

November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

The people who walked in darkness have seen
a great light; on those living in the land of
deep darkness a light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:2



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, December
5th with 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.

Upcoming Events:

**Sun. Nov. 30, 8am Mass at St.
Wenceslaus,** (10am Mass Sacred Heart)
We will post the parish website link soon

Dec. 5th, First Friday Adoration

**Dec. 6th, Soup and Sandwich after
4pm Mass**

**Mon. Dec. 8th 8am Mass, Feast of
Immaculate Conception, 5:30pm @
Sacred Heart**

Dec. 13-14, Annual Collection, the
Retirement Fund for Religious

From the Pastor's desk

For centuries, the people of Israel lived in fervent anticipation, clinging to the prophecies of a promised Savior. They waited for the Messiah—God's Anointed One—who would redeem them from bondage, establish justice, and usher in an everlasting kingdom of peace.

- The Old Testament is filled with this hopeful expectation, culminating in the words of prophets like Isaiah, who spoke of a light that would shine in the darkness (Isaiah 9:2). This deep longing of a chosen people mirrors the spiritual waiting we undertake today.

Advent, meaning "coming" recalls two vital moments in salvation history:

- 1. The First Coming (Past):** We remember the time when God fulfilled His ancient promise and broke into human history in the person of Jesus Christ, born humbly in Bethlehem. This is the ultimate proof that God keeps His word.
- 2. The Second Coming (Future):** We look forward to Christ's glorious return at the end of time, when He will judge the living and the dead and bring God's kingdom to its fullness.


The season of Advent is designed to help us transition from the historical waiting of Israel to our own spiritual readiness:

- **Preparing for Christmas:** As we prepare to celebrate the *historical* birth of Christ (His First Advent), we are called to actively prepare the "stable" of our hearts to receive Him anew. This means clearing out the clutter of distraction and making room for His peace, joy, and love.
- **Preparing for Glory:** By cultivating virtues like Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love now, we prepare ourselves to stand before the Lord at His ultimate return.

This season helps us to *watch* and *wait* with spiritual vigilance, ensuring our lives are in alignment with His will.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 29 4 pm for Wagner family living and deceased (S.K.)

Sunday, Nov. 30 **8am @ St. Wenceslaus**  for intention of Paul & Joan P. (C.W.)

Monday, Dec. 1 10 am @ Sacred Heart for Intentions of the parish

Tuesday, Dec. 2 8 am † Repose of the Soul of Ron Martin (L&P)

Wednesday, Dec. 3 8 am † Repose of the Soul of Heather Kramer

Thursday, Dec. 4 8 am Health of Eileen C. (S.K.)

Friday, Dec. 5 8 am † Repose of the Soul of Elaine Magdalenski (L&A S.)

 8 am Health for Loyde B. (S.K.)

 9 am @ Sacred Heart for Deceased of the parish

Saturday, Dec. 6 4 pm Rosie & Roger F. (S.K)

Sunday, Dec. 7 8 am @ Sacred Heart † Repose of the Soul of Aladean Doll (E&K B.)

 10 am @ St. Wenceslaus for Father Chinna by our parish

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. November 29, 4pm Lector: Rita Ushers: Loyde & Mike

Sun. November 30, 8am Lector: Greg Usher: Lonnie *First Sunday of Advent* 

Sat. December 6, 4pm Lector: Roger Ushers: Art and Ron

Sun. December 7th, 10am Lector: Donnie Usher: Curtis *Second Sunday of Advent*

Parish Support

St. Wenceslaus–Nov. 23, 2025 Adult \$868.00, Plate \$282.00, Votive \$47.00, Donation \$350.00 for flag

Sacred Heart–Nov. 23, 2025 Adult \$80.00, Basket \$59.00, Votives \$7.50, Rent \$600.00

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, \$3,345.00 has been received from 16 donors.




The PCCW is gathering names for the shut in baskets, contact Toni L. if you would like to suggest a name. Christmas Nativity and parish potluck is Sunday, December 21st, CCD will put baskets together that day.

Food donations are being gathered for CAP, a box is in church entry way; check the list in the entry for items requested. Thank you for the donations.

PCCW is gathering food and other goods for several families in need, **through December 8th**. Check the poster board in back for the tags listing how you can help the families. Thank you for your generosity.

Save the date: December 21st Children's Nativity and parish potluck

 **Dec. 6th** is the 3rd soup supper of the 2025-2026 season! **Come join us** after Saturday 4pm mass on December 6th, for an array of soups, sandwiches and desserts. PCCW Ladies Group numbers 5 and 6 are in charge of this event. Bingo will follow.

Advent begins Nov. 30th

Advent is the season of preparation for the birth of Christ that includes a call to purification through personal spiritual renewal, receiving the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), and making simple acts of penance and sacrifice. Purification is a key theme, involving the cleansing of hearts and minds from worldly distractions to focus on Christ's coming, asking for the grace to "purify hope" and preparing for the Lord.

The priest's vestments during Advent are purple, the color of penance and sacrifice. They are a constant reminder of our need to get ready—to be cleansed and purified. Advent is a season for stepping back from our busy lives, taking time in stillness and solitude, to reflect more deeply on the mystery of God's Incarnation—Jesus taking on human flesh to be among us. This can also include something like not having dessert occasionally, or turning off the TV for one night or setting aside an electronic device for an hour. Or this can include helping someone in need or visiting a person who is lonely. We offer small sacrifices to spend this Advent in true preparation for the real gift of Christmas—Jesus Christ.



Advent: A Prayerful Time to Prepare Our Hearts

During the beautiful season of Advent, we set aside time for preparing our hearts before the annual celebrations of Christ's birth on Christmas. We want to spend quiet moments each day to "get ready" through prayer of the heart.



On *December 8th*, the Church celebrates one of the most beautiful Truths of our Faith: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. This solemnity honors the moment when Mary, from the first instant of her existence, was preserved free from all stain of original sin. God prepared Mary in a unique way to be the Mother of His Son.


8am Mass at St. Wenceslaus, 5:30pm @ Sacred Heart

The Parish Pastoral and Financial Councils have unanimously decided to place the Flag of our Country  and the Papal flag  near the sanctuary. The flags are being purchased and will be installed soon. We extend our deepest gratitude for the generous \$350.00 donation we received toward this effort!

Holidays are approaching and this can cause many people to have holiday loneliness. The U.S. census estimates that as many as 27% of adults age 65+ live alone. Loneliness increases the risk of developing depression and anxiety. How can this be prevented?

1. **Make communication a priority** . Reach out to those that are alone so they know they have not been forgotten. Encourage other family members or friends to also call or stop in.
2. **Try to engage in social activities.** Take someone to church that might not have a ride. Offer to take them to the grocery store or Christmas shopping. Help them prepare their Christmas cards. Keep them involved.
3. **Explore a hobby or areas of interest.** Do they like to read? If so, bring them new books, or teach them to crochet and get them yarn. Keep their minds busy.

When you need someone to talk to, you can call **988** Lifeline. It's a free, confidential support line. Counselors are available for issues such as substance abuse, depression and loneliness.

Thank you to Joan for the outside Poinsetta bouquets that brighten up the grotto and the porch of the priest house. 

Save the date: December 21st Children's Nativity and parish potluck

Following the Children's Nativity and parish potluck, our CCD will assemble baskets for our parishioners that are homebound and in nursing homes. You may bring items to the hall, 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 to put in the baskets. *Please plan to join us on December 21st.*

Retirement Fund for Religious

The annual collection in parishes for the national [Retirement Fund for Religious](https://retiredreligious.org/) is scheduled for the weekend of December 13-14. Religious sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit significantly from this national collection.
<https://retiredreligious.org/>

DIOCESE of LA CROSSE SAFE ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN NOTICE

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intake_agent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at <https://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting/>. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Safe Environment training for CCD Parents

Dear Parents, we would like to invite you to view the safe environment program that is required for all volunteers and staff of each parish. This is not something that is required for you (parents) to view, but if you are interested, you can follow the directions below to view the program online at your convenience. If you do not have internet access, please contact your child's CCD teacher. For more details contact Jane Achenbach-St. Wenceslaus, Eastman. Thank you.

1) Go to <https://diolc.org/safe-environment/>

2) Click on Training

Safe Environment Training Videos can also be found under <https://diolc.org/safe-environment/library/>

Bulletin Deadline Thursday 4pm

For Hall Use, contact Father Chinna

Hall & Church Are Open 7am-5pm daily