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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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ONLINE GIVING



St. Wenceslaus parishioners can now contribute money to the parish electronically! Just click on the “Online Giving” link at swcr.church.

GOULASH DAY NEWS

NEXT PLANNING MEETING — Join us for our next Goulash Day planning meeting on **Sunday, July 25** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Chihak Hall. Everyone is invited.

RAFFLE TICKETS for Goulash Day are now available in the back of the church. Please take an envelope and help us make this event a success. You don't need to be a parishioner to buy and sell raffle tickets.



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. Go to <https://swcr.church> to register and pay online. Registration forms are also available in the church. **Save money if you register by August 3!**

RIDE TO MASS NEEDED — Veteran needs a ride to Mass. He lives on the SW side of Cedar Rapids. Contact the office for more information.



HISTORY COMMITTEE MEETING — The History Committee will meet in Chihak Hall on Tuesday, August 3 at 9:30 a.m. Anyone interested may attend.

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS
Treasures of the Church

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Patrick, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the wood of the True Cross in the world.

presented by Father Carlos Martine of the Companions of the Cross

HELD IN THE CHURCH ON
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4 AT 6:30 PM
See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

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

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.

Come and See Information Meeting — Are you drawn to the life of St. Francis of Assisi and would like to find out more about the Secular Franciscan Order? Please consider attending a "Come and See" meeting on **Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** at St. Patrick's Parish Center, 120 5th St. NW, Cedar Rapids. Members of St. Mary's Fraternity will be present to share their experience as Lay Secular Franciscans and how they bring the Gospel to life where they live and work. Call Sue May, OFS, with any questions at 319-360-3290. Everyone is welcome to attend.

National Conference for Single Catholics

Join hundreds of single Catholics from across the country at the 20th National Conference for Single Catholics, August 20-22, 2021 at the Omni Interlocken hotel in Broomfield, CO. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers as well as music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. Register before July 5 to get the Early-Bird discount and enter promo code: NCSC21 for an extra \$20 off. Visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com to register. Call 512-766-5798 with any questions.

St. Wenceslaus Mass & Confession Schedule

Masses: Saturday @ 4:00 p.m.

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.

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.

LIVE-STREAMING MASSES—Live-streamed Sunday Masses from Immaculate Conception can be found at [YouTube.com/c/immaculateconceptioncatholicchurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/immaculateconceptioncatholicchurch).

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

July 17-18
Operational Income

Budget.....	3,040.00
Offertory.....	488.00
Candles.....	3.00
Online Donations.....	45.76
Total Operational Income.....	\$3,576.76

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

Deficit this week.....	\$2,181.24
Deficit this fiscal year to date.....	\$2,975.29

Restricted Donations

Storm Recovery	110.00
Building Improvement Fund.....	55.00
Area Needs Collection.....	403.00
Total Restricted Donations.....	\$568.00

Total Income for Week..... **\$4,144.76**

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, Jolene Birkicht, Jean Petrzela, Carol Ellis.



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.

Mercy Hospital Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers — Mercy Hospital is in need of individuals who can help bring Communion to Catholic patients. It would be for one hour, one morning per month. Please contact Mark McDermott, Director of Pastoral Care at 398-6715, if you are interested. Training will be provided.

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. Also, we are looking for candidates with a CDA, AA in Early Childhood or BA in Elementary Education. Send resume to eschulte@stpiusxschoolcr.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. To learn more about this position and/or apply, please visit XavierSaints.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.



SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE — On **July 26**, the Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ. The Protoevangelium of James, from the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife

Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day, God gave him a son Isaac." The couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel prophesied to Anne that all generations would honor their future child. When Mary was one year old, Joachim made a great feast, and the chief priests blessed Mary, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever.' Mary was then offered to God as a consecrated virgin and she entered a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

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

"All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully."

St. Ignatius of Loyola
(1491-1556)

Feast Day: July 31

JULY COLLECTIONS

Area Needs — Catherine McAuley Center

Food Needs — Metro Catholic Outreach

MASS INTENTIONS:

JULY 24: TOM & DOROTHY NEWCOMB

JULY 25: JOE & ELAINE SEVERA

JULY 26: SHIRLEY WHITE

SANCTUARY LIGHT: JERRY & JOANNE DRAHOZAL

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading—*2 Kings 4:42-44*

Responsorial Psalm—*Psalm 145:10-11,15-16,17-18*

Second Reading—*Ephesians 4:1-6*

Gospel Reading—*John 6:1-15*

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

Ministers Schedule

JULY 31		AUGUST 1
VOLUNTEER	Lector	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	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 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15 (110)
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35 (401)
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43 (402)
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46 (403)
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Jn 11:19-27 (404/607)
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58 (405)
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12 (406)
Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35 (113)

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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