



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

September 6, 2026
23rd 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	

Weekday Mass times on page 2

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

Welcome Monsignor Gorman
for our Masses on Saturday
September 12th and Sunday
September 13th.

Welcome all to our Parish Picnic & Homecoming.

We invite you to share in the blessings of our parish family!



From the desk of Father Brian Ward, Associate Pastor

I wanted to talk about the Second Vatican Council and traditionalist groups like the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX), questions can arise regarding whether the Church changed teachings that were supposed to be unalterable.

First, we must hold fast to the dogma of Church Indefectibility. Pope Leo XIII declared that the Church is, by divine constitution, visible and perpetual. A pre-Vatican II theologian Msgr. Joseph Fenton showed, indefectibility guarantees that the Church can never become a corrupt or false version of herself. The First Vatican Council dogmatically defined that the Church's supreme teaching authority is preserved from error when definitively binding the faithful on faith and morals.

To navigate the changes made at Vatican II, theologians use "Theological Notes" to rank the authority of Church teachings. High-level notes like De Fide (defined dogma) and Proxima Fidei (proximate to faith) represent infallible truths that every Catholic must believe; they are immutable and can never change. However, lower categories—such as Sententia Communis (common teaching) or Sententia Secura (safe teaching)—are authoritative and require religious submission, but they remain inherently open to reform when pastoral circumstances change.

The developments regarding religious freedom, ecumenism, and the liturgy did not belong to unchangeable dogmatic notes. They were reformable doctrines and disciplines, meaning they could be legitimately developed by an Ecumenical Council. For example, Msgr. Fenton and Cardinal Alfredo Ottaviani argued that Pope Pius IX's Syllabus of Errors (1864) was an exercise of the ordinary magisterium carrying the note of Sententia Secura. They taught that while a "Confessional Catholic State" was the ideal *thesis*, the Church could practically tolerate religious freedom in pluralistic societies as a *hypothesis*. Because state-church policy was not an immutable dogma, Vatican II held the legitimate authority to adapt it.

Similarly, critics point to Pope Pius XI's 1928 encyclical *Mortalium Animos*, which strictly forbade Catholics from attending non-Catholic ecumenical assemblies. It was a necessary restriction for its time, but no theologian claimed the ban itself was an unalterable dogma. In fact, the door to modern ecumenical dialogue was cracked open long before Vatican II. Pope St. Pius X privately reviewed and authorized Bishop Bonomelli to send a letter of greeting to the 1910 Protestant World Missionary Conference, and Pope Pius XII further loosened restrictions on ecumenical contact in his 1949 instruction, *Ecclesia Catholica*.

From Father Ward's Desk, continued: Ultimately, Vatican II did not overturn dogma. Instead, the Council exercised its legitimate authority to reform alterable practices, develop reformable teachings, and adapt its pastoral approach. As faithful Catholics, we can fully embrace the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, confident that Christ continues to guide and preserve His visible Church.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 5 4pm For †Repose of the Souls of Al & Rose Berg
Sunday, September 6 **8am @ Sacred Heart** for Strength & healing for Donnie Walker
10am @ St. Wenceslaus For intentions of all our parishes-*First Sunday Confessions @ 9:30am*
Monday, September 7 8am For Father Chinna
Wednesday, September 9 *No Mass at St. Wenceslaus*
Thursday, September 10 *No Mass at Sacred Heart*
Friday, September 11 8am For Ron Wagner
Saturday, September 12 4pm For Loyde & Penny
Sunday, September 13 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For the Faithful of all our parishes
10am @ St. Wenceslaus For †Repose of the Soul of Mark Martin

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 the TV Masses. St. Wenceslaus Mass will air Sept. 13th. Sacred Heart Mass will air Sept. 20th, 9:30am on La Crosse Channel 19, or online @ <https://diolc.org/live>

Or archive <https://www.youtube.com/user/dioceseflacrosse>

Liturgical Roles

Sat. Sept. 5, 4pm **Lector:** Rita **Ushers:** Loyde & Mike
Sun. Sept. 6, 10am **Lector:** Donnie **Ushers:** Dennis & Paul

Sat. Sept. 12, 4pm **Lector:** Roger **Ushers:** Art & Ron
Sun. Sept. 13, 10am **Lector:** Bryan **Usher:** Bryan



All children are welcome to attend our Religious Education classes. Please speak with Jane A. and Father Brian Ward for the dates and time. Thank you

Parish Support

St. Wenceslaus - Aug. 30, Adult \$1550.00, Plate \$435.00, Youth \$1.00, Votives \$35.00
Sacred Heart - Aug. 30, Adult \$475.00, Youth \$5.00, Basket \$42.00, Votives \$30.55

Thank you for your support!

St. Patrick's fall bazaar Sept. 13th, Smoked pork chop dinner, hot dog plate for kids, serving 11am-2pm. Games, basket raffle, parcel post, Bingo, Pie auction at noon, at 1pm and following Raffle drawing 2:30pm
<https://www.catholicchurchesofncc.com>

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/>

St. Mary's, Gays Mills, Sept 26th-27th, Apple Fest weekend, taco bar and pie stand, at the fairgrounds.

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday 4pm For Hall Use, contact Father Guenther **Hall & Church Are Open 7am-5pm**