

St. Bridget & St. Ansgar

Roman Catholic Churches of Ettrick & Blair

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent (A)



St. Ansgar Parish
607 E. Olson St, Blair WI



St. Bridget Parish
22650 Washington St, Ettrick WI

PARISH INFORMATION

Pastor: Rev. Zacharie Beya

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STB – Nicole Bishop 608-317-7682

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Bridget Saturday 3:30—4:00 pm

St. Ansgar Sunday 7:30—8:00 am

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 16th	St. Ansgar 8:30 am + Stacy Shramek
Wednesday, Dec. 17th	St. Bridget 8:30 am + Kevin Guenther
Thursday, Dec. 18th	St. Ansgar 8:30 am + Kris Kulig
Friday, Dec. 19th	St. Bridget 8:30 am + Donald Beirne
Saturday, Dec. 20th	St. Bridget 4:00 pm + Ron Loken
Sunday, Dec. 21st	St. Ansgar 8:00 am + Carl & Marie Patzner
	St. Bridget 10:00 am For the People

Both parishes need Mass stipends. The offering is \$20.00.

For the administration of the Sacraments, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin announcements must be received by Wednesday 12:00 PM.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for December - - - For Christians in areas of conflict: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP for Dec. 7, 2025

	St. Ansgar	St. Bridget
Adult	\$904.00	\$ 1,316.00
Plate	\$106.00	\$ 53.26
Christmas Flowers	\$ 245.00	\$ 90.00
Holy Day	\$ 6.00	
Ret. For Religious		\$ 50.00
Votive lights		\$ 84.51
Total	\$1,261.00	\$ 1,593.77

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025

	St. Ansgar 8:00 am	St. Bridget 10:00 am
Lector	Delrose Patzner-Hansen	Jessica Nagel
Eucharistic Minister	Eric Barczak	Mary Martin
Servers	Katerina Barczak	Parker & Sage Nagel
Greeters & Gift Bearers	Carol Nortman Geraldyn Subra	Mardi Corcoran Barb Underheim
Ushers	Joe & Liz Fitzpatrick	Nick Martin Scott Martin
Cashiers	Marie Benedict Mary Hansen	Joe Bishop Mary Martin

WE CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR A SECRETARY.

ARCADIA DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Boniface Parish, Waumandee: Dec. 14th

TODAY: 3:00pm—until all are heard.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE will take place at St. Bridget's starting Dec. 6- Dec.14th. Food items may be dropped off at the back of church. The food will be picked up on Dec. 15th.

RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIOUS COLLECTION: DECEMBER 14, 2025

Your gift ensures that senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the vital

support they need. Please pray about contributing to this collection.

ADVENT: Third Sunday, "Rejoice" Sunday (Latin Gaudete)

The call to "rejoice" at the heart of Advent highlights the importance of joy in our faith lives. But what is joy? For the believer, it is not a superficial feeling of happiness dependent on life's circumstances, but a deep wellspring of hope and trust in God. Isaiah's prophetic oracle imagines the joy of a people who trust that God will bring them home while restoring and healing all life. Our Gospel applies Isaiah's imagery to the messianic period and to Jesus' acts of healing. Both readings are set within historical periods of great suffering and social inequity, yet they call readers to take the longer view, trusting in God's ultimate salvation, as echoed in today's responsorial psalm. How do you experience this wellspring in your life?

(Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, *PONDER Contemplative Bible Study, Year A*, Little Rock Scripture Study, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN 2022)

Christmas for B-T students.

This year St. Ansgar will sponsor Christmas gifts for three children: boy (age 13), girl (age 11), and boy (age 6). Mostly clothing has been requested with a few special items such as LEGOS, a silly cat poster, a SONIC watch, and a coloring book. With your donations, we may help a family, in our neighborhood, have a less stressful Christmas. There is a donation box by the door in the Gathering Room. Please be generous. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF LOVED

ONES: One may donate money toward the purchase of Christmas Flowers, in memory of family members, friends, or a cause. Please put the money in an envelope clearly labelled for whom and by whom. Thank you.

