



St. Wenceslaus Catholic Parish
57975 Baer Court, Eastman, WI 54626

September 20, 2026
25th Sunday Ordinary Time

***We Welcome New
Parishioners!***

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Mass Schedule

<u>St. Wenceslaus</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
Saturday 4pm	Sunday 8am
Sunday 10am	

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Rosary

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

Confessions

Sat. 3:00-3:45pm Sunday 7:30am
First Sunday 9:30am-9:50am

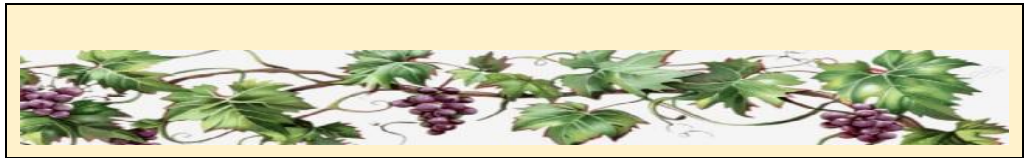
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact
Father for preparation classes for
parents; also recommended for new
Godparents

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

Anointing of the Sick, Communion

Home Visits: Please contact Holy
Family Parish at (608) 326-6511

**Sun. Sept. 20th, Holy Family Fall
Bazaar at St. John's 11am-4:30pm**



From the desk of Father Brian Ward, Associate Pastor

Following up on the "changes"—or more accurately, the development—of teachings within the Church that I have shared over the last couple of weeks, I want to talk about assent.

Generally, assent means giving formal agreement to something after careful thought. In Catholic theology, assent means choosing to accept the Church's official teachings with both your mind and your will. Not every church teaching requires the exact same response.

There are different levels of assent within the Catholic Church:

Infallible Teachings: The highest level of teaching authority is owed to the infallible definitions of the Church. To these divinely revealed dogmas, all Catholics owe unconditional, full acceptance of belief.

The Authentic Ordinary Magisterium: Below infallible dogmas are the everyday official teachings of the Pope and bishops. For these, we give what is called a "religious submission of the mind and will." This means that as faithful Catholics, our starting point is to humbly presume the teaching is correct, even if we are still working to fully understand it.

How does this connect to the development of doctrine? When Christ and the Apostles established the Church in the first century, all the truths necessary for our salvation were fully revealed. However, they were not all fully understood right away.

Take the Bible for example. Our Catholic Bible has 73 books, but during the first century, the New Testament was still being written. In the early centuries, Christians did not automatically agree on which writings belonged in the official Scriptures. Scripture fell into three categories: accepted, debated, or rejected.

Around 20 New Testament books were accepted by everyone, but 7 books (like Revelation and Hebrews) were debated for a long time, while countless others were completely rejected. It actually took until the Council of Trent in 1546 for the Church to infallibly declare the final, definitive list of Scripture. That means for centuries, a Catholic who wrestled with whether the Book of Revelation was truly inspired was not committing heresy. Because the Church had not yet made an infallible declaration, that highest level of assent was not yet required.

The Church's understanding of truth grows clearer over time, guiding her children step-by-step. The takeaway here is that God does not hold early Christians accountable for not knowing what the Church hadn't yet explicitly defined.

In next week's bulletin, we will look at how vincible and invincible ignorance work in Catholic theology.

Catechetical Sunday is September 20th. We pray for a blessing on our Catechetical leader Father Brian Ward; DRE Jane; Catechists Ashley & Jane, and our students and parents.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19 4pm For †Repose of the Soul of Roger Martin (family)
Sunday, September 20 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For the intentions of our parishes
10am @ St. Wenceslaus For our Religious Education children, parents and teachers
Monday, September 21 8am For †Repose of the Soul of Steve DuCharme (S.K.)
Wednesday, September 23 8am For Father Chinna (S.K.)
Thursday, September 24 **8am @ Sacred Heart** for the Deceased of our parishes
Friday, September 25 8am For Irene H. (S.K.)
Saturday, September 26 4pm For †Repose of the Soul of Darcia Hall (D&R H.)
Sunday, September 27 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For †Repose of the Soul of Aladean Doll (D& B D.)
10am @ St. Wenceslaus For the Intentions of our parish on the Feast Day of St. Wenceslaus
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.



Thank you to all who participated in taping the TV Masses which will air 9:30am on La Crosse Channel 19. Sacred Heart Mass will air Sunday, Sept. 20th. You can also find the Masses online @ <https://diolc.org/live>

Liturgical Roles

Sat. Sept. 19, 4pm Lector: Chris Ushers: Art & Derek
Sun. Sept. 20, 10am Lector: Tom Ushers: Lonnie

Sat. Sept. 26, 4pm Lector: Gloria Ushers: Ron & Tom
Sun. Sept. 27, 10am Lector: Jane Usher: Curtis

Parish Support

St. Wenceslaus – Sept. 13, Adult \$890.00, Plate \$347.00, Votives \$60.00
Sacred Heart – Sept. 13, Adult \$1080.00, Basket \$34.00, Votives \$5.20, Smorgasbord \$200.00
Thank you for your support!



Religious Education classes begin Sunday Sept. 20th @ 9am. All children are welcome to attend, if you would enjoy teaching, please reach out to Jane A. and Father Ward.
Come join our classes

Holy Family Fall Bazaar Sept. 20th, St. John's, Charcoal Broiled Chicken Dinner serving 11am-1:30pm. Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup and Chicken Salad and Ham Sandwiches 4:30pm-6pm. Games and refreshments on the grounds. Raffle drawing 6:15pm, Grand prize \$1,000.00 <https://prairiecatholic.org/>

Rural Life Day Sept. 23, 2026 - Creamery Creek in Bangor <https://diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/>

St. Mary's, Gays Mills Apple Fest food stand at the fairgrounds on September 26th and 27th

Eastman Fire Department Hog Roast September 26th, 4-8pm Cost: \$10, Dine in or carry out. \$8.00- age 12 & under

St. Philip's, Rolling Ground, Fall Festival on October 4, 2026 <https://www.catholicchurchesofncc.com/bulletins>

Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting Tuesday, September 22nd, in the hall.

Pastoral council will meet at 6:45 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.

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday 4pm

For Hall Use, contact the office.

Hall & Church Are Open 7am-5pm