

St. Bridget & St. Ansgar

Roman Catholic Churches of Ettrick & Blair

April 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter (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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Office Personnel

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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, April 28th St. Ansgar 8:30 a.m.
+ Fr. Patrick Umberger

Wednesday, April 29th St. Bridget 8:30 a.m.
For the People

Thursday, April 30th St. Ansgar 8:30 a.m.
+ Robert, Marita & Margaret Haas

Friday, May 1st St. Bridget 8:30 a.m.
For the People

Saturday, May 2nd St. Bridget 4:00 p.m.
For the People

Sunday, May 3rd St. Ansgar 8:00 a.m.
+ LeRoy Pyka
St. Bridget 10:00 a.m.
For the people

**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 April 2026:
FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS—Let us pray for priests
going through moments of crisis in their
vocation, that they may find the
accompaniment they need and that
communities may support them with
understanding and prayer.**

****Donations for sewer repairs would be
greatly appreciated**

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP for April 19, 2026

| | St. Ansgar | St. Bridget |
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| Adult | \$ 797.00 | \$ 1557.00 |
| Plate | \$ 102.00 | \$ 275.00 |
| Easter | \$ 0.00 | \$ 7.00 |
| La Crosse DCCW | \$ 126.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total | \$ 1025.00 | \$ 1839.00 |

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for Sunday, May 3, 2026

| | St. Ansgar 8:00 am | St. Bridget 10:00 am |
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| Lector | Judt Haase-Hardie | Michelle & Weisenberger |
| Eucharistic Minister | Erick Barczak | Mardi Corcoran |
| Altar Servers | Delrose Patzner-Hansen | VOLUNTEERS |
| Greeters & Gift Bearers | Werner & Diane Haas | VOLUNTEERS |
| Ushers | Joe Fitzpatrick & Liz Fitzpatrick | Mike Wagner & Joe Bishop |
| Cashiers | Tracy Larson & Marie Benedict | Mardi Corcoran & Jerome Bishop |

Father **Zacharie Beya Tshingimba**, Pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Ettrick and St. Ansgar Parish in Blair, is retiring, effective July 1, 2026. He returns to his home diocese.

The Very Reverend **Georgekutty**

Thayilkuzhithottu, MSFS, Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Independence and St. John the Apostle Parish in Whitehall, is also appointed Pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Ettrick and St. Ansgar Parish in Blair, effective July 1, 2026.

The Reverend **Michael Jacob, MSFS**, is appointed Associate Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Independence, St. John the Apostle Parish in Whitehall, St. Bridget Parish in Ettrick and St. Ansgar Parish in Blair, with residence at SS. Peter and Paul Parish rectory in Independence, effective July 1, 2026

Fr. Zacharie Beya

Easter Reflection

Sometimes the Gospels describe the path to abundant life as “narrow” and “constricted” (Matt 7:14), yet in today’s Gospel, the gate swings easily and widely for all sheep to flow in and out. The gate is an apt metaphor for the spiritual life, in which we first come “in” to Christ for rest, nourishment, and protection, and then follow Christ out with strength, confidence, and purpose to be prophetic witnesses. All of our readings depict this movement in and out, from Peter moving out as a public witness in Acts to the call for inward rest in 1 Peter. Explore your own sheepfold this week, the quiet space of prayer and renewal. How does Jesus, who calls himself the Gate, beckon you in and out? By following this beckoning, the ultimate promise is that we will not only enter the gate but become the gate through which others enter into abundant life.

(Ponder: Contemplative Bible Study, Year A, Mahri Leonardo-Fleckman. Little Rock Scripture Study, Page 123, Liturgical Press Collegeville, MN 2022)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Ansgar is in-need of volunteers for the next ministry schedule by August 9th. All areas would welcome a few more people joining us! Even if you are not available every weekend, helping once a month would be a big help!

Most needed positions: Altar Servers and Ushers
Please consider this act of volunteering, training is available if needed. See **Bridget Barczak** after Mass.

The Diocese of La Crosse Chapter of Catholic Rural Life, in partnership with a local family farm and a seed dealership, has been entrusted with a generous opportunity to give back to our farming community. We are pleased to offer 30 bags of current-year, high-quality 99-day seed corn—free of charge—to be shared among three deserving recipients. This gift is intended to support approximately 25-30 acres for each family farm. We recognize that agricultural finances can present challenges, and it is our privilege to walk alongside those in our community during difficult seasons. Please direct all inquiries to our Rural Life Committee Chair—Anne Marie Ellwing: Annemarie.elwing@wallstonellc.com.

