



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 1, 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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### ONLINE GIVING



St. Wenceslaus parishioners can now contribute money to the parish electronically! Just click on the "Online Giving" link at [swcr.church](https://swcr.church).

### GOULASH DAY NEWS

**NEXT PLANNING MEETINGS** — Join us for our next Goulash Day planning meetings on **August 15 & 29** 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.

### Do you want to learn how to make KOLACHES?

Watch the bulletin for upcoming dates for the "First Kolache Baking Training!"



**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!**

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

Jesus said to them

John 6:35

# I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

He who comes to me will not hunger and He who believes in me will never thirst.

## 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

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**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4 AT 6:30 PM**  
See [www.treasuresofthechurch.com](http://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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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Rev. Aaron Junge

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**DEACONS:** Vernon Rompot, David Harris, Robert Hurych

**PARISH COORDINATOR:** Patti Jansa / [stwencr@msn.com](mailto:stwencr@msn.com)

### PHONE NUMBERS

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**SECRETARY OF PASTORAL MINISTRIES / CONFIRMATION /**

**FUNERALS:** Christina Coveyou / [icsw.christina@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

**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.



**JOB OPENING** — Immaculate Conception Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa is seeking a **full-time Secretary**. This position will assist the Pastor and others in carrying out general administrative duties of the parish.

Primary responsibilities include assisting parishioners contacting the parish office and providing general secretarial and clerical services. A practicing Catholic in good standing is preferred. Email cover letter and resume to Rev. Dennis Conway, Pastor, at [d.conway@dbqarch.org](mailto:d.conway@dbqarch.org).



## NEXT COFFEE & CATHOLICISM

Please join us for the next **COFFEE and CATHOLICISM**, which will be held at IC/Scotus Hall

on **Saturday, August 14**, starting at 7 p.m. Fr. Aaron Junge will present, "Knowing God's Will in Daily Life: Discernment."



## July 24-25 Operational Income

Budget.....	4,102.00
Offertory.....	390.00
Candles.....	30.00
Online Donations.....	311.19
Church Tours.....	120.00
Postage Reimbursement.....	55.00
<b>Total Operational Income.....</b>	<b>\$5,008.19</b>

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

Deficit this week.....	749.81
Deficit this fiscal year to date.....	\$3,725.10

## Restricted Donations

Storm Recovery .....	45.00
Building Improvement Fund.....	200.00
Area Needs Collection.....	115.00
Mass Stipends.....	10.00
<b>Total Restricted Donations.....</b>	<b>\$370.00</b>

**Total Income for Week.....** **\$5,378.19**



**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.



**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](http://XavierSaints.org/Employment).



**WE WELCOME** through the waters of Baptism, **Celeste Elena Hinojosa** (daughter of Francisco & Lupita Torres) and **Paulina Rangel Garcia** (daughter of Luis & Rocio Garcia), baptized on July 25, 2021.

**COACHES NEEDED** – Regis Middle School is currently seeking coaches for boys tennis, girls soccer, 7th & 8th football, and our 8th grade girls volleyball teams. Expected practice times will be after school Monday-Thursday and may begin the first full week of school. If interested, please contact our Activities Director, Kyler Nelson, at [knelson@regisroyals.org](mailto:knelson@regisroyals.org).

### Life-changing Quotes from St. John Vianney

- You either belong wholly to the world or wholly to God.
- Do not try to please everybody.
- Try to please God, the angels, and the saints.
- The soul hungers for God, and nothing but God can satiate it.
- Here is a rule for everyday life: Do not do anything which you cannot offer to God.
- Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil.
- In your work, offer your difficulties and troubles quite simply to God, and you will find that His blessing will rest upon you and on all you do.
- How good is our God! When we can no longer come to Him, He comes to us.
- If we could comprehend all the good things contained in Holy Communion nothing more would be wanting to content the heart of man.

### AUGUST COLLECTIONS

**Area Needs** — Catholic Worker House

**Food Needs** — Catherine McAuley Center

**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

*“The Sign of the Cross is the most terrible weapon against the devil. Thus the Church wishes not only that we have it continually in front of our minds to recall to us just what our souls are worth and what they cost Jesus Christ, but also that we should make it at every juncture ourselves: when we go to bed, when we awaken during the night, when we get up, when we begin any action, and, above all, when we are tempted.”*

**St. John Vianney (1786-1859)**

**Feast Day: August 4**

## **MASS INTENTIONS:**

**JULY 31:** MARCIA ZACHAR

**AUGUST 1:** LEONARD DOLEZAL

**AUGUST 2:** LISELOTTE JORGENSEN

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** DAVID & ROSE BURKE

## **COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading**—Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15

**Responsorial Psalm**—Psalm 78:3–4, 23–24, 25, 54

**Second Reading**—Ephesians 4:17, 20–24

**Gospel Reading**—John 6:24–35

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

**Ministers Schedule**

AUGUST 7		AUGUST 8
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 August 1, 2021**

**Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35 (113)  
**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21 (407)  
**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 (408)  
**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25, 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28 (409)  
**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23 (410)  
**Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10 (614)  
**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20 (412)  
**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51 (116)

**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.

**Parish Visitor  
Welcome to St. Wenceslaus**

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