



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

March 1, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent



"This is my beloved Son; listen to Him."

We Welcome New Parishioners!

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Mass Schedule

<u>St. Wenceslaus</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
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, 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. 1, 1st Sunday Confessions 9:30-9:50am
Mar. 6, 1st Friday Adoration 8:30am,

Benediction @ 5:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross and Mass
Mar. 7th, Sat. Soup supper after 4pm Mass
Mar. 8, Sun. *Daylight Savings Time*

From the Pastor's Desk

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we move from the desert of temptation to the glory of the mountain. In the Gospel, we see Jesus transfigured—His face and clothes shining like the sun. For a brief moment, Peter, James, and John saw the true divine beauty of Jesus. This "mountaintop experience" was given to them to strengthen their faith before the difficult days of the Cross. It reminds us that even when our own lives feel dark or difficult, the light of Christ is always present, waiting to break through and give us hope.

During this miraculous event, a voice from the cloud spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son; listen to Him." This is our primary command for the second week of Lent. To "listen" means more than just hearing words; it means opening our hearts to follow His lead. In the silence of our prayer, God wants to speak to us about our lives, our worries, and His great love for us. When we truly listen to Jesus, our perspective changes, and we begin to see the world—and our neighbors—through His eyes of mercy.

As we continue our forty-day journey, let us use this week to climb a little higher in our spiritual lives. If the first week was about "cleaning out" old habits, this week is about "filling up" with God's presence. Perhaps you can find five extra minutes of silence each day to simply sit with the Lord. Let the beauty of the Transfiguration encourage you to keep going with your Lenten promises. May we support each other as a parish, keeping our eyes fixed on the glory that awaits us at the end of this holy season.

***March 1st, First Sunday Confessions 9:30-9:50am**

***Friday Stations of Cross @ 5pm followed by Mass**

Mass Intentions

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.)
Monday, Mar. 2 8am for Paul & Joanne P. (S.K)
Tuesday, Mar. 3 8am for †Repose of Soul of Krissy C. (by Friends)
Wednesday, Mar. 4 8am for Father Yesu (S.K.)
Wednesday, Mar. 4 6pm Sacred Heart Icon prayer service, Knights of Columbus, for Intentions of the parish
Thursday, Mar. 5 8am for †Repose of Soul of Roger M. (by Friends)
First Friday, Mar. 6 5pm Benediction followed by Stations of the Cross and Mass*, for Loyde & Penny (S.K.)
9am @ Sacred Heart for the Intentions of the parish
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

Mass Intentions are needed.

**Wednesday March 4th , 6:00pm Mass at St. Wenceslaus
Sacred Heart Icon prayer service, Knights of Columbus
All parishioners are welcome**

**First Friday March 6th Adoration @ 8:30am, Benediction @ 5:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross and Mass
Stations of the Cross March 13th, 20th and 27th @ 5pm, followed by Mass**



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

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

Parish Support

St. Wenceslaus- February 22, Adult \$904.00, Plate \$270.00, Votives \$56.00
Sacred Heart-February 22, Adult \$335.00, Youth \$10.00, Basket \$63.25

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.



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.



Holy Family Cod Fish Fry March 6th @ St. John's Hall, Prairie du Chien, 4:30pm-7:00pm

Adults: \$15 Kids 6-12: \$7.50 Under 6: Free. Grilled cheese & fries for kids 12 & under: \$1.00
Carryouts Available. Proceeds go to Prairie Catholic School

<https://prairiecatholic.org/>



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



**Sunday March 8th, 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 6th -7th grade student.
Walk ins welcome, Dine in only <https://prairiecatholic.org/>

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.

Chrism Mass, March 31st, St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse @ 10:30 am. Father will attend.

Daylight savings time Sunday March 8th, turn clocks forward 1 hour



Knights of Columbus Council 12183 Fish Fry

Friday, March 13, 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

Pope Leo XIV message for Lent 2026 LISTENING AND FASTING
FULL TEXT: <https://ewtnvatican.com/articles/full-text-of-pope-leos-message-for-lent-2026>



Pope Leo proposes a 'fast' from hurtful words <https://www.instagram.com/p/DUw5HbyE5uQ/>



Friday, March 13th Christ the King Chapel Holy Cross Diocesan Center,
9:00 am Opening Mass celebrated by Bishop Gerard Battersby
Veneration Times: Every 2 hours Friday, March 13, 12:00 – 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 14, 8:00 – 6:00 pm Sunday, March 15, 12:00 – 6:00
See the flyer in the entry of church for more information

Monday, March 23, 2026
Viroqua, WI

HEALING
Mass and Service

Monday, March 23rd, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Viroqua Healing Mass and Service

4:30pm Adoration, Rosary and Confessions 5:30pm Mass
6:00pm Corporate Prayer for Healing 7:00pm Individual Prayer Ministry
9:00 PM Closing, Times are approximate. Feel free to come and go as you please.

This evening is rooted in the sacramental life of the Church and offered in fidelity to Catholic teaching.
All are welcome. Feel free to attend any portion of the evening.

New Study on Church Attendance

This fall, the Barna Group released new data that may surprise you. During the last five years, men are significantly outpacing women in church attendance. It's exciting that more men – especially married men and young men – are actively engaging in Christian worship. It's valuable to ask why that is happening, and consider how our parishes can tap into that trend.



At the same time, it's potentially concerning that women – especially single moms – are less engaged with church communities. Why? Without having all the answers, this article shares valuable data and

asks interesting questions.

<https://www.barna.com/trends/church-attendance-women-men/>

Rebuild My Church Director: Fr. Derek Sakowski

<https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>

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!

Especially in this holy season of Christmas, find out how you can help by visiting cclse.org