

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 8, 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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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.

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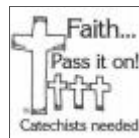
Watch the bulletin for upcoming dates for the "First Kolache Baking Training!"



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. **Cost is \$35 per person, and the final deadline for registration is August 18.**



NEXT COFFEE & CATHOLICISM — Please join us for the next Coffee & 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.”



Catechists Needed — Are you interested in teaching kids about the faith? The K-8 Religious Education Program at Immaculate Conception and St. Wenceslaus Parishes is looking for dedicated and devout individuals who have a passion for leading kids towards a life with Jesus. Please contact the DRE, Erica Ernzen, at e.ernzen@dbqarch.org to find out more!

ST. WENCESLAUS FACEBOOK PAGE

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

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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SECRETARY OF PASTORAL MINISTRIES / CONFIRMATION /

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.



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.



Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

If you have a young person who needs to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and will be age 15 by June 2022, please contact Christina Coveyou to get registered for

the upcoming classes this year. There will be a short meeting prior to the first class held in August, so please send an email Christina at icsw.christina@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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).



July 31-August 1 Operational Income

Budget.....	5,464.00
Offertory.....	515.00
Candles.....	22.00
Online Donations.....	370.91
Total Operational Income.....	\$6,371.91

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

Surplus this week.....	613.91
Deficit this fiscal year to date.....	\$3,111.19

Restricted Donations

Storm Recovery	140.00
Building Improvement Fund.....	207.00
Memorials.....	25.00
Mass Stipends.....	30.00
Total Restricted Donations.....	402.00

Total Income for Week..... **\$6,773.91**

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, Rita Cejka, Thomas Trcka, Sonny Hartl.



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.

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.

2022 Archdiocesan Women's Conference: Beauty in Christ
Save the date for **Saturday, January 29, 2022!** Liz Kelly has been confirmed as one of the speakers. She is a noted speaker, retreat leader, and award winning author. More information coming soon. Save January 29, 2022 on your calendar!

Who Was St. Clare of Assisi?

St. Clare of Assisi was born in 1194 into a wealthy Italian family, but soon shunned her luxurious upbringing to embrace the life of piety and poverty. Inspired by the words of Francis of Assisi, Clare fled her home and joined Francis, establishing her own religious order (The Order of Poor Ladies). The group became known for their austere and devout lifestyle and for the power of their prayer, which is credited with saving Assisi from invaders twice. After Francis' death, Clare continued his work and broadened her own influence. Clare died in 1253 and was canonized two years later by Pope Alexander IV. St. Clare's feast day is this coming week: August 11.

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

"If you suffer with Him, you will reign with Him. If you cry with Him, you will have joy with Him. If you die with Him on the Cross of tribulation, you will possess the eternal dwelling place in the splendor of the saints. And your name, written in the Book of Life, will be glorious among men."

St. Clare of Assisi (1194-1253)

Feast Day: August 11

MASS INTENTIONS:

AUGUST 7: DON & VERA CONWAY

AUGUST 8: JOE & JEAN VONDRACEK

AUGUST 9: CHARLOTTE, JOE, & LARRY TAGUE

SANCTUARY LIGHT: YARMILA JEDLICKA

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

The Lord feeds Elijah, strengthening him for his journey to Horeb.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9

A prayer of praise to God for his goodness

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:30—5:2

The Ephesians are encouraged to be imitators of Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 6:41-51

Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father’s will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today’s Gospel reading.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week’s Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

Ministers Schedule

AUGUST 14		AUGUST 15
VOLUNTEER	Lector	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Server	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Server	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	EM	VOLUNTEER
PRIEST	EM	PRIEST
VOLUNTEER	Usher	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Usher	VOLUNTEER
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M Harman	Sacristan	P Jansa

Counters: Piersall

Readings for the Week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51 (116)
Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27 (413)
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26 (618)
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20 (415)
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 13-17; Mt 18:21—19:1 (416)
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12 (417)
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15 (418)
Sunday: Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56 (622)

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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