

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

708 E. Main St., Wauzeka, WI 53826

October 25th, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule

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

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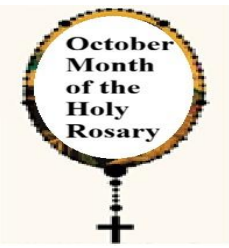
Rosary
Sunday 7:40am

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



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 end of October, Respect Life Month, we can reflect this week on the issues that concern us at the end of life. These issues are arising more frequently and are of great concern. Overall, we believe that suffering can be redemptive and dignified. This is most present as we look upon the cross and see that Our Lord's suffering was for the salvation of the whole world.

The Church, however, doesn't ask us to take absolutely every measure possible to prolong human life. We are asked to consider if particular care is "ordinary" or "extraordinary" care. Ordinary care is what is required and extraordinary care is optional. This is very hard to define as it will be different for every person and every situation. Ordinary care can become extraordinary because of cost, chance of success, pain, etc. For example, a terminally ill cancer patient can legitimately choose to not continue chemo or radiation treatments because of the burden they impose and the lack of real improvement in their prognosis. Another example would be someone in a persistent vegetative state. Providing water and nutrition is, in principle, required ordinary care. Decisions concerning care for our loved ones can be very difficult. Talking over these issues ahead of time and having a written plan can help. The two most useful documents are a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (naming someone to make decisions if you cannot) and an Advance Medical Directive that reflects Catholic teaching. The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) offers helpful guidance and sample forms consistent with Church teaching.

Another issue that has arisen in our time is that of euthanasia, also known as medically assisted suicide. In Canada over 5% of total deaths are now through medically assisted suicide. In our own nation, our neighboring state, Illinois, has just allowed doctors to prescribe life-ending medications. Very often medically assisted suicide is labeled as compassionate or caring, but it is not. It denies the dignity of the human person made in God's image, it denies the dignity and redemptive nature of suffering, it obliges doctors to violate their Hippocratic oath, and opens the door for persons or even the state to mandate the murder of people it no longer finds useful. That may seem a wild claim, but in Canada and Europe there are many documented cases raising serious concerns about consent and the protection of the vulnerable.

As in the other articles, this only covers a very small part of the issues surrounding the end of life. For a more comprehensive look at any of these issues and many more, the NCBC has many articles written regarding these issues. They have a hotline for bioethical questions and issues. And please feel free to reach out to me or Fr. Ward if you or someone you love needs help answering questions about care and end of life. In all of this we recognize the incredible dignity of the human person made in the image of God, even at the end of our time on Earth. We recognize the dignity that is possible even in suffering because through suffering our salvation was won.

Mass Intentions

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
Mon. Oct 26 8am For J.A. Wagner (S.K.)
Wed. Oct. 28 8am For ✝Repose of the Soul of Kathi Swatek (J.B.)
Thurs. Oct. 29 **8am @ Sacred Heart** for the Intentions of the parishes
Fri. Oct. 30 8am For ✝Repose of the Soul of Daniel Kramer (T.L.)
Sat. Oct. 31 4pm For Loyde & Penny (S.K.)
Sun. Nov. 1 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For Intentions of the parishes **All Saints Day**
10am @ St. Wenceslaus For all the Poor souls in Purgatory (P. 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–Oct. 18, Adult $1382.00, Plate $391.00, Votives $35.00, World Mission Sunday $255.00
Sacred Heart–Oct. 18, Adult $175.00, Youth $10.00, Basket $44.00, Votive $9.50, Smorgasbord $825.00**,** Mission Sunday $60.00

Thank you for your support!

. **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/



Sun. Oct. 25th, Eastman First Responders Pancake Breakfast & Raffle, 6am-noon in Fr. Baer hall. Dine in or take out. Pancakes, French toast, ham, applesauce, coffee, milk. Adults $7, Kids 6-10 $3, under 6 free. Raffle drawing. Need not be present to win.

