



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

July 26, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Welcome New Parishioners!

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Mass Schedule

St. Wenceslaus **Sacred Heart**

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 8am

Sunday 10am

Weekday Mass times on page 2

Rosary

Saturday 3:40pm

Sunday 7:40am

Sunday 9:40am

Confessions

Sat. 3:00-3:45

Sunday 7:30am

First Sunday 9:30am-9:50am

Tuesday-Friday by appointment

First Friday Adoration & Benediction

will be scheduled

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

Sat. Aug 1-Sun. Aug 2-Mission Coop weekend

Sat. Aug. 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Parishioners,

What is prayer? That seems like a simple question, but maybe take a second and answer in your own words...what is prayer? There are so many ways to define "prayer." But there are a few definitions that I think we can find helpful as we seek to be holy. Holy people go to heaven. And holy people pray!

Maybe the simplest way to define prayer is simply "talking with God." Indeed that is what prayer is at its core. But maybe more deeply, being able to talk with God is truly incredible in and of itself. The creator of the universe not only gives us the ability to talk with Him, but He enjoys talking to us! This definition highlights the relational aspect of prayer. If we knew of a married couple that deeply loved each other, but never talked, we'd probably wonder if they really loved each other! If we say we love God, but never talk with Him, do we really love Him?

Defining prayer as "talking with God" also highlights the necessity of silence in prayer. Sometimes we call this meditation or contemplation, but very simply we can and should spend time in silence with God. If prayer is "talking," then this makes sense. If we say all the words, prayer isn't not talking **with** God, it's talking **at** God. Prayer necessarily leaves room for God to speak. God often chooses not to speak audibly in our ears, but, in my experience, He speaks softly and slowly directly to our hearts...if we are listening.

Another definition of prayer might simply be "communing with God." Communing (or communicating) is very similar to "talking," but has a different connotation. Communing means "sharing life" with God. Sharing our joys, struggles, and everything in between. And God shares His life with us; we sometimes call this "grace:" the free, unmerited favor and love of God. Sharing life with God is seen most especially in the Eucharist (AKA Communion), where Christ literally shares Himself with us and we with Him.

This week I'd like to challenge you to first spend time with God, if you don't already. And if you already pray regularly, simply ask God how he'd like to talk with you. How can you commune more deeply with Him? You might be surprised by the answer!

August 1st-2nd is Mission Coop weekend. Please welcome Fr. Joy Palchuvattil SAC, from Pallottines Fathers and Brothers. Father will be sharing with us the work they do in India and Zambia.

Mission appeal envelopes are in your envelope box. Please make checks payable to St. Wenceslaus parish.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25 4pm For Loyde & Penny B.
Sunday, July 26 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For all the Faithful of our Parishes
10am @ St. Wenceslaus For an Increase in Vocations to the Religious Life
Monday, July 27 8am For †Repose of the Soul of Brenda J.
Tuesday, July 28 8am *no Mass at St. Wenceslaus* 2:30pm @ SG
Wednesday, July 29 8am For †Repose of Soul of Phyllis W.
Thursday, July 30 8am @ **Sacred Heart** For Deceased and living Paul D. family
Friday, July 31 8am For Landon K.
Saturday August 1 4pm For †Repose of the Soul of Ray Konicheck Jr.
Sunday, August 2 **8am @ Sacred Heart** For Kathy Degnan
10am @ St. Wenceslaus For health & healing of those who need it

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. July 25, 4pm	Lector: Donnie	Ushers: Art & Derek
Sun. July 26, 10am	Lector: Greg	Usher: Lonnie
Sat. Aug. 1, 4pm	Lector: Rita	Ushers: Ron & Tom
Sun. Aug. 2, 10am	Lector: Donnie	Ushers: Curtis

Parish Support

St. Wenceslaus- July 19, Adult \$1020.00, Plate \$371.00, Youth \$2.00, Votives \$40.00

Sacred Heart- July 19, Adult \$330.00, Youth \$10.00, Basket \$31.00

Thank you for your support!

Please pick up your picnic tickets, located in envelopes, in back of the church.

Seven Sister Apostolate Prayer Group - In need of 7 women and Substitutes from St. Wenceslaus, Sacred Heart parishes who would like to commit one hour a week in prayer preferably in the church or also could be done at home. Each lady is assigned a day of the week that she would religiously offer prayers for our priest, Fr. Ward. Any time of the day you may say the prayers as long as it's on the day of your commitment. Please reach out to Jane A. if you have interest in being one of these women. Dr. Ann of Holy Family will meet with the group to further explain the Seven Sisters Apostolate.



Brat Fest Sunday July 26th, St. Gabriel's Parish, in the backyard of St. Gabe's rectory.

Serving brats, hamburgers and sweet corn.

Raffle, Bingo & Bake sale. Mass Times will be switched, 8am at St. John's, 10:30am at St.

Gabriel's. <https://prairiecatholic.org/>



**CHESTERTON ACADEMY
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Please pray for this project and spread the word! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or comments! mcaro@prairiecatholic.org or 608-326-6511

Pastoral and Finance Councils combined Meeting, Thursday, July 30th, 6 pm in the hall.

If you have something to bring to a council's attention, please contact any of its members.

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