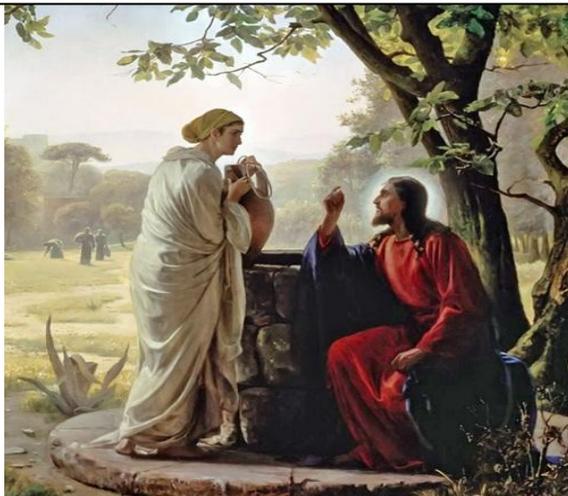




**SAINT WENCESLAUS  
PARISH**  
 FATHER CHINNAPPAN PELAVENDRAN  
 57975 BAER COURT  
 EASTMAN, WI 54626  
 SATURDAY MASS 4PM  
 SUNDAY MASS 10AM

*March 8, 2026 Third Sunday of Lent*



**Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10**

*We Welcome New Parishioners!*

**Parish Office: 608-874-4151**  
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**Pastor Chinnappan Pelavendran**  
[www.sacredheart-stwenceslaus.org](http://www.sacredheart-stwenceslaus.org)

**Mass Schedule**

<b><u>St. Wenceslaus</u></b>	<b><u>Sacred Heart</u></b>
Saturday 4pm	Sunday 8am
Sunday 10am	Friday 9am
Mon.-Thurs. 8am	First Friday 9:30am
<b>Fridays in Lent; after Stations of the Cross</b>	

**Rosary**

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

**Confessions**

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm      Sunday 7:30am  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 9:30-9:50am\*  
 Tuesday-Friday by appointment

**First Friday Adoration 8:30am, Benediction @ 5:00pm**, followed by Stations of the Cross and Mass

**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:**

**Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>**, Sat. Soup supper after 4pm Mass

**Mar. 8**, Sun. *Daylight Savings Time*

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Today's Gospel presents us with one of the most beautiful and transformative encounters in all of Scripture: Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. In the Bible, a well is often a place of betrothal where marriages begin, and here, Jesus acts as the Divine Bridegroom seeking out His people. He deliberately chooses to pass through Samaria, entering a place of hostility to speak to a woman others would ignore or condemn. When Jesus asks her for a drink, He is not just looking for water; He is looking for her heart. He moves the conversation from the physical thirst of H<sub>2</sub>O to the deep, spiritual thirst of the soul. We all carry this same thirst—a longing for love, meaning, and forgiveness—and Jesus reveals that He is the only "Living Water" that can truly satisfy us.

However, receiving this living water requires us to be honest about our lives. Jesus gently touches the woman's deepest wound by naming her five broken marriages and her current situation. Initially, she tries to change the subject to theology and politics, much like we do when we want to avoid looking at our own sins or disappointments. But Jesus does not use the truth to humiliate her; He uses it to set her free. He shows us that our past mistakes do not stop Him from loving us, but they must be brought into the light so they can be healed. He invites her—and all of us—to leave our "water jars" of old burdens and shame behind.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us ask ourselves what "wells" we are returning to that leave us empty. Lent is not merely about giving up small comforts; it is about allowing Christ to meet us at the well of our own hearts. The Living Water that flowed from Christ's side on the Cross is offered to us in the Sacraments to wash us completely. The only real danger we face is not our weakness or our history, but a hardened heart that refuses to be seen by God. If you hear His voice today, do not harden your heart. Jesus is waiting at the well, not to judge you, but to unite Himself to you and turn your thirst into a spring of eternal life.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar. 7 4pm †Repose of Souls of Bob & Ann G. (by family)  
Sunday, Mar. 8 8am @ Sacred Heart for Intentions of the parish  
10am @ St. Wenceslaus for Farmers and our farming community  
Monday, Mar. 9 8am for †Repose of Soul of Cleamour V. (by G&D C.)  
Tuesday, Mar. 10 8am for Father Chinna intention (by L&P)  
Wednesday, Mar. 11 8am for the Wagner family (S.K.)  
Thursday, Mar. 8am for †Repose of Soul of Simon K. (by family)  
Friday, Mar. 13 5pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass for †Repose of Soul of Ron M. (by friends)  
9am @ Sacred Heart for the Intentions of the parish  
Saturday, Mar. 14 4pm †Repose of Souls of Jack & Edith M. (family)  
Sunday, Mar. 15 8am @ Sacred Heart for Father Chinna by the parish  
10am @ St. Wenceslaus for First Responders (by friends)

### **Mass intentions are needed.**

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.

**No 8am Mass on Fridays. Stations of the Cross on Fridays @ 5pm, followed by Mass**

**Volunteers needed:** Holy Thursday Mass is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Father is seeking 4 volunteers to participate in the Maundy Thursday rite of washing of the feet. Volunteers age 18 and older are invited to speak with Father.

**Communal Confessions (Multiple Priests Avail.)** Sat. Mar. 14th Seneca St. Patrick's 11:00am - 12:00pm  
Tues. Mar. 24th - PdC Confessions @ St. John's Church - 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
Thurs. Mar. 26th - Eastman Confessions @ St. Wenceslaus - 4:00pm - 5:00pm

### Liturgical Roles

Sat. March 7, 4pm **Lector:** Donnie **Ushers:** Art & Derek  
Sun. March 8, 10am **Lector:** Jane **Ushers:** Dennis & Paul

Sat. March 14, 4pm **Lector:** Rita **Ushers:** Ron & Tom  
Sun. March 15, 10am **Lector:** Greg **Ushers:** Lonnie

### Parish Support

**St. Wenceslaus-** March 1, Adult \$1094.00, Plate \$244.00, Votives \$41.00  
**Sacred Heart-** March 1, Adult \$240.00, Youth \$6.00, Basket \$46.00

Thank you for your support!

**Contribution statements for contributions of \$250.00 or more are located in the back of the church.**

**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, \$9,515.00 has been received from 31 donors. Percent of goal received 66%**

<https://diolc.org/donate-online>.





Confirmation will be 6:30pm on April 29th at St. John's. The entire St Wenceslaus family is invited to attend



**6<sup>th</sup> Soup supper of the season is Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> after 4pm Mass. Come join us in Father Baer hall, after Saturday 4pm mass for an array of soups, sandwiches and desserts. PCCW Ladies Groups 5 & 6 are in charge of this event. *Come join us* for the last soup supper of the season.**



Prairie Catholic Schools  
Washington D.C. Fundraiser



**Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, Prairie Catholic School Washington D.C. Fundraiser  
4:30-7:30pm @ Jones Black Angus, Prairie du Chien**

All you can eat *Italian Buffet* including Salad bar, \$15 per ticket  
Advanced tickets are appreciated, and can be purchased from any Prairie Catholic 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> grade student.  
**Walk ins welcome, Dine in only** <https://prairiecatholic.org/>



If you would like to donate towards the purchase of the **Easter lilies and flowers** in memory of loved ones, place your envelope with donation in the collection basket. Please clearly print all names. We will publish your loved ones names in the bulletin. Thank you.

**More Time for Prayer During Lent**

Praying the Stations of the Cross is most appropriate during the season of Lent. "The Stations of the Cross allow us to prayerfully journey with Jesus to Golgotha, the place of His Crucifixion. The Stations of the Cross are also a means to enter into our suffering and experience the hope we have in Christ through the Resurrection. They give us the courage to journey alongside those who are suffering, to provide a helping hand to those who have fallen, to help someone carry their cross, to offer an act of compassion in the midst of humiliation, to simply sit at the foot of the cross and witness suffering and know that as we encounter others who suffer, we encounter Christ, as well."

From the *Office of Catechesis and Evangelization, Director Ann Lankford*

**Plenary Indulgence: The faithful who personally make the pious Way of the Cross can obtain a plenary indulgence. To obtain a plenary indulgence, the member of the faithful must:**

- 1) be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin
- 2) perform the indulgence work (in this case, make the Way of the Cross)
- 3) make a sacramental confession (several days before or after is fine)
- 4) receive Communion (on the same day as performing the indulgence work)
- 5) recite prayers for the intention of the Holy Father (on the same day as performing the indulgence work).

If the person is lacking the right disposition or does not meet one of the prescribed conditions, while they do not obtain a plenary indulgence, a partial indulgence is still obtained.



**Lenten information from the Office of Sacred Worship  
5th Sunday of Lent-Covering Crosses and Images**

In the Diocese of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the Fifth Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.



**March 31st | St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse 10:30 am**

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

Daylight savings time Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, turn clocks forward 1 hour



**Knights of Columbus Council 12183 Fish Fry**

**Friday, March 13th, 5pm-9pm in Fr. Baer hall**

\$15 per person, Children 7-12 \$10 Children under 6-free

Proceeds go towards numerous projects

Menu: Deep-fried cod, Baked beans, Potato salad and Coleslaw

**Eastman Community Club Fish Fry Friday March 27th @ Eastman Fire Station 4:30-8pm**

**March 18th, Pancake Supper 4:30-7-pm Youth Group Mission Trip Fundraiser-Eastman UM Church Friendship Hall All you can eat, \$6 per person, dine in or carry out**

Little Saints Learning Center is looking for a part-time Teacher Assistant. Contact 608-326-8624 for more info.

<https://prairiecatholic.org/>

**Urgent Pro-Life Action Alert from the U.S. Bishops**

Congress is urgently debating plans to reduce the cost of health insurance for many patients. But one of the issues is the use of taxpayer dollars to help pay for abortions. The Hyde Amendment is a law that has saved 30,000 babies' lives per year for 50 years by preventing most federal taxpayer funding of abortion – but its protections do not automatically apply to everything. Please tell your members of Congress today to develop a health care plan that protects human dignity and fully applies the Hyde Amendment. No one should go without needed access to health care, and taxpayer dollars should never be used to pay for elective abortions. Visit [the USCCB link here](#) to learn how to make your voice heard.

<https://votervoice.net/USCCB/home>

**Immigration Resources in this Time of Turmoil:**

For statements from the bishops related to immigration, and helpful guidance and resources from Catholic Charities

Immigration Services, visit [the link here](#) or scan the QR code on the right.



<https://diolc.org/social-concerns/>

**Catholic Charities Lenten Appeal <https://cclse.org/lenten-appeal/>**

Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst (especially in winter) to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities.

Thank you for being part of our mission and for allowing God's love to shine through you this Lenten season!

Find out how you can help by visiting [cclse.org](https://cclse.org)

**Bulletin Deadline Thursday 4pm**

**For Hall Use, contact Father Chinna**

**Hall & Church Are Open 7am-5pm daily**