

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

708 E. Main St., Wauzeka, WI 53826

October 11th, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule

St. Wenceslaus	Sacred Heart
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

No Breakfast after mass today! Please support the Wauzeka Fire Dept at their Pancake breakfast!

From the desk of Father Brandon Guenther, Pastor

Please know this bulletin article contains mature topics and may not be suitable for all children.

"Thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb" (Ps. 139:13).

As we continue through October, Respect Life Month, we reflected last week on the inherent dignity of human life stemming from being made in the image and likeness of God. Often, the topics concerning human life are divided into stages and this week we will focus on the issues arising at the beginning of life.

If you were to type into Google: "When does human life begin?" It responds: "Scientifically, a new individual human life begins at fertilization (conception)" and it cites the National Institutes of Health and the American College of Pediatricians. The Catholic Church agrees: human life begins and receives its immortal soul at the moment of conception and is endowed with all the rights and responsibilities of a human being. Preeminent among all rights is the right to life.

What does this mean for us? First, abortion is absolutely wrong and a grave offense to the dignity of human life and the fifth commandment. To procure or assist in the procurement of an abortion is an excommunicable offense. To persist in the belief that abortion is allowable or to promote or support abortion is a grave sin; a mortal sin under the normal conditions. As Catholics, we must oppose abortion. Often this is cited as a "political issue" and the Church should remain silent. "Politics" at its root means "people" or "citizens." Every issue concerning human life is indeed political and we must pursue policy and elect leaders that protect life at all stages, but most especially concerning issues that relate directly to life and death for such a great number of human beings; abortion is one of those issues.

The consequences of abortion are staggering. Since the legalization of abortion in 1974, it is estimated that more than 60,000,000 babies have been aborted in America alone. I often reflect on the number of my own generation and peers who never were given a chance to live.

The forcefulness with which we oppose abortion can often be interpreted incorrectly as hatred or simply as "pro-birth" rather than truly pro-life. In the defense of human life, we must also acknowledge a grave responsibility to support mothers in crisis pregnancies and work to ameliorate the conditions of poverty which so often lead to the decision for abortion.

We must also oppose anything that turns human life into a commodity that is bought and sold. In vitro fertilization (IVF) and surrogate motherhood are two examples. To be very clear, any child born through surrogacy or IVF has the same dignity as any other human and is a precious gift. Nevertheless, these processes involve serious violations of human dignity through conception in a petri dish, abortions to reduce the number of implanted embryos, freezing of embryos, and much more.

None of these are easy issues and can hardly be explained fully in a small bulletin article. If you or someone you love has questions about any of these topics, please feel free to reach out to me or Fr. Ward. Most of all, we know that God is merciful. If we turn away from our sin and toward him in sacramental confession, he will forgive us. God always knows our great dignity, that we are made in His image.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Oct. 10 4pm ✝Repose of the Souls of Irene Mitchell & Scott Plondke (D&R P.)
Sun. Oct. 11 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For ✝Deceased of the parishes
10am @ St. Wenceslaus For the Wagner family, living and dead (S.K.)
Wed. Oct. 14 8am Blessings for Calvin & Janice Kramer on 55 years of marriage
Thurs. Oct. 15 **8am @ Sacred Heart** for the Faithful of the parishes
Sat. Oct. 17 4pm For ✝Repose of the Soul of Kathy Swatek
Sun. Oct. 18 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For the Faithful of the parishes **World Mission Sunday**
10am @ St. Wenceslaus Healing for the Kramer family members (T.L.)
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–Oct. 4, Adult $1411.00, Plate $499.00, Votives $76.00
Sacred Heart–Oct. 4, Adult $360.00, Basket $32.00, Smorgasbord $100.00
Thank you for your support!

Sun. Oct. 11th, Wauzeka Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast & Raffle, 7am-11am, Wauzeka Fire Station
Free will donation. Proceeds to purchase new equipment.

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Oct 18th the Trinity Council Knights of Columbus is conducting their Tootsie Roll Drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities, after the Sunday 8:00 am Mass.

Nov. 1st Sacred Heart CCD student pancake breakfast fundraiser 7:30-10:30am

Nov. 1 Blest Art will be set up in the hall with their Olive Wood carvings, to support families in the Holy Land

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.