of the Soul of Ron M. (L&P)

**Sunday, Dec. 14 8am @ Sacred Heart for Intentions of the parish
10am @ St. Wenceslaus for our Parishioners (R.W.)**

Monday, Dec. 15 8 am for the Health of Carol W. (S.K.)

Tuesday, Dec. 16 8 am for the ...Repose of the Soul of Heather K.

Wednesday, Dec. 17 8 am for Charles & Mary W. (G.H.)

Thursday, Dec. 18 8 am Thanksgiving (S.K.)

**Friday, Dec. 19 8 am Health of Brandon L. (T&D)
9 am @ Sacred Heart for Intentions of the parish**

Saturday, Dec. 20 4 pm Health of Loyde B. (S.K.)

**Sunday, Dec. 21 8 am @ Sacred Heart for Deceased of the parish
10 am @ St. Wenceslaus for the children in our Nativity program**

Advent confessions will be:

Saturday, December 13th - 10:00-11:00AM at St. Patrick's in Seneca

***Saturday, December 20th - 10:00AM - 11:30AM
at St. Wenceslaus in Eastman***

Parish Support

Sacred Heart Parish - Dec. 7, 2025 Adult \$255.00, Basket \$64.00, Immaculate Conception \$30.00

St. Wenceslaus - Dec. 7, 2025 Adult \$1355.00, Plate \$134.00, Votive \$30.00, Immaculate Conception Holy Day \$90.00

Thank you for your support!

A Message from Bishop Battersby:

The One thing necessary...

My dear people,

In the Office of Readings, part of the Liturgy of the Hours in the Breviary of the Church, in the readings assigned for the day, I came across a line from St. Anselm that has captured my heart. St. Anselm writes: *I seek your face; your face, Lord, I desire*. One can hear the echo of Jesus' words to anxious Martha in St. Anselm's prayer: Mary has chosen the better part (cf. Luke 10:42); she chose to sit at the Master's feet and gaze upon his face. Truly, this is the one thing necessary, to gaze on him who lies in a manger, to behold him who is lifted up and is revealed truly the Son of God. (cf. Matthew 27:54) to gaze on him who was pierced to contemplate the one thing necessary and in this to be changed. St. Paul expresses this beautifully when he writes to the Church of Corinth: *All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into his very image by the Lord who is Spirit*. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

The one thing necessary is the Lord and we so often limit our transformation in Christ because our gaze is too often on ourselves or on the fiercesome waves which lapped St. Peter as he left the boat. (cf. Matthew 14:28) These are roiled times and the enemy of Christ would have us distrustful and suspicious of one another, of the pope, our bishops and priests, our neighbors. We fail to submit to the gaze of the Lord allowing him to make us holy, obedient and wise, because we fear losing control, fear allowing God to be Our Savior, allowing and trusting that with him all things are possible and without him we can do nothing of lasting value. (cf. John 15:5) If we truly believe that Jesus is the Christ, that he is Lord, then we will have little difficulty in trusting him and his Church, confident that his words truly are words of everlasting life. (cf. John 6:68)

The one thing necessary for this Diocese of La Crosse, for her bishop and priests, her clergy and religious, her people, is to make time on a daily basis, a weekly basis, to spend time with the Master and gaze on him, allowing him to gaze upon us that we, you and I, may become transformed in his Holy Spirit. We must cultivate in our hearts an ache for Jesus, fearing not our weaknesses or sinfulness but running to him in confidence born of intimacy knowing that we will receive timely aid. (cf. James 1:56) I hear much advice given to the pope on the blogosphere, I receive much counsel as well, the advice I treasure is the advice offered as the fruit of prayer, of the change of heart which comes from being conformed to Christ, of the humility of those who choose the better part. We are each myopic in our own way, we must imitate the humility of St. Joseph and Our Lady, who knew as St. Anselm did, that each of us knows but a part and *was made in order to see him and have not yet done that for which I was made*.

Peace,
+Bishop Battersby



AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU.
— JOHN 20:21

Annual Appeal Kick-off was October 25-26, 2025

Sacred Heart's allocation for 2025/2026 is \$8,405.00

This year's theme—Fueling Missions of Hope—reminds us that the Holy Spirit's work among us is "fueled" by the prayers, sacrifices, and generosity of Christ's faithful."

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21 Thank you for your generous donations, \$2,905.00 has been pledged from 11 donors.

A Lifetime of Service Deserves Care in Return-2nd Collection Dec.13th-14th weekend.

Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for more than 20,500 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

<https://retiredreligious.org/>

- The bulk of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious are allocated to assist with direct care of senior religious
- 266 religious communities received funding in 2025
- 20,571 religious past age 70 benefit from the collection

Year End Contributions for 2025 -To be included on your 2025 contribution statement, parish contributions need to be received by the last collection of the year, December 28th.

If you haven't done so already, consider getting your Diocesan Annual Appeal contribution in as a 2025 contribution.

Diocesan Annual Appeal portal for online giving: <https://diolc.org/donate-online/>

Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Wenceslaus combined website www.sacredheart-stwenceslaus.org (not .com)




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The website is in progress, any comments can be sent to Father, at stwenceslaus@centurytel.net Thank you.