



The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord *January 4, 2026*

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 at 608-874-4151.

Upcoming Events:

Sat. Jan. 3rd, after 4pm Mass, Soup & sandwich supper in the hall



From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, which remembers the visit of the Magi—the three Wise Men—to the baby Jesus. These men traveled from very far away, following a bright star in the sky because they knew something wonderful had happened. When they found Jesus, they knelt and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This story shows us that Jesus did not come just for one group of people, but as a Savior for the whole world. No matter who we are or where we come from, God's love is meant for us.

The star that guided the Wise Men is a symbol of how God leads us today. Just as the Magi looked up and followed the light through the darkness, we are called to look for God's guidance in our own lives. Sometimes life can feel confusing or dark, but the message of Epiphany is that God's light is always shining, inviting us to come closer to Him. By praying and listening to His Word, we can find the right path and discover the peace that only Christ can bring to our hearts.

As we begin this New Year, let us try to be like the Magi by seeking Jesus in everything we do. We can also be like the star for other people. When we are kind, patient, and helpful, we reflect the light of Jesus to our neighbors, friends, and family. Let us ask the Lord to help us share His love with everyone we meet, so that the joy of Christmas continues to shine in our parish and our community all year long.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 3 4 pm Brothers & spouses of Bernard & Maxine Wall (G.H.)
Sunday, Jan. 4 **The Epiphany of the Lord, 8 am @ Sacred Heart** for Deceased of the parish
10 am @ St. Wenceslaus for †Deceased of Ronnfeldt & O'Brien family
Monday, Jan. 5 8 am for Doug Sander (S.K.)
Tuesday, Jan. 6 8 am for Leo & Ruby Gerlach (G.H.)
Wednesday, Jan. 7 8 am for brothers & spouses of Charles & Alma Wall (G.H.)
Thursday, Jan. 8 8 am for †Repose of the Soul of Bernice O'Brien (family)
Friday, Jan. 9 8 am for †Repose of the Souls of Gert, Al & Jerry Morovits (G.M.family)
9 am **@ Sacred Heart** for Intentions of the parish
Saturday, Jan. 10 4 pm for the Health and Healing of George Caya
Sunday, Jan. 11 **The Baptism of the Lord, 8am @ Sacred Heart** for Deceased of the parish
10am @ St. Wenceslaus for Paul Peloch's health (S&A)

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. January 3, 2026, 4pm **Lector:** Rita **Ushers:** Art & Ron
Sun. January 4, 10am **Lector:** Donnie **Ushers:** Dennis & Paul

Sat. January 10, 4pm **Lector:** Roger **Ushers:** Art & Derek
Sun. January 11, 10am **Lector:** Tom **Ushers:** Lonnie

Thank you to our volunteer lectors and ushers.

Parish Support

St. Wenceslaus- Dec. 25, Christmas, Adult \$1800.00, Plate \$389.00, Votives \$200.52
Dec. 28, 2025, Adult \$1283.00, Plate \$108.00, Votive \$71.00, Donation \$500.00.

Thank you to the family for the generous donation in memory of Dale and Bryon Cowell.

Sacred Heart-Dec. 25, Christmas, Adult \$485.00, Youth \$11.00, Basket \$42.00
Dec. 28, Adult \$460.00, Youth \$11.00, Basket \$14.00, Votives \$14.75

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 has been received from 24 donors.
100% of the amount over our goal will be returned to the parish.



4th Soup and salad supper Saturday Jan. 3rd after 4 pm Mass. Come join us after Saturday 4pm mass
for an array of soups, sandwiches and desserts. PCCW Ladies Group numbers 1 & 3 are in charge of this event.

Bingo will follow.



Lector and usher schedules for January – April 5, 2026 are located in the back of the church.

Please pick up your envelopes from the back of the church. If you do not currently receive envelopes and would like to, please contact the office. Calendars are available and the new issue of Catholic Life. <https://catholiclife.diolc.org>

Also there are Christmas bulletins with pictures of the children's Nativity and altar servers with Father.

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 in memory of: Mark Martin, Art & Ruth Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jelinek, Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Lester, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Selch, Bridget Achenbach, Grandpa L., Leonard & Mike Check, Mullarkey & Prew families; Ronald & Margaret Ritchie; Karen & Greg J. Fisher, Tom & Florence Fisher, Carolyn Fisher, Bernard & Norene Joy, Dave Joy, LeRoy Trautsch

The Blessing of the Home on Epiphany:
Chalk is available in the back of the church.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany will fall on Saturday, 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 @ 608-304-6516 or call the office 608-874-4151.

From the Office of Sacred Worship, Director: Christopher Carstens



The Jubilee Year of Hope officially ends on January 6th when Pope Leo XIV closes the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

A Mass to close the Jubilee Year in the Diocese of La Crosse was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman by Msgr. Richard Gilles on December 28th.

Knowledge of Truth: Faith and reason guide us

Truth is not something we invent. It is something we receive from God, discover through reason, and share with others. Truth corresponds to reality as it truly is, and its ultimate source is God, who is Truth itself (John 14:6). When people claim that everyone can have their own truth, there is no longer a shared foundation for right and wrong.

From Office of Catechesis and Evangelization Director: Ann Lankford | alankford@diolc.org

The openings for the Diocesan Graphic and Media Designer position and the Digital Evangelist position are located at the <https://diolc.org/jobs/> page and on Indeed. If you are interested, please check the link.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is coming to the Diocese of La Crosse, February 13-15 Sparrow's Nest, Sparta, WI

Looking for a way to rekindle the love and romance in your marriage? Your marriage is your most important human relationship. This powerful experience of discovery helps you renew your commitment, deepen your intimacy and reignite the passion that brought you together. Space is limited....click <https://wwme.org/> to save your spot today!

Stewardship:

This summer, the Leadership Roundtable surveyed more than 3,000 Catholics to assess the Church's progress in restoring trust and building a culture of transparency, co-responsibility, and accountability. The goal was to assess whether we are making progress on our mission and to understand what matters to Catholics today as we shape the work we'll provide to the Church in the years ahead.

The survey results highlight a moment of great hope. Catholics today are engaged and demonstrate strong, deep trust, particularly in their local parishes and leaders. But their trust and engagement are tenuous, and they hope to see continued progress in building transparency and accountability within their Church.

- 77% of Catholics—across ALL ages and ideologies—say building transparent and accountable leadership is a top priority for the Church's future.
- 61% of regularly giving parishioners would give MORE to their parish if the Church demonstrated greater financial transparency.
- Young adults are engaging with the Church at unprecedented levels—but their support is fragile, and many are considering leaving.

Scholarships for Individual Youth for Diocesan Sponsored Events:

We are pleased to share that scholarship funds are now available for individual youth who would like to participate in Diocesan-sponsored Youth Ministry events. These scholarships are intended to help young people ages 11–18 take part in meaningful faith-building experiences.

- Eligible events: Scholarships may be used for the following diocesan events: **Adventure Camp, Sealed! Confirmation Retreat, Youth Leadership Camp**



- How It works: Families simply need to fill out this form to be considered.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wGVXePv9KzGEQQZkTTTTIR_6b7jWDfDdL/view
- Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

These events are powerful experiences that help young people grow in discipleship and leadership. If you have any questions or need guidance in preparing your submission, please feel free to reach out.

From Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry *Director: Christopher Rogers* | crogers@diolc.org

Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting Thursday, January 22nd, in the hall.

Pastoral council will meet at 5 pm

Finance council will meet at 6 pm

St. Wenceslaus Finance and Pastoral Councils serve as advisors to the pastor for the good of the parish's mission.

The Pastoral Council provides essential input and feedback on our parish's ministries and activities, while the Finance Council attends to concerns of our parish budgets, buildings and grounds.

If you have something to bring to a council's attention, please contact any of its members:

Pastoral Council Members

Curtis P.
Ashley P.
Gloria W.
Irene H.
Mike B.
Tom O.

Finance Council Members

Audrie S.
Bill S.
Bob M.
Brian S.
Cheryl K.
Rita K.