

St. Bridget & St. Ansgar

Roman Catholic Churches of Ettrick & Blair

Ascension of the Lord, May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter (A)



St. Ansgar Parish
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St. Bridget Parish
22650 Washington St, Ettrick WI

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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, May 19th	St. Ansgar 8:30 a.m. + Irene Halama
Wednesday, May 20th	St. Bridget 8:30 a.m. For the People
Thursday, May 21st	St. Ansgar 8:30 a.m. + Leo Clerkin
Friday, May 22nd	St. Bridget 8:30 a.m. For the People
Saturday, May 23rd	St. Bridget 4:00 p.m. For the People
Sunday, May 24th	St. Ansgar 8:00 a.m. + Angela Giemza
	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 May 2026: THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD—Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, may be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

St. Ansgar: Is in-need of volunteers for the next Ministry Schedule by Augus 9th. Most needed positions: Altar Servers and Ushers

Freedom 250 Mobile Museum, viewing the entire Shroud of Turin and shopping in our Marketplace. Join us June 13, 2026, In La Crosse, WI

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP for May 10, 2026

	St. Ansgar	St. Bridget
Adult	\$ 367.00	\$ 710.00
Plate	\$ 59.00	\$ 189.00
Other	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 426.00	\$ 899.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for Sunday, May 24, 2026

	St. Ansgar 8:00 am	St. Bridget 10:00 am
Lector	Marlin Subra	Dennis Servais
Eucharistic Minister	Eric Barczak	Qualified Volunteer
Altar Servers	Delrose Patzner-Hansen	Cal Servais
Greeters & Gift Bearers	Claudia Hardie-Quall & Family	Volunteers
Ushers	Joe Fitzpatrick & Liz Fitzpatrick	Gary Gunderson & Steve Gunderson
Cashiers	Marie Benedict & Tracy Larson	Mardi Corcoran & Lorraine Brady

The Name Above All Names

Reflection: The risen Lord is visibly and tangibly ascendant in the narrative we celebrate this week. But that’s not all that goes up. Our reading from Ephesians is clear that the authority of Christ also soars beyond the atmospheric to become the highest power of all. As the Apostles’ Creed professes, Christ descended into hell—taking the lowest place there is---only to ascend into heaven, enthroned at God’s right hand. No matter how much money you accumulate, what title you attain, or how much clout you wield, as rapper MC Hammer once confidently avowed, “U Can’t Touch This.”

So why do we remain unconvinced? Why do so many of us believers live as if Christ’s cosmic Authority is up for debate?...

To be sure, we bow to Christ. And also, to our own best interests. We offer up some time in prayer. And many more hours of entertainment. We seek wisdom and instruction. Yet we spend more energy pouring over consumer ads and news reports or wandering the malls coveting everything in sight. We believe what the church teaches. And may hold our own opinions even more ardently.

The altars before which we often choose to bow are multiple and varied. The gods behind them can be petty, unworthy, and even cruel. Jesus descends into hell to bring lost souls to freedom. If we reach up urgently enough even now, there’s still time for us to grasp his hand and rise with him.

Prayer: Lord of all, to call you my Lord means renouncing all other claims and possessions as having control over me. Can I do this? With you, all things are possible.

(Source: Daily Reflections for Easter to Pentecost Rejoice & Be Glad 2026: “The Name Above All Names,” Alice Camille, Liturgical Press Collegeville, MN 2025 pgs, 90&91)

Congratulations!!

2026 High School Graduates: **Katalina Barczak** and **Elizabeth Stevens**

May the Holy Spirit guide you on your life's journey

Zeale for America 250 Rally

Our rally is dedicated to gathering hundreds of Catholics to pray for and celebrate our nation as we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the USA. Along with Cardinal Burke, Daily Wire’s Micheal Knowles and Coach Joe Lombardi, we have secured Isabel Brown, also from the Daily Wire, as our main speakers. They will share their Catholic faith, their family lives and how important our American freedoms are. Other unique opportunities for anyone joining us in La Crosse include touring the



