



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

February 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent



We Welcome New Parishioners!

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Mass Schedule

St. Wenceslaus	Sacred Heart
Saturday 4pm	Sunday 8am
Sunday 10am	Friday 9am
Mon.-Thurs. 8am	First Friday 9:30am

Fridays in Lent; after Stations of the Cross

Rosary

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

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm Sunday 7:30am
 1st Sunday 9:30-9:50am
 Tuesday-Friday by appointment

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

First Friday March 6th, Adoration 8:30am,
Benediction @ 5:00pm, followed by Stations
 of the Cross and Mass

Sat. March 7th, Soup supper after 4pm Mass

From the Pastor's Desk

The Meaning of our Forty-Day Journey. Lent is a special time in the Church year where we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. For forty days, we are invited to take a step back from our busy lives and focus on our relationship with God. The word "Lent" actually comes from an old word meaning "springtime," and that is exactly what this season should be for our souls—a time for new growth, cleaning out the old habits that keep us from God, and planting seeds of faith, hope, and love.

The Biblical Significance of Forty. The number forty is very important in the Bible and usually represents a time of testing, preparation, and purification. We remember how Noah waited forty days for the floodwaters to recede, and how the people of Israel wandered in the desert for forty years before entering the Promised Land. Most importantly, we look to Jesus, who spent forty days in the wilderness praying and fasting before He began His public ministry. By observing these forty days of Lent, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus, learning to rely on God's word rather than our own desires.

How We Live These Days Together. This season is a gift that helps us reset our spiritual lives through three main pillars: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. When we pray, we listen to God; when we fast, we make room for Him by letting go of distractions; and when we give to the poor, we share His love with others. I encourage you not to see Lent as a burden, but as a beautiful opportunity to grow closer to the Lord. Let us walk these forty days together as a parish family, supporting one another so that we may arrive at the Resurrection with pure hearts and renewed joy.



**Stations of the Cross on Fridays @ 5pm
 followed by Mass**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb. 21 4pm for Special Intention (L&P)
Sunday, Feb. 22 8am @ Sacred Heart for Votive Mass for Peace
10am @ St. Wenceslaus †Repose of Soul of Mark M. (B.M.)
Monday, Feb. 23 8am for George C. (L&P)
Tuesday, Feb. 24 8am for †Repose of Souls of Francis and Leone B. (L&P)
Wednesday, Feb. 25 8am for Carol W. (S.K.)
Thursday, Feb. 26 8am for Irene H. (S.K.)
Friday, Feb. 27 5pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass, for †Repose of Soul of Ron M. (S.K.)
9am @ Sacred Heart for the Intentions of the parish
Saturday, Feb. 28 4pm Donna and Bruce C. 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, Mar. 1 8am @ Sacred Heart for Father Chinna by the parish
10am @ St. Wenceslaus †Repose of Soul of Bryon C. (J.C.)

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.

Liturgical Roles

Sat. February 21, 4pm **Lector:** Chris **Ushers:** Loyde & Mike
Sun. February 22, 10am **Lector:** Donnie **Ushers:** Lonnie

Sat. February 28, 4pm **Lector:** Gloria **Ushers:** Art & Ron
Sun. March 1, 10am **Lector:** Tom **Ushers:** Curtis

Parish Support

St. Wenceslaus- February 15, Adult \$1070.00, Plate \$359.00, Youth .75, Votives 47.00, Catholic Life \$20.00
Sacred Heart-February 15, Adult \$317.00, Youth \$1.00, Basket \$8.25, Votives \$5.00, Misc. \$17.00
Ash Wednesday February 18, Adult \$80.00, Youth \$5.00, Basket \$73.00

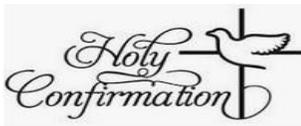
Contribution statements have been printed for contributions of \$250.00 or more and are located in the back of the church. Statements of less than \$250.00 are available, please call the office @ 608-874-4151; or email stwenceslaus@centurytel.net with your request.

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 is @ 6:30pm, April 29th at St. John's, the entire St Wenceslaus family is invited to attend.

Stations of the Cross Friday February 27th @ 5:00pm followed by Mass

First Friday March 6th. Adoration @ 8:30am, Benediction @ 5:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross and Mass

Stations of the Cross Friday's March 13th, 20th and 27th @ 5:00pm followed by Mass

Daylight savings time Sunday March 8th



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.

Lenten information from the Office of Sacred Worship, *Director Christopher Carstens*

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

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.

Lent: Remembering God's Goodness and Acknowledging Our Sin

An important component of our Lenten journey is to realize and remember what God has done for us. Jesus proved His love for us as He gave His life for us on the cross that we might spend eternity with Him in perfect bliss. The foundation of our Lenten practices needs to be based upon thanking Jesus for His kindness, generosity and self-sacrificial love. Take time to look back over the day to see where you have experienced His kindness and generosity.

MCA Lenten Mite Box Collection:



Our CCD children have received Mite boxes for Lent. The MCA (Missionary Childhood Association) is a program of "Children helping Children." Together we pray, fast, and give alms for others. The Lenten Mite Box is a primary tool for uniting us in faith across geographical and cultural distances.

From Office of Missions Director: Father Woodrow Pace



Invite One Person Back to the Parish: Isn't it time to invite people to return home?

The goal of this initiative is to provide occasions for people to feel welcomed and to encounter Jesus Christ and His Church, allowing them to experience God's love, mercy, and goodness. To do that, we all need to invite back everyone who has left. Let us pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit's guidance and fortitude to carry out this sacred mission.



6th Soup supper for the season is Saturday March 7th after 4pm Mass.
Come join us after Saturday 4pm mass for an array of soups, sandwiches and desserts. PCCW Ladies Group numbers 5 & 6 are in charge of this event. This is the last soup supper for the season.



Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council 12183 Fish Fry
Friday, March 13, 5pm-9pm in Fr. Baer hall

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

<https://www.sacredheart-stwenceslaus.org/news---announcements>

Check <https://diolc.org/fishfrynder/>

Holy Family Fish Fry will be March 6th @ St. John's Hall



Eastman Community Club Fish Fry Friday March 27th @ Eastman Fire Dept

Holy Family Parish in Prairie du Chien is in the early stages of discerning a **Catholic, classical high school to open in the fall of 2027**. They hope to offer families in our region an authentically Catholic and academically excellent option for their children's high school years. This new school represents a timely opportunity to deepen the formation of young people in truth, goodness and beauty. They are seeking input from parents and families to help understand local interest. This link is a brief interest survey for parents who want to learn more about the school. Click the link or scan the QR code



to give your input on the survey. <https://form.jotform.com/253506695282161> *Thank you!*



Chalice of Mercy

Holy Family Parish is participating in a collection of humanitarian supplies for Chalice of Mercy, to assist the suffering people of Ukraine. **Until February 22nd**, items may be brought to **St. John's parish hall** Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm or during Mass times on Saturday and Sunday, and placed on the appropriate tables. Only **new or like new items** are requested. **Especially needed is warm clothing and coats**. Items must be in **St. John's hall by February 22nd**.

The goods collected in the diocese will be flown to Ukraine by March 1st, in time to help citizens get through the winter. For a list of the items needed visit diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy or scan the QR code below.



Items can also be left in the collection box in St. Wenceslaus entry way until Saturday February 21st, please check the lists for needed items. Thank you.

From the Office for Social Concerns, Director: Christopher Ruff

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

At Catholic Charities, our mission is to walk alongside individuals and families during their most difficult moments and to support them in meaningful ways. Through your generosity, lives are changed every day. You help keep families housed through financial counseling and emergency assistance. You ensure that those who are struggling receive food, clothing, and dignity. You provide warmth, shelter, and hope to those with nowhere else to turn.

This Lent, we humbly ask you to partner with us once again in this sacred work. Your **Lenten gift** is a powerful act of compassion and faith—one that reflects Christ's love in action. Your generosity is more than a gift, it is hope. Thank you for being part of our mission and for allowing God's love to shine through you this Lenten season!