

SAINT WENCESLAUS PARISH
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SATURDAY 4PM MASS
SUNDAY 10AM MASS

We Welcome New Parishioners!

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Mass Schedule

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

Weekly Masses listed on page 2

Rosary

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

Confessions

Saturday 3:00pm Sunday 7:30am
Wednesday-Friday by appt.
First Sunday Confessions 9:30-9:50am

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Father for preparation classes for parents.

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

Anointing of the Sick, Communion, Home Visits: Please call Father at 608-326-6511

Upcoming Events:
Oct 17th-18th Trinity Council Kof C Life Savers for Life
Oct 17th-18th World Mission Sunday
Nov. 1st Sacred Heart pancake brkfast

October 11, 2026 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the desk of Father Brandon Guenther, Pastor

Please know this bulletin article contains mature topics and may not be suitable for all children.

"Thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb" (Ps. 139:13).

As we continue through October, Respect Life Month, we reflected last week on the inherent dignity of human life stemming from being made in the image and likeness of God. Often, the topics concerning human life are divided into stages and this week we will focus on the issues arising at the beginning of life.

If you were to type into Google: "When does human life begin?" It responds: "Scientifically, a new individual human life begins at fertilization (conception)" and it cites the National Institutes of Health and the American College of Pediatricians. The Catholic Church agrees: human life begins and receives its immortal soul at the moment of conception and is endowed with all the rights and responsibilities of a human being. Preeminent among all rights is the right to life.

What does this mean for us? First, abortion is absolutely wrong and a grave offense to the dignity of human life and the fifth commandment. To procure or assist in the procurement of an abortion is an excommunicable offense. To persist in the belief that abortion is allowable or to promote or support abortion is a grave sin; a mortal sin under the normal conditions. As Catholics, we must oppose abortion. Often this is cited as a "political issue" and the Church should remain silent. "Politics" at its root means "people" or "citizens." Every issue concerning human life is indeed political and we must pursue policy and elect leaders that protect life at all stages, but most especially concerning issues that relate directly to life and death for such a great number of human beings; abortion is one of those issues.

The consequences of abortion are staggering. Since the legalization of abortion in 1974, it is estimated that more than 60,000,000 babies have been aborted in America alone. I often reflect on the number of my own generation and peers who never were given a chance to live.

The forcefulness with which we oppose abortion can often be interpreted incorrectly as hatred or simply as "pro-birth" rather than truly pro-life. In the defense of human life, we must also acknowledge a grave responsibility to support mothers in crisis pregnancies and work to ameliorate the conditions of poverty which so often lead to the decision for abortion.

We must also oppose anything that turns human life into a commodity that is bought and sold. In vitro fertilization (IVF) and surrogate motherhood are two examples. To be very clear, any child born through surrogacy or IVF has the same dignity as any other human and is a precious gift. Nevertheless, these processes involve serious violations of human dignity through conception in a petri dish, abortions to reduce the number of implanted embryos, freezing of embryos, and much more.

None of these are easy issues and can hardly be explained fully in a small bulletin article. If you or someone you love has questions about any of these topics, please feel free to reach out to me or Fr. Ward. Most of all, we know that God is merciful. If we turn away from our sin and toward him in sacramental confession, he will forgive us. God always knows our great dignity, that we are made in His image.

Welcome Monsignor Gorman October 17th-18th

Mass Intentions

Sat. Oct. 10 4pm ✝Repose of the Souls of Irene Mitchell & Scott Plondke (D&R P.)
Sun. Oct. 11 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For ✝Deceased of the parishes
10am @ St. Wenceslaus For the Wagner family, living and dead (S.K.)
Wed. Oct. 14 8am Blessings for Calvin & Janice Kramer on 55 years of marriage
Thurs. Oct. 15 **8am @ Sacred Heart** for the Faithful of the parishes
Sat. Oct. 17 4pm For ✝Repose of the Soul of Kathy Swatek
Sun. Oct. 18 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For the Faithful of the parishes **World Mission Sunday**
10am @ St. Wenceslaus Healing for the Kramer family members (T.L.)
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. Oct. 10, 4pm **Lector:** Rita **Ushers:** Art & Ron
Sun. Oct. 11, 10am **Lector:** Donnie **Ushers:** Bryan

Sat. Oct. 17, 4pm **Lector:** Roger **Ushers:** Art & Derek
Sun. Oct. 18, 10am **Lector:** Bryan **Usher:** Lonnie

Parish Support

St. Wenceslaus–Oct. 4, Adult $1411.00, Plate $499.00, Votives $76.00
Sacred Heart–Oct. 4, Adult $360.00, Basket $32.00, Smorgasbord $100.00 **Thank you for your support**!



October is the month of the Holy Rosary https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary

Join the Respect Life Novena October 22-30th on the free version of the Hallow App https://hallow.com/collections/2629/

Thank you to all who gave their time, help and donations to our Picnic & Homecoming. **2026 Parish Annual Report is ready, and copies have been placed in the back of the church.**

2026-2027: Diocesan Annual Appeal , Our Goal is $14,705.00 ***Kickoff weekend October 10th-11th***

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER For those who feel overlooked, isolated, or far from the Church: that Appeal-supported outreach, communication, and pastoral accompaniment may invite them into communion and help them discover a place in the Lord's mission, let us pray to the Lord.

In Sympathy: We offer our condolences to the family of Jim Martin. May God grant eternal life to Jim and comfort to his family. A service and funeral luncheon will be Wed. October 21st, at St. Wenceslaus

Oct 17th-18th the Trinity Council K of C, Life Savers for Life drive, Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 10 am Mass

Sunday October 18th, 1-2:30pm Life Chain @ Boat landing, Boscobel. **Stand for Life!** Bring your family, church group, friends. Join us for a prayerful stand for life. All Welcome, Contact Rosemary Hall for details.

Sun. Oct. 25th, Eastman First Responders Pancake Breakfast & Raffle, 6am-noon, Fr. Baer Hall, Raffle drawing

Oct. 31-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 Sacred Heart CCD student pancake breakfast fundraiser 7:30am-10:30am

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/

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday 4pm **For Hall Use, contact the Office** **The Hall & Church Are Open 7am-5pm daily**