

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

*708 E. Main St., Wauzeka, WI 53826*

## October 4th, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Mass Schedule**

| St. Wenceslaus | Sacred Heart |
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| Saturday 4pm | Sunday 8am |
| Sunday 10am | |

**Weekday Mass times on page 2**

**Rosary**
Sunday 7:40am

**Confessions**
Sunday 7:30am
Tuesday-Friday by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact Father for preparation classes for parents; also recommended for new Godparents

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact Father not less than 6 months in advance of the wedding date

**Anointing of the Sick, Communion, Home Visits:**
**Please contact Holy Family Parish (608) 326-6511**

**October is the month of the Holy Rosary.**

# Respect Life Sunday

**From the desk of Father Brandon Guenther, Pastor**

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Gen. 1: 26-27)

How often have we heard the story of creation? Maybe hundreds of times! And there is a reason for that: When we know the story of creation, we learn about ourselves. Most of all we learn that we were made in God's image and likeness. For a complete reflection, you could turn to Pope St. John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life) or Cardinal Ratzinger's book *In the Beginning.*

Nevertheless, being made in the image of God has several consequences: First, human beings are "**someones", not "somethings**." The rocks, plants, and other animals (yes, even the creepy things) are all objects, but we are subjects, persons, "someones" with inherent dignity and rights. This means we have an **inviolable value**. To attack human life is to target God's living image and likeness. This inherent dignity and value is expressed most of all in **love and relationship** both with other people, but especially with our Creator. Finally, the fullness of both our dignity and relationship is **fulfilled in the person of Christ.**

Any one of these topics could be the subject of hundreds of pages! But October is Respect Life Month and I hope we can take some time in our bulletin articles to reflect on the dignity of life from conception to natural death, recognize the great beauty in the Church's teachings and call to protect human life, and put these teachings into concrete actions.

These topics are especially important in the light of what Pope St. John Paul II calls the "Culture of Death." As often as the world tries to cast humans away as unwanted or useless, we must also respond with a great love, vigor, and with courageous voices to proclaim that Jesus is Lord and we are made in His image and likeness.

**Please know the bulletin articles for the month of October will contain mature topics and may not be suitable for all children. Parents should take great care to introduce these topics in an appropriate manner.**

**From Father Brian Ward:** I will be gone for a couple weeks seeing family and friends in Indiana on vacation. Please pray for me and I will look forward to seeing you later in the month of October. Monsignor Gorman will fill in for me on the 17-18th of October. **God Bless You All!**

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 3 4pm For ✝Repose of the Soul of Genavieve Search (Grandparents) **First Saturday**
Sunday, Oct. 4 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For the intentions of our parishes **Respect Life Sunday**
**10am @ St. Wenceslaus** ✝Repose of the Soul of Madison Lapke (J.C.)
**Father Ward will leave for vacation after 10am Mass, returning October 21st**
Wednesday, Oct. 7 8am Conversion for those who lead a life of sin (P.K.)
Thursday, Oct. 8 **8am @ Sacred Heart** for the Faithful of the parishes
Saturday, Oct. 10 4pm ✝Repose of the Souls of Irene Mitchell & Scott Plondke (D&R P.)
Sunday, Oct. 11 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For ✝Deceased of the parishes
**10am @ St. Wenceslaus** For the Wagner family, living and dead (S.K.)

Thank you to our Mass servers. We appreciate your time & service to our Lord. We invite all children to serve.

God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers.

## Parish Support

**St. Wenceslaus**–Sept.27, Adult $1984.00, Plate $689.00,Youth .80, Votives $35.00
**Sacred Heart**–Sept. 27, Adult $345.00, Youth $10.00, Basket $50.00, Misc. $37.00
**Thank you for your support**!

**Sun. Oct. 4th St. Philip's Annual Fall Fest,** Hwy 171, Rolling Ground, **serving 11-2pm**. Pulled pork, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, cheese curds, bbeans, homemade pie & ice cream. $12 adults, $5 for age 6 & under. Raffle, baked goods.

**Oct 17th-18th the Trinity Council Knights of Columbus** is conducting their Tootsie Roll Drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities, after the Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 10 am Mass.

**Sun. Oct. 25th, Eastman First Responders Pancake Breakfast & Raffle, 6am-noon, Fr. Baer Hall**
Raffle drawing 11am, need not be present to win.

**2026-2027: Diocesan Annual Appeal Our Goal is $8,010.00**
***Kickoff weekend will be October 10th-11th .***




**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER** Loving Father, We are your sons and daughters, and You have blessed each of us with unique gifts and called us to share them in service of one another. Blessed by Your generosity, may we, the faithful of the Diocese of La Crosse, unite our many gifts—our prayers, sacrifices, time, and resources—so that, through a successful Diocesan Annual Appeal, we can continue to support the mission entrusted to us, bringing Christ's love to those in need, rebuilding Your Church, and revitalizing our parishes by forming future disciples. Holy Spirit, guide us as faithful stewards of your grace and inspire us to respond generously to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. **The Most Reverend Gerald W. Battersby, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of La Crosse**

**October is the month of the Rosary.** In praying the Rosary, we think about one great saving event in the life of Jesus while we pray a decade: one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. While we meditate on a mystery of Jesus' life, we come to know Him better and find that the events of Jesus' life guide us in dealing with the challenges we face. Further, we will find greater peace by praying a decade, each day, or even a full Rosary.