



**SAINT WENCESLAUS
PARISH**

FATHER CHINNAPPAN PELAVENDRAN
57975 BAER COURT
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SATURDAY MASS 4PM
SUNDAY MASS 10AM

January 11, 2026 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

We Welcome New Parishioners!

Parish Office: 608-874-4151

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Pastor Chinnappan Pelavendran

www.sacredheart-stwenceslaus.org

Mass Schedule

St. Wenceslaus

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 10 am

Mon.-Fri. 8 am

First Friday 8 am

Sacred Heart

Sunday 8 am

Friday 9 am

First Friday 9:30 am

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:

Thurs. Jan. 22nd, Council meetings: Pastoral @
5pm, Finance @ 6pm.

Jan. 22nd, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

Jan. 31-Feb.1, Collection for Catholic Campaign
for Human Development



From the Pastor's Desk

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a beautiful time to reflect on the symbols of our own initiation into God's family. First, the child is anointed with the Holy Oil of Chrism. This is the same sacred oil used by the Bishop for Confirmation and the Ordination of priests. The prayer tells us that we are anointed as Priest, Prophet, and King. By this anointing, we are called to live always as members of Christ's body. We are marked forever as belonging to God and sharing in His everlasting life.

Secondly, the white garment is placed on the child to show they have "clothed themselves in Christ." This beautiful robe is an outward sign of our Christian dignity, which we are called to protect. Thirdly, the parents receive a lighted candle, a symbol of the light of Christ entering the soul. The prayer reminds us that the child has been enlightened by Christ to walk as a child of the light. We are called to keep this flame of faith burning brightly in our hearts. This light guides our steps even in the darkest moments of life. The fourth sign is the blessing of the ears and mouth, recalling how Jesus healed and opened hearts. We pray that the child will always hear the Word of God and have the courage to profess their faith.

Finally, we must remember that baptism is a commitment to be lived out every single day. While our parents made the choice for us as infants, we now say "yes" to God ourselves. We put our baptism into effect by choosing love, practicing kindness, and serving those in need. Just as the Father called Jesus His "Beloved Son". He speaks those same words over you. You are a beloved child of God, chosen and cherished by a Father who never leaves. May we live this week knowing that we are never alone, for God is our Father.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 10 4 pm for the Health and Healing of George C.
Sunday, Jan. 11 **The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 8am @ Sacred Heart** for Deceased of the parish
10am @ St. Wenceslaus for Paul P.'s health (S&A K.)
Monday, Jan. 12 8 am for the †Repose of the Soul of Leonard C. (family)
Tuesday, Jan. 13 8 am for the †Repose of the Soul of Wayne O. (family)
Wednesday, Jan. 14 8 am for the †Repose of the Soul of Dale C. (S.K.)
Thursday, Jan. 15 8 am for the †Repose of the Soul of Wilma W. (G.W.)
Friday, Jan. 16 8 am for the Intentions of our parish
9 am **@ Sacred Heart** for †Repose of the Soul of Brian D. (S.S.)
Saturday, Jan. 17 4 pm for Loyde & Penny B. (S.K.)
Sunday, Jan. 18 **8 am @ Sacred Heart** for the Deceased of the parish
10 am @ St. Wenceslaus for Joan P. (S.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.

Liturgical Roles

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

Sat. January 17, 4pm **Lector:** Chris **Ushers:** Ron & Tom
Sun. January 18, 10am **Lector:** Jane **Ushers:** Curtis

Parish Support

St. Wenceslaus- End of Year 2025 Contributions; Adult \$1,222.00, Plate \$25.00
Jan.1, 2026 Solemnity of Mary, Adult \$680.00, Plate \$161.00
Jan. 4, Adult \$1,112.00, Plate \$200.00, Votives \$75.00

Sacred Heart–Jan.1, 2026, Solemnity of Mary, Adult \$80.00, Basket \$11.00
Jan. 4, Adult \$345.00, Youth \$11.00, Basket \$35.00

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



The parish received a heartfelt *thank you* from the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith** and the Diocesan Mission Office for answering our Holy Father's call to be “**Missionaries of Hope Among the People**” with our parishes' generous response of prayer and donation of \$899.00 World Mission Sunday. Our donation will be forwarded to the national office, to support Catholic institutions most in need. Our support ensures advancement of the Gospel, so that:

- *New parishes can be established*
- *Seminarians and religious sisters can continue their formation*
- *Catholic schools and hospitals continue their vital work.*

From Mission Office Director-Rev. Woody Pace, Diocese of La Crosse

Thank you for your generous donations!

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.dioc.org>

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



Celebrating Growth: The 156 parishes of our diocese have been taking Mass counts for over two decades. Average Mass attendance in 2025 was 42,952 - an increase of 1.5% from 2024. Even with a large number of deaths, our Mass attendance has increased each year for 5 straight years. Praise God! See the updates here <https://dioc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>



January is Pro Life month:

9 Days for Life Novena: Pray to Protect Human Life! January 16-24, 2026

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Click here to register and sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message! www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup



January 22 is Day of Prayer and Penance for Protection of the Unborn

Jan. 22 is a day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of "prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion". <https://www.respectlife.org/january-22>

January Pro-Life Initiatives, Prayers and Intentions:

Though the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision declaring a right to abortion was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022, many states' laws are hostile to preborn children. And so our pro-life prayers and efforts are just as important as ever.

Learn more and find parish and personal resources from our U.S. Bishops at respectlife.org, or by scanning the QR code



to the right.



Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn more about the vast, tragic reality of human trafficking, and what you can do to make a difference, by visiting usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking, or scanning the QR code.

BEHOLD: Lambs Among Wolves | 9:00a.m. - 5:30p.m. on January 17th, Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse

All young adults ages 18–35 are invited to step away from the noise and into something real at the third annual Behold Retreat. This year's theme is **Lambs Among Wolves**. The day is focused on what it actually means to be on mission as Catholics, not in theory, but in the middle of real life. Through inspiring talks, quiet time for prayer and reflection, small groups, Confession, Adoration, and Mass, we'll dive into how God sends us back into the world with purpose, courage, and clarity.

[Register by January 10 at the website here.](#) \$30 includes the full retreat and a meal. Nursing infants are welcome. Come to be renewed. Leave ready to live on mission.

We will have a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection will be Jan. 31st-Feb. 1st. CCHD works to support those living in poverty. 25% of funds collected stay in our own diocese for antipoverty projects.

Checks should be made payable to the parish (CCHD on the memo line). One check will then be sent to the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns.

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.

Bulletin Deadline Thursday 4pm

For Hall Use, contact Father Chinna

Hall & Church Are Open 7am-5pm daily