

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 4, 2021

The Voice of Saint Wenceslaus

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English Translation: The Parish of St. Wenceslaus Welcomes You to This Holy Mass



Mission Statement

We, the community of Saint Wenceslaus, inspired by the call to follow Christ, share in the mission of the Church through prayer, worship and continuing faith formation together and individually. We strive to further the call of Jesus to be of service to others through being a caring community, reaching out locally and globally to those in need.

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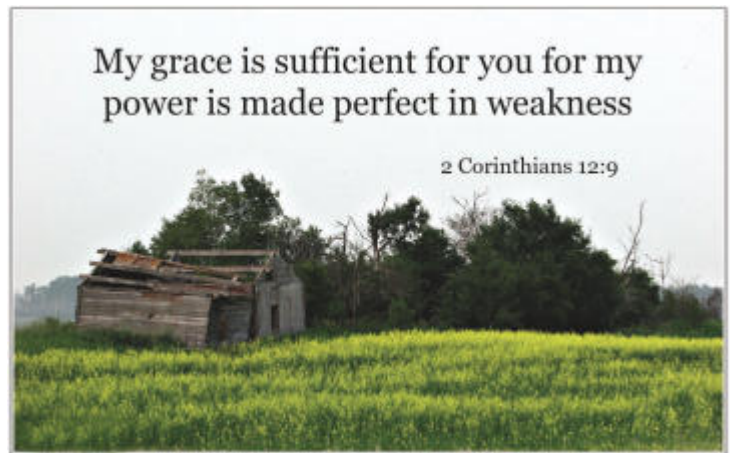
St. Patrick, Immaculate Conception, & St. Wenceslaus Parishes
July 18 to July 23, 2021

Late sign-ups are still being accepted for the **Jr. High/High School Program (Grades 7-12)**. Totus Tuus for grades 7-12 will take place Sunday, July 18 to Wednesday, July 21 at Immaculate Conception / Scotus Hall from 7 to 9:30 p.m., with a bowling night from 7 to 9 p.m. at May City Bowl on Thursday, July 22. T-shirts are no longer available.

Cost is \$30.00 per student. Make checks payable to: *Immaculate Conception Church (Memo: Totus Tuus)*. Registration forms are available in the church.



FRESH COLORADO PEACHES — Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1768 are again taking orders for Fresh Colorado Peaches, with proceeds to benefit our charitable activities. A box (30-40) of premium peaches sells for \$33; a flat (15-20) of premium peaches for \$20. **Orders and payments must be in by July 16, with delivery in early August.** Order forms are at: www.crcatholicdaughters.org and on Facebook: CDACourt1768 or call Georgia at 319-538-3838. Thank you for your support.



NEXT GOULASH DAY PLANNING MEETING

The next Goulash Day planning meeting will be on **Sunday, July 11**, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is Invited to attend! Please consider being part of our parish event!

RAFFLE TICKETS for Goulash Day are now available in the back of the church. Please pick some of these up and help us make this event a success.

OFFICE CLOSED JULY 5—The St. Wenceslaus Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5.

NEXT COFFEE and CATHOLICISM



The next Coffee and Catholicism will be **July 10 at 7 p.m.** at Immaculate Conception! Fr. Conway will present “*Knowing God’s Will: Understanding Revelation and Prophecy.*” Join us in Scotus Hall for a cup of coffee, catechesis, and fellowship!

STEWARDSHIP — GOD CALLS US TO SERVICE

NEEDED . . . Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and Lectors for the 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Please call the office if you’d like to volunteer.

ST. WENCESLAUS FACEBOOK PAGE

Please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StWence/>

STEWARDSHIP—God Calls Us to Service

Please contact the parish office if you can help with any of these ministries:

- * EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND
- * ALTAR SERVERS & USHERS — 4 p.m. Saturdays
- * PROVIDE FUNERAL LUNCHEON SALADS/DESSERTS
- * OFFERTORY COUNTERS
- * DELIVER MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION
- * JOIN OUR CHOIR

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Dennis Conway

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FUNERALS: Christina Coveyou / icsw.christina@gmail.com

MARRIAGES: Arrange with the pastor and parish office 6 months prior to planned date.

BAPTISMS: Participation in the Baptismal Program is required. Contact the parish office.

SACRAMENTS FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: Contact the parish office whenever you know of sick/homebound parishioners.

PARISH NURSES: Connie Arens at 319-431-7737, Elaine Boes at 319-848-6052, or Susan Teahen at 319-431-8493.

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids, IA, is seeking a **full-time Business Manager**. This position will assist the Pastor in carrying out general administrative and financial management of the parish.

Responsibilities include coordinating contractors, managing parish finances, and budgeting. The position requires a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience in a related field and excellent communication and interpersonal skills. A practicing Catholic in good standing is preferred. Competitive salary and benefits included. Email cover letter and resume to Rev. Dennis Conway, Pastor, at d.conway@dbqarch.org.

GOLF OUTING — Divine Word College Seminary is hosting its 7th Annual Benefit Golf Outing **Friday, July 23**. Proceeds go to our student scholarship fund to assist Divine Word students as they prepare for life as missionaries. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Singsank at 563-876-0097 or singsank@dwci.edu.

St. Wenceslaus Mass & Confession Schedule

Masses: Saturday @ 4:00 p.m. (masks required)

Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

Monday @ 6:30 p.m. (Extraordinary Form—Latin)

Confessions: 3-3:45 p.m. on Saturday / 9:45-10:15 a.m. on Sunday

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to add a prayer intention to our prayer chain, please call 319-390-1277, or send an email to icswprayer@gmail.com.

COACHES NEEDED — Regis Middle School is currently seeking coaches for tennis, soccer, football, & volleyball. If interested, contact Kyler Nelson at knelson@regisroyals.org.

TO ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: St. Luke's Hospital needs Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to distribute the Eucharist to its hospitalized Catholic patients. If interested, contact Dick Lensing at 319-573-9669 or richardlensing3457@gmail.com. Training is provided.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

June 26-27
Operational Income

Budget.....	3,298.00
Offertory.....	823.00
Candles.....	24.00
Online Donations.....	31.20
Stole Fees—Wedding.....	500.00
Total Operational Income.....	\$4,676.20

Operational Income to meet our monthly obligations should be over \$5,758.00 a week.

Deficit this week.....	\$1,081.80
Surplus this fiscal year to date.....	\$677.87

Restricted Donations

Memorials.....	15.00
Storm Recovery	55.00
Building Improvement Fund.....	60.00
Total Restricted Donations.....	\$130.00

Total Income for Week..... **\$4,806.20**

Please pray for these members of our parish community: Bernita Beltz, Lavaun Stramel, Betty Fay, Dave Phillips, Richard Larson, Ryan Jansa, Anita Panosh, Michael Talton, Deb Pesek, Evelyn Ehrenberger, George Richards, Darren Tichy, Pat Mooney, Michael Severt, Kayla Panos, Margaret Cejka, Dave Martin, Catherine Crotts, Tom Fleming, Francis Schmaltz, Carmen Miller, Mary McEniry, Hazel Walton, Don Conway, Barb Ashbacher, Theresa Ruzicka, Jan Kazimour, Marie Miller, Bette Spencer Miller, Hope Forristall, Diane Stastny, Barb Ruzicka, William & Rosemary Jacobson.



BIBLE STUDY THIS FALL — This fall, Immaculate Conception will offer **Salvation: New Life in Christ**, a bible study from the Augustine Institute. What does the Catholic Church teach about salvation? In this **10-week video-based study program**,

Michael Barber provides a Catholic, biblical answer to this question. Registration forms are available in the church and on the parish website.



A Call to Pray for Our Country — Please join the Catholic Daughters Cedar Rapids Court in an hour of prayer every Wednesday at St. Wenceslaus Church, starting at 3 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by private prayer for our country and all its challenges.



HOSPITAL VISITS — If you or someone in your family is admitted to one of the hospitals, please tell them you are Catholic AND a parishioner of St. Wenceslaus parish.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE — We have low-gluten hosts available for those who need one. Please check in with the priest or sacristan before Mass to request a low-gluten host.



Newly Decorated Church — Please do not affix items to church walls, doors, or glass with tape, nails, or tacks. We want to keep our restored space looking like new for many years to come. Information should be shared via the bulletin, announcements, parish website, and mailings. Thank you.

St. Pius X Early Learning Center Hiring Early Childhood Teachers — St. Pius X Early Learning Center is hiring Childcare Teachers for the St. Pius X Early Learning Center. Qualification should include experience working with children OR working in a licensed Early Childcare setting. Additionally, we are looking for candidates with a CDA, AA in Early Childhood or BA in Elementary Education. Send resume to Connie Schulte at cschulte@stpiousxschoolcr.com or call (319) 200-4546 for more information.



KMMK 88.7 FM Talk Radio for Catholic Living is available in Cedar Rapids and surrounding areas. Turn your dial to 88.7 FM and support Catholic radio.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP — The Men's Prayer Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 6:00 a.m. at I.C. All are welcome.

Career Opportunity at Xavier: Business Office Coordinator

Xavier High School is seeking a highly qualified individual to fill the full-time position of Business Office Coordinator. This position will execute various important tasks related to Xavier's business operations including payroll, accounts payable, daily deposits, and various contract/human resource-related items. To learn more about this position and/or apply, please visit Xavier-Saints.org/Employment.

Future Saints Football Camp (Grades 5-8): August 2-4, 2021



Xavier Football is hosting a camp for interested athletes entering Grades 5-8 on August 2-4 from 5:30-7 p.m. each evening. Campers will learn football fundamentals from Xavier's state champion coaching staff. Camp cost is \$30 and includes a camp t-shirt. Sign up online at XavierSaints.org/Camps. Registration deadline is July 20, 2021.

JULY COLLECTIONS

Area Needs — Catherine McAuley Center

Food Needs — Metro Catholic Outreach

PRAY FOR LIFE SATURDAYS — Join all Cedar Rapids parishes in defending God's greatest gift of human life. Pray for the conversion of hearts every Saturday outside the Planned Parenthood Clinic from 10-11 a.m. under the protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Victory for Our Lady. Victory for Life. Thanks for your support! Contact Natalie at (563) 663-7558 with questions.

Mass Intentions — If you would like to have a Mass offered for your loved ones, please fill out a Mass Intention card found on the table in the back of church or call the parish office.



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS (CCM)

at I.C. invites all women to join us as we pray for our children, (birth and spiritual children), grandchildren, husbands, families, & our parish on the 3rd Saturday of each month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the church. Contact Lisa Gallet at 721- 9168 or Dixie Diaz at 787-403-7969.

MASS OPTIONS: In addition to the daily live-stream Masses posted on the I.C. YouTube channel, Mass is also offered on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. on the following cable channels: Cedar Rapids Cable on Channel 3; Direct TV on Channel 8; DISH on Channel 20; ImOn on Channel 10 (CW/7.2); KWWL on Channel 7.2; Media Com on Channel 107; Southslope on Channel 5.

Mass is offered on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) on Sunday at 7 a.m. & 11 a.m. and from Monday through Saturday at 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.

VOICE OF THE SAINTS

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen."

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Feast Day: January 28

MASS INTENTIONS:

JULY 3: MATTHEW & MARY RUZICKA

JULY 4: JIM MILLER

JULY 5: AL SMITH

SANCTUARY LIGHT: MATTHEW & MARY RUZICKA

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading—*Ezekiel 2:2-5*

Responsorial Psalm—*Psalms 123:1-2,3-4*

Second Reading—*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

Gospel Reading—*Mark 6:1-6*

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

Ministers Schedule

JULY 3		JULY 4
VOLUNTEER	Lector	VOLUNTEER
M Harman	Server	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Server	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	EM	VOLUNTEER
PRIEST	EM	PRIEST
VOLUNTEER	Usher	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Usher	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Usher	VOLUNTEER
M Harman	Sacristan	P Jansa

Counters: Piersall

Readings for the Week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mt 6:1-6 (101)
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26 (383)
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38 (384)
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a (385)
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15 (386)
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23 (387)
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33 (388)
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13 (104)

BIRTHRIGHT — Birthright offers friendship, free pregnancy tests, maternity clothing vouchers, newborn baby blankets, referrals, and more. Birthright is here to help! Call 393-3251; 24-hour help line — 1-800-550-4900.

FAMILY COUNSELING — Family counseling at Immaculate Conception with Fr. Lloyd (Sam) Cunningham of Divine Word is currently not being offered. It will resume in August 2021.

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