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SATURDAY 4PM MASS
SUNDAY 10AM MASS

October 18, 2026 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"I ask the faithful of the Diocese of La Crosse to join me in praying for our Holy Father's healing and recovery."
Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby
Bishop of La Crosse

From the desk of Father Brandon Guenther, Pastor

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

As we approach the middle of October, Respect Life Month, we can turn from the issues arising at the beginning of human life to the range of issues arising throughout our lives. Though these issues often relate less directly to life and death, they do relate to livelihood. They relate to the complete flourishing of human life, to which Jesus calls everyone. We are called to serve those most in need in a concrete way and advocate for the flourishing of human life in the political sphere.

Another way to look at these issues is to classify them into issues of poverty and issues of freedom. The issue of poverty creates a special tension. On one hand, any poverty is a great scandal for which we ought to be especially concerned. We should be helping the poor near us in concrete ways. And we should be advocating for public policy that protects the poor and aids them in finding sustainable work and livelihood. On the other hand, Jesus Himself assures us that the poor will always be with us. Sometimes poverty doesn't relate directly to money or income. Poverty can look like the loneliness of the elderly, the isolation of those who suffer from mental illness, the exhaustion of a young family, and so much more.

Issues of human freedom remain urgent concerns throughout the world. Among these issues would be the plight of human trafficking and slavery, which still exists in some nations. They also include our systems of criminal justice and incarceration. Lately, the Church has expressed a greater concern with the prevalence of capital punishment in our own country and in other nations. Finally, the Church is concerned with how we treat foreigners and refugees. The Church has been clear that a nation does have the right to restrict and control immigration. But a nation also has the responsibility to care for refugees as they are able. This is a tension we are working out in our own nation. Nevertheless, we can't let the need for restrictions and control translate into resentment or hatred for all immigrants.

Similar to last week, none of these are easy topics and the totality of nuances can't be contained in a brief bulletin article. We ought to first take these issues to prayer and consider them seriously. Most importantly, we need to find concrete action: to be present to those in need and to help them as we are able. In all of this we hope to find the image of God in everyone, especially those who are poorest among us. As we hear Our Lord's words in the Gospel: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40)

Welcome **Monsignor Gorman October 17th-18th**

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
Oct. 25th Pancake brkfast in the hall

Please keep the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, in prayers, while he recovers from surgery.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Oct. 17 4pm For ✝Repose of the Soul of Kathy S. (S.K.)
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.)
Wed. Oct. 21 8am Health of Julia B. (S.K.)
Thurs. Oct. 22 **8am @ Sacred Heart** for the Deceased of the parishes
Fri. Oct. 23 8am For Bob & Irene H. (R.W.)
Sat. Oct. 24 4pm Blessings for Calvin & Janice K. on 55 years of marriage
Sun. Oct. 25 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For Rich P. (S.R.)
10am @ St. Wenceslaus For Intentions of our parishes

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

Sat. Oct. 24, 4pm **Lector:** Chris **Ushers:** Ron & Tom
Sun. Oct. 25, 10am **Lector:** Tom **Usher:** Curtis



October is the month of the Holy Rosary

2026-2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal, our goal is $14,705.00

Parish Support

St. Wenceslaus–Oct. 11, Adult $1185.00, Plate $453.00, Votives $60.00
Sacred Heart–Oct. 11, Adult $325.00, Basket $16.00, Smorgasbord $1370.00
Thank you for your support!



In Sympathy: We offer our condolences to the family of Roseann Feye. May God grant eternal life to Roseann and comfort to her family.



World Mission Sunday, October 18th, 100 years of Mission. See the Pope's message https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1Bwzdet1_o

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

Sun. Oct. 25th, Eastman First Responders Pancake Breakfast & Raffle, 6am-noon. Dine in or take out. Pancakes, French toast, ham, applesauce, coffee, milk. Adults $7, Kids 6-10 $3, under 6 free. Raffle drawing

Thurs. Oct 29th PCCW meeting 6:00pm in the hall. We will discuss the basket list, fall collection and Christmas program.

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Blest Art in the hall, Olive Wood carvings, purchases will support families in the Holy Land

Nov. 1st Sacred Heart CCD student pancake breakfast fundraiser 7:30-10:00am. See poster in entry and hall

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**

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https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html

Bishop Battersby Statement:

Like Catholics throughout the world, I received the news of Pope Leo XIV's cancer diagnosis with concern and the report of his successful surgery with gratitude. I ask the faithful of the Diocese of La Crosse to join me in praying for our Holy Father's healing and recovery.

Pope Leo XIV has been entrusted with the mantle of St. Peter and bears an awesome burden on behalf of us all. We pray every day for the health and wisdom of the Holy Father, today especially we join together that we might help him bear this new burden allowed by Providence.

I have no doubt he is offering his sufferings on behalf of us all and we in turn offer our own prayers and sufferings on his behalf and on the behalf of the Church, each following St. Paul's exhortation, making up in our own flesh what remains in the suffering of Christ. (cf. Colossians 1:24)

We are confident that all things work together for the good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose. (cf. Romans 8:28) God is able to use all the events of our lives caught up in the victory of his Son making even the trials we endure a reason for hope.

Please join me in imploring heaven for healing and hope for our beloved Holy Father, St. Callistus pray for him**.**

Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby
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