

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

708 E. Main St., Wauzeka, WI 53826

October 18th, 29th 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

Welcome **Monsignor Michael Gorman October 18th**

From the desk of Father Brandon Guenther, Pastor

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

As we approach the middle of October, Respect Life Month, we can turn from the issues arising at the beginning of human life to the range of issues arising throughout our lives. Though these issues often relate less directly to life and death, they do relate to livelihood. They relate to the complete flourishing of human life, to which Jesus calls everyone. We are called to serve those most in need in a concrete way and advocate for the flourishing of human life in the political sphere.

Another way to look at these issues is to classify them into issues of poverty and issues of freedom. The issue of poverty creates a special tension. On one hand, any poverty is a great scandal for which we ought to be especially concerned. We should be helping the poor near us in concrete ways. And we should be advocating for public policy that protects the poor and aids them in finding sustainable work and livelihood. On the other hand, Jesus Himself assures us that the poor will always be with us. Sometimes poverty doesn't relate directly to money or income. Poverty can look like the loneliness of the elderly, the isolation of those who suffer from mental illness, the exhaustion of a young family, and so much more.

Issues of human freedom remain urgent concerns throughout the world. Among these issues would be the plight of human trafficking and slavery, which still exists in some nations. They also include our systems of criminal justice and incarceration. Lately, the Church has expressed a greater concern with the prevalence of capital punishment in our own country and in other nations. Finally, the Church is concerned with how we treat foreigners and refugees. The Church has been clear that a nation does have the right to restrict and control immigration. But a nation also has the responsibility to care for refugees as they are able. This is a tension we are working out in our own nation. Nevertheless, we can't let the need for restrictions and control translate into resentment or hatred for all immigrants.

Similar to last week, none of these are easy topics and the totality of nuances can't be contained in a brief bulletin article. We ought to first take these issues to prayer and consider them seriously. Most importantly, we need to find concrete action: to be present to those in need and to help them as we are able. In all of this we hope to find the image of God in everyone, especially those who are poorest among us. As we hear Our Lord's words in the Gospel: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40)

World Mission Sunday, October 18th, 100 years of Mission. See the Pope's message
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1Bwzdet1_o Please make checks to the parish

I ask the faithful of the Diocese of La Crosse to join me in praying for our Holy Father's healing and recovery."
Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby
Bishop of La Crosse

Mass Intentions

Sat. Oct. 17 4pm For ✝Repose of the Soul of Kathy Swatek (J.B.)
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.)
Wed. Oct. 21 8am Health of Julia Baumgard (S.K.)
Thurs. Oct. 22 **8am @ Sacred Heart** for the Deceased of the parishes
Fri. Oct. 23 8am For Bob & Irene Hagensick (R.W.)
Sat. Oct. 24 4pm Blessings for Calvin & Janice Kramer on 55 years of marriage
Sun. Oct. 25 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For Rich Picha (S.R.)
10am @ St. Wenceslaus For Intentions of our parishes

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. 11, Adult $1185.00, Plate $453.00, Votives $60.00
Sacred Heart–Oct. 11, Adult $325.00, Basket $16.00, Smorgasbord $1370.00
Thank you for your support!

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Oct 18th the Trinity Council Knights of Columbus is conducting their Life Saver Candy 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
Nov. 1st Holy Family Fall Festival Cafeteria style dinner Chicken & Ham 10:35am-1pm, Adults $14, child 10 and under $6, Carry outs available. Cafeteria supper 4:30pm, Raffle drawing 6:30pm, https://prairiecatholic.org/

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.