

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

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.

St. Wenceslaus

Saturday 3 to 3:45
or by appt.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Wenceslaus

Parish Combined Website:

www.sacredheart-stwenceslaus.ORG

**“THIS IS MY BELOVED
SON, WITH WHOM I AM
WELL PLEASED.”**



Mass Intentions

Sunday, Jan. 11 The Baptism of the Lord, 8am @ Sacred Heart for Deceased of the parish

10am @ St. Wenceslaus for Paul Peloch's health (Sue & Art K.)

Monday, Jan. 12 8 am for the ☐Repose of the Soul of Leonard Check (family)

Tuesday, Jan. 13 8 am for the ☐Repose of the Soul of Wayne O'Brien (family)

Wednesday, Jan. 14 8 am for the ☐Repose of the Soul of Dale Cowell (Sue K.)

Thursday, Jan. 15 8 am for the Repose of the Soul of Wilma Wagner (Gloria)

Friday, Jan. 16 8 am for the Intentions of our parish

9 am @ Sacred Heart for Repose of the Soul of Brian Dombeck (Sheila S.)

Saturday, Jan. 17 4 pm for Loyde & Penny Beers (Sue)

Sunday, Jan. 18 8 am @ Sacred Heart for the Deceased of the parish

10 am @ St. Wenceslaus for Joan Pulda (Sue)

Parish Support

Sacred Heart Parish - Jan.1, 2026, Solemnity of Mary, Adult \$80.00, Basket \$11.00

Jan. 4, Adult \$345.00, Youth \$11.00, Basket \$35.00

St. Wenceslaus - End of Year 2025 Contributions; Adult \$1,222.00, Plate \$25.00

Jan.1, 2026 Solemnity of Mary, Adult \$680.00, Plate \$161.00

Jan. 4, Adult \$1,112.00, Plate \$200.00, Votives \$75.00

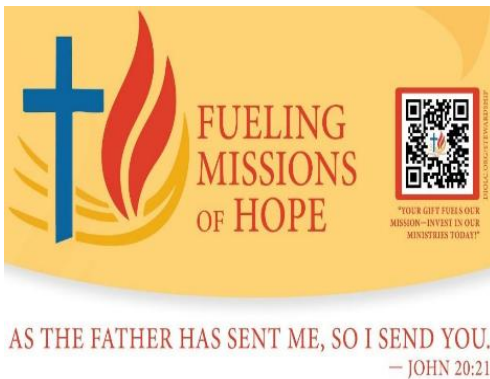
Thank you for your support!

From the Pastor's Desk:

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a beautiful time to reflect on the symbols of our own initiation into God's family. First, the child is anointed with the Holy Oil of Chrism. This is the same sacred oil used by the Bishop for Confirmation and the Ordination of priests. The prayer tells us that we are anointed as Priest, Prophet, and King. By this anointing, we are called to live always as members of Christ's body. We are marked forever as belonging to God and sharing in His everlasting life.

Secondly, the white garment is placed on the child to show they have "clothed themselves in Christ." This beautiful robe is an outward sign of our Christian dignity, which we are called to protect. Thirdly, the parents receive a lighted candle, a symbol of the light of Christ entering the soul. The prayer reminds us that the child has been enlightened by Christ to walk as a child of the light. We are called to keep this flame of faith burning brightly in our hearts. This light guides our steps even in the darkest moments of life. The fourth sign is the blessing of the ears and mouth, recalling how Jesus healed and opened hearts. We pray that the child will always hear the Word of God and have the courage to profess their faith.

Finally, we must remember that baptism is a commitment to be lived out every single day. While our parents made the choice for us as infants, we now say "yes" to God ourselves. We put our baptism into effect by choosing love, practicing kindness, and serving those in need. Just as the Father called Jesus His "Beloved Son," He speaks those same words over you. You are a beloved child of God, chosen and cherished by a Father who never leaves. May we live this week knowing that we are never alone, for God is our Father.



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! \$7,265.00 has been pledged from 18 donors! We are 86% of the way there! Remember – any amount over the goal is returned to the parish!

January is Pro Life month:

9 Days for Life Novena: Pray to Protect Human Life! January 16-24, 2026

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Click here to register and sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message! www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup

January 22 is Day of Prayer and Penance for Protection of the Unborn

Jan. 22 is a day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of "prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion". <https://www.respectlife.org/january-22>

January Pro-Life Initiatives, Prayers and Intentions:

Though the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision declaring a right to abortion was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022, many states' laws are hostile to preborn children. And so our pro-life prayers and efforts are just as important as ever. Learn more and find parish and personal resources from our U.S. Bishops at respectlife.org.

BEHOLD: Lambs Among Wolves | 9:00a.m. - 5:30p.m. on January 17th, Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse

All young adults ages 18–35 are invited to step away from the noise and into something real at the third annual Behold Retreat. This year's theme is **Lambs Among Wolves**. The day is focused on what it actually means to be on mission as Catholics, not in theory, but in the middle of real life. Through inspiring talks, quiet time for prayer and reflection, small groups, Confession, Adoration, and Mass, we'll dive into how God sends us back into the world with purpose, courage, and clarity. [Register by January 10 at the website here](#). \$30 includes the full retreat and a meal. Nursing infants are welcome. Come to be renewed. Leave ready to live on mission.



Celebrating Growth: The 156 parishes of our diocese have been taking Mass counts for over two decades. Average Mass attendance in 2025 was 42,952 - an increase of 1.5% from 2024. Even with a large number of deaths, our Mass attendance has increased each year for 5 straight years. Praise God! See the updates here <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>



We will have a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection will be Feb. 1st. CCHD works to support those living in poverty. 25% of funds collected stay in our own diocese for antipoverty projects. Checks should be made payable to the parish.

The ADRC of Crawford County will be providing lunch followed by bingo on Thursday, January 22nd. Serving at 11:30 at Wauzeka Village Hall. Menu includes: Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry relish, green beans, and pumpkin bar. Suggested contribution is \$4 - \$6 for those 60+. Reservations required no later than 2 pm the day before by calling 608 326-0235. Transportation available for \$4 (minimum of 4 passengers).

Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting Thursday, January 29nd in the parish hall

Pastoral council will meet at 6:00 pm and the Finance council will meet at 6:30 pm

Sacred Heart's Finance and Pastoral Councils serve as advisors to the pastor for the good of the parish's mission. The Pastoral Council provides essential input and feedback on our parish's ministries and activities, while the Finance Council attends to concerns of our parish budgets, buildings and grounds.

If you have something to bring to a council's attention, please contact any of its members:

Pastoral Council Members

Joan H.
Kathy M.
Suzette R.
Kathy D.

Finance Council Members

David D.
Ken B.
Leroy M.
Mary W.