



*December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent*



*We Welcome New Parishioners!*

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#### Mass Schedule

<u>St. Wenceslaus</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
Saturday 4 pm	Sunday 8 am
Sunday 10 am	Friday 9 am
Mon.-Fri. 8 am	First Friday 9:30 am
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#### Rosary

Saturday 3:40 pm Sunday 7:40 am  
 Sunday 9:40 am

#### Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm Sunday 7:30 am  
 Tuesday-Friday by appointment

**First Friday Adoration** 8:30am, Benediction  
 @ 4:00pm

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

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

#### Anointing of the Sick, Communion, Home

**Visits:** To schedule a Tuesday visit, or at other times, please call the office. *Father will be gone Friday 11am-Saturday 3pm.*

#### Upcoming Events:

**Sat. Dec. 20,** 10am-11:30am Confessions

**Sun. Dec. 21,** 11am 🎵 Children's Nativity & Parish Potluck in the hall 🎵

**Wed. Dec.24,** Christmas Eve Mass 4pm

**Thurs. Dec. 25,** Christmas Day Mass @ 10 am. St. Wenceslaus, 8am Sacred Heart

**Fri. Dec 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**-Father Chinna is gone from 11am Fri. returning Sat. aft at 3pm

#### *From the Pastor's desk*

The Gospel of Matthew begins by introducing Jesus as the Son of David, the long-awaited King. While many people at that time expected a king who would defeat their physical enemies and free them from political oppression, God had a much bigger plan. Instead of a worldly victory, Jesus came to save people from their true enemies: sin and death. This shows us that God's ways are much higher than human ways. He chose to solve the root cause of our suffering rather than just fixing our outward problems.

The gospel calls Jesus "Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." This tells us that God did not just watch us from a distance; He actually became a human being to live among us. By doing this, He chose to experience everything we feel—including our struggles, temptations, and pain—yet He remained without sin. Because Jesus lived a human life and even suffered death, we can be sure that He understands our problems perfectly. This is the ultimate proof of how much God truly cares for every one of us.

Finally, we see how God works through people like Joseph. Joseph was a good man who faced a very difficult situation when he learned Mary was pregnant. Though he planned to leave her quietly, God sent an angel to guide him and show him the truth. This story proves that God intervenes in our lives to help His plans succeed. He invites us to be His partners in bringing hope to the world. We should ask ourselves if we are willing to be used by God, just like Joseph was, to help carry out His will.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 20 4 pm for the Health of Loyde B. (SK)  
Sunday, Dec. 21 8 am @ **Sacred Heart** for Deceased of the parish  
10 am @ **St. Wenceslaus** for the children in our Nativity program  
Monday, Dec. 22 8 am for the Health of John W.  
Tuesday, Dec. 23 8 am for the †Repose of the Soul of Benjamin K.  
Wednesday, Dec. 24 No 8am Mass 4 pm **Christmas Eve** Mass †Repose of the soul of Ron M. (SK)  
Thursday, Dec. 25 8 am @ **Sacred Heart Christmas Day** for †Repose of the Soul of Aladean D. (GW)  
10 am @ **St. Wenceslaus, Christmas Day** †Repose of the Soul of Ray M. (family)  
Friday, Dec. 26 8 am for Irene H. (SK)  
9 am @ **Sacred Heart** for Intentions of the parish

**NOTE:** Father Chinna will be gone from 11am Friday, returning Saturday afternoon at 3pm

Saturday, Dec. 27 4 pm for the Health of George C. (BM)  
Sunday, Dec. 28 8am @ **Sacred Heart** for Deceased of the parish  
10am @ **St. Wenceslaus** for Penny and the Health of Loyde B. (L&J)

*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.*

## Liturgical Roles

Sat. December 20, 4pm **Lector:** Gloria **Ushers:** Ron & Tom  
Sun. December 21, 10am **Lector:** Jane **Usher:** Lonnie

**Wed. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm Christmas Eve** **Lector:** Donnie **Usher:** Butch  
**Thurs. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am Christmas Day** **Lector:** Rita **Usher:**

Sat. December 27, 4pm **Lector:** Donnie **Ushers:** Loyde & Mike  
Sun. December 28, 10am **Lector:** Greg **Usher:** Curtis

## Parish Support

**St. Wenceslaus**—Dec. 14, 2025 Adult \$2264.00, Plate \$133.00, Votive \$15.00, Immaculate Conception Holy Day \$170.00, Retired Fund for Religious \$525.00, Flower donations \$205.00  
**Sacred Heart**—Dec. 14, 2025 Adult \$460.00, Youth \$11.00, Basket \$14.00, Votives \$8.99, Retirement for Religious \$10.00

**Annual Appeal 2025-2026 Fueling Missions of Hope, Goal \$14,460.00**

*“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” John 20:21*

**Thank you for your generous donations, \$8,205.00 by 24 donors.**



**What did people say at the 40 listening sessions this fall? Those comments are now available for viewing, along with a summary of the top trends. You can also check out a brief video from Fr. Derek Sakowski sharing a Christmas story illustrating what it means to “pivot from maintenance to mission”.**

**Thank you to 3,622 of you who participated in one of our 40 listening sessions this fall! If you'd like to see what you missed <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>**



After the mass on Dec. 14th, eighteen children along with family members, gathered for a practice on the stage for the nativity to be held on Dec. 21st.

Later the children decorated cupcakes with many toppings to make festive holiday treats. They also enjoyed ice cream & hot chocolate with whip cream. Bingo was played for added fun.



Our PCCW is gathering names for the shut in baskets. The Christmas Nativity program with parish potluck is **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> after 10am Mass**, and CCD will put baskets together following the program.

If you would like to contribute to the baskets, you can bring items to the hall for the baskets, such as **puzzles and crossword books, cards and handwritten notes, ornaments, homemade and sugar-free treats, fruit, dried fruit, granola bars, juice boxes, nonperishable food in small portions, socks, scarves, travel size hand creams, potpourri and other small items for the baskets.**



Join us on **Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>**, for the parish potluck and Children's Nativity program 🎵🎵🎵

Bring a dish to pass, beverages will be provided.



Church will be decorated on Sunday, December 21st after 10am Mass. If interested in helping decorate contact Bryan and Joan for more info.

#### **St. Wenceslaus and Sacred Heart Mass times:**

**Wednesday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass 4 pm a St. Wenceslaus.** Caroling before Mass @ 3:30 pm.

**Thursday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass, 8am @ Sacred Heart**

**10 am @ St. Wenceslaus, Father Sam Martin celebrating.** Caroling before Mass @ 9:30 am.

🎵🎵🎵 Monday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6 pm, choir practice for Christmas Eve Mass. Contact Bob M. 🎵🎵🎵

**Wednesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 4pm @ St. Wenceslaus, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 8am @ Sacred Heart**

**10am @ St. Wenceslaus**

#### **Televised Mass Schedule for Christmas:**

- Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 4:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.
- La Crosse, Channel 19, at 4:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Please pick up your envelopes from the back of the church, if you do not receive envelopes currently and would like to, please contact the office. Calendars are available also.

**Year End Contributions for 2025** -To be included on your 2025 contribution statement, parish contributions need to be received by the last collection of the year, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you haven't done so already, consider getting your Diocesan Annual Appeal contribution in as a 2025 contribution.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal** portal for online giving: <https://diolc.org/donate-online/>



**Christmas Flowers,** To honor a loved one with flowers for the Christmas Mass season, place an envelope with your donation in the collection basket. Please clearly print their name on the envelope and we will publish the names in the bulletin. There are envelopes on a table in back of the church. Thank you.

**Flower donations received to date,** to honor Mark Martin, Art & Ruth Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jelinek, Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Lester, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Selch.

**Two New "Connecting the Diocese" Episodes:** Check out the two most recent "Connecting the Diocese" episodes

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/connecting-the-diocese/id1438165046>

featuring **Father Tom Lindner** discussing the Jubilee Year of Hope and **Father Sam Martin** sharing Advent reflections.

<https://connecting.diolc.org/>



#### **Latest Episode of "Martin's Minutes" on YouTube:**

Physical and Spiritual Growth: Lessons from Life and Faith and Advent Reflections

**Father Martin's most recent "Martin's Minutes"** reflections <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o85u6sUIBD8>

These are inspiring thoughts of holiness and humor—made easily accessible so you can share them.

#### **The Blessing of the Home on Epiphany:**

The Solemnity of the Epiphany will fall on January 4th in 2026.

Epiphany Blessing of the Home-Jan 4th "The first Epiphany was the visit of the Magi to adore the Christ Child.

Marking doorways with chalk is a witness of faith. Use the chalk to mark above the main door, and over all exterior doors.  
(20+C+M+B+26)

- Numerals to consecrate the New Year 2026
- Initials to remind us of the Magi names-Caspar, Melchoir and Balthasar, and to represent the Latin motto: Christus Mansionem benedicat (May Christ bless this house.)
- Four crosses to represent the four seasons.

If you would like your home blessed for the Epiphany of the Lord call or text Father Chinna.

*From the Office of Sacred Worship, Director: Christopher Carstens*

**Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Wenceslaus combined website** <http://www.sacredheart-stwenceslaus.org>

Thank you to Mary W. for all the work on the website.