



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

*January 18, 2026    Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*We Welcome New Parishioners!*

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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 4 pm	Sunday 8 am
Sunday 10 am	Friday 9 am
Mon.-Fri. 8 am	First Friday 9:30 am
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**Rosary**

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

**Confessions**

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm    Sunday 7:30 am  
Tuesday-Friday by appointment

**First Friday Adoration** 8:30am, Benediction  
@ 4:00pm

**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:**

**Thurs. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Council meetings: Pastoral @  
5pm, Finance @ 6pm in the hall

**Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children

**Jan. 31-Feb. 1**, Collection for Catholic Campaign  
for Human Development

***From the Pastor's Desk***

As we begin Ordinary Time, we are reminded that our lives have a divine purpose. Like the prophet Isaiah, each of us has been formed by God and called to be a light to all nations. This season is a time of commissioning, where we are invited to open our ears to God's Word and our hearts to His values. By nurturing His Word deep within us, we find the strength to "unstop our lips" and share the story of God's goodness with everyone we meet.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist introduces us to Jesus using powerful names: the Lamb of God, the one on whom the Spirit remains, and the Son of God. These titles remind us that Jesus is both strong and vulnerable, filled with the Holy Spirit, and ready to heal and forgive.

As His disciples, we share in that same Spirit through our Baptism. We are called to continue His work today—combating violence, hunger, and injustice by being instruments of His mercy and kindness in a world that still deeply needs His touch.

Our journey of faith grows when we personally answer the question: "Who do you say that I am?" Beyond His formal titles, Jesus is our Infinite Love, our True Peace, and our Perfect Empathy. He is the "self-forgetting rescuer" who restores our innocence and guides us home. This week, I invite you to reflect on which image of Jesus moves your heart the most. By naming Him clearly in our own lives, we can follow Him with greater sight and join fully in His mission of love.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 17	4 pm for Loyde & Penny B. (S.K.)
Sunday, Jan. 18	<b>8 am @ Sacred Heart</b> for the Deceased of the parish <b>10 am @ St. Wenceslaus</b> for Joan P. (S.K.)
Monday, Jan. 19	8 am for the Intentions of Father Chinna & Father Yesu (S.K.)
Tuesday, Jan. 20	8 am for the †Repose of the Soul of Aladean D. (S.S)
Wednesday, Jan. 21	8 am in Gratitude (I.H.)
Thursday, Jan. 22	8 am for the †Repose of the Soul Adam T. (S.K.)
Friday, Jan. 23	8 am for the †Repose of the Soul of Ron M. (S.K.) 9 am @ <b>Sacred Heart</b> for the deceased of the parish
Saturday, Jan. 24	4 pm for Loyde B. (C&B)
Sunday, Jan. 25	<b>8 am @ Sacred Heart</b> for Intentions of the parish <b>10am @ St. Wenceslaus</b> †Repose of the Soul of Dale C. (J. C.)

*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. January 17, 4pm **Lector:** Chris **Ushers:** Ron & Tom

Sun. January 18, 10am **Lector:** Jane **Ushers:** Curtis

Sat. January 24, 4pm **Lector:** Gloria **Ushers:** Loyde & Mike

Sun. January 25, 10am **Lector:** Greg **Usher:** Dennis & Paul

## Parish Support

**St. Wenceslaus-** Jan.11, Adult \$866.00, Plate \$250.00, Votives \$40.00, Donation \$500.00

**Sacred Heart**–Jan. 11, Adult \$225.00, Basket \$79.00



There are Poinsettia in the back of the church, feel free to take them.

**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, \$8,205.00 has been received from 24 donors.**

100% of the amount over our goal will be returned to the parish.



Thank you to all for the December clothing donations for our families. Donations were delivered, if you have clothing donations, please call an organization that can receive them. Thank you.

We want to thank Dennis P. for the labor and materials donated for the church entrance and door sill.

**We will have a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection will be Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>-Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.** CCHD works to support those living in poverty. 25% of funds collected stay in our own diocese for antipoverty projects.

Checks should be made payable to the parish (CCHD on the memo line). One check will then be sent to the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns. Envelopes are in the back of church.

**Lector and usher schedules for January – April 5, 2026 are located in the back of the church.**

**Please pick up your envelopes from the back of the church.** If you do not currently receive envelopes and would like to, please contact the office. Calendars are available and the new issue of Catholic Life. <https://catholiclife.dioc.org>



Our Confirmation students are busy preparing for Confirmation, on Wednesday, April 29th at St. John's of the Holy Family Parish. Their focus has been on an in-depth study of the Mass. So far, both have learned intimate details about the Liturgy of the Word. In the next couple of weeks, they will forge into the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Along with this study, both are accumulating data for Holy Family which encompasses Baptismal and demographic information sought after by the Diocese. In addition, both are working on their Confirmation name and reporting that out in a short paper. This paper summarizes the life of their saint, but justifies why they chose that Saint and how that Saint will help them throughout their adult life.

~~~~ Confirmation is at 6:30 PM, April 29 at St. John's and the entire St Wenceslaus family is invited to attend ~~~~

**Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Wenceslaus combined website** <http://www.sacredheart-stwenceslaus.org>  
**Check out the Christmas pages on the website; Sacred Heart Christmas and St. Wenceslaus Christmas.**



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Mass Times

**In light of recent events, please see this letter written by the Bishops of Wisconsin:**

We, the bishops of Wisconsin, reaffirm the recent special message by the United States bishops regarding ongoing federal immigration enforcement. Immigration is a profoundly complex issue. On the one hand, the Catholic Church naturally upholds a country's right to maintain its borders and regulate its entry and citizenship processes. We saw the chaos that ensued when the previous administration was not vigilant in its regulation of the United States' southern border. On the other hand, the Catholic Church urges countries and peoples to compassionately assist our brothers and sisters who emigrate because of war, violence, poverty, and hunger. We can embrace these two principles in unity. There is no inherent contradiction in upholding human dignity, the common good, and the rule of law.

We must acknowledge that the recent federal immigration enforcement has achieved some beneficial outcomes-violent criminals and drug dealers have been deported, and child trafficking rings have been discovered and broken up. No one would disagree that these achievements are just and necessary. But even good goals must be achieved in a way that is just, prudent, and proportionate.

We must also voice our strong concern regarding the indiscriminate nature of the current federal immigration enforcement. U.S. citizens are being racially profiled. Immigrants are vilified, denied pastoral care, detained in poor conditions, and parents and children are being separated. Immigrants who abided by all the rules of the legal immigration process have lost their legal status arbitrarily.

We see this dynamic especially in the experience of those who sought and received political asylum in the USA.

We urge our national leaders to fix our profoundly broken immigration system. This needed legislation must be an urgent priority and would help resolve much of the current crisis. We also urge an equitable and humane enforcement of federal immigration laws and processes, respecting human dignity and the importance of compassion.

**Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob, Archbishop of Milwaukee**

**Most Reverend Donald J. Hying, Bishop of Madison**

**Most Reverend David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay**

**Most Reverend James P. Powers, Bishop of Superior**

**Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby, Bishop of La Crosse**

**Most Reverend Jeffrey R. Haines, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee**

**Most Reverend James T. Schuerman, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee**

**Most Reverend Jerome E. Listeki, Archbishop Emeritus of Milwaukee**

**Most Reverend William P. Callahan, Bishop Emeritus of La Crosse**

## January is Pro Life month:



### January 22 is Day of Prayer and Penance for Protection of the Unborn

*Jan. 22 is a day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":*

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of "prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion". <https://www.respectlife.org/january-22>

On **January 23rd**, tens of thousands are expected to gather on the **National Mall in Washington, D.C.**, to march to bring awareness to the hundreds of thousands of abortions that occur in the United States each year and to convince people of the sacredness of human life

### January Pro-Life Initiatives, Prayers and Intentions:

Though the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision declaring a right to abortion was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022, many states' laws are hostile to preborn children. And so our pro-life prayers and efforts are just as important as ever.

Learn more and find parish and personal resources from our U.S. Bishops at [respectlife.org](https://www.respectlife.org), or by scanning the QR code



to the right.

**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of **Jan. 31-Feb. 1**. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joyful holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved.

**Prayers of the Faithful: For those in consecrated life, that they may persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with joyful hearts and total dedication. We pray to the Lord...**

### Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the hall.

#### Pastoral council will meet at 5 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:*

#### Pastoral Council Members

Curtis  
Ashley  
Gloria  
Irene  
Mike  
Tom

#### Finance Council Members

Audrie  
Bill  
Bob  
Brian  
Cheryl  
Rita

**Bulletin Deadline Thursday 4pm**

**For Hall Use, contact Father Chinna**

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