

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | August 15, 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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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. WENCESLAUS PARISHES

Altar Server Training:
August 25th, 6PM
August 28th, 9AM

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training:
September 1st, 6PM
September 8th, 9AM

Lector Training:
September 15th, 6PM
September 18th, 9AM

- All trainings will take place at Immaculate Conception.
- All current ministers are asked to attend a training in order to be scheduled on future schedules.
- Any child who has received their First Communion may serve as an altar server.
- Any confirmed Catholic in good standing may serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Lector.

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!"

Young Adults Nights at St. Patrick Parish—Anyone in their 20's & 30's is welcome to join us on Saturday nights from 7:30-9 p.m. for Adoration, Evening Prayer, and a discussion on a variety of faith topics. For more information, contact Jacob Stewart at jstewart@stpatrickscr.org.

ST. WENCESLAUS FACEBOOK PAGE

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

ONLINE GIVING



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



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.



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. Registration forms are also available in the church. **Cost is \$35 per person, and the final deadline for registration is August 18.**

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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DEACONS: Vernon Rompot, David Harris, Robert Hurych

PARISH COORDINATOR: Patti Jansa / stwencr@msn.com

PHONE NUMBERS

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St. Wenceslaus Parish Office: 362-8061

DRE/PASTORAL MINISTER: Erica Ernzen / e.ernzen@dbqarch.org

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.



Sacrament of Confirmation 2021-2022

— 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.

AUTUMN PILGRIMAGE 2021

— You are invited to join Fr. Ken Glaser and members of St. Ludmila Parish on **October 21-22** as we embark on a spiritual journey to two sacred Catholic sites in Northwest Iowa. We will visit and explore **Trinity Heights** in Sioux City - which includes magnificent statues and carvings, memorial gardens, an outdoor Stations of the Cross, a chapel, and a gift shop, as well as the amazing **Grotto of the Redemption** in West Bend. The total cost for this 2-day, 1-night pilgrimage is only \$110/person for double occupancy and \$158 for single occupancy. To learn more and register, visit www.stludmila.org.

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).



August 7-8 Operational Income

Budget.....	3,468.00
Offertory.....	709.00
Candles.....	12.00
Online Donations.....	10.00
Stole Fees.....	150.00
Total Operational Income.....	\$4,349.00

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

Deficit this week.....	1,409.00
Deficit this fiscal year to date.....	\$4,520.19

Restricted Donations

Storm Recovery	155.00
Building Improvement Fund.....	151.00
Area Needs.....	100.00
Total Restricted Donations.....	406.00

Total Income for Week..... **\$4,755.00**

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, 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, Doris Snyder, Dan Vchytal, John Pope.



CEDAR RAPIDS FIESTA LATINA — Immaculate Conception Church Hispanic Ministry is sponsoring a fundraising booth at the Cedar Rapids Fiesta Latina festival on September 15. Please help us raise money for our Parish. We need volunteers to work the booth selling food, food prep, and taking orders. For more information, on how you can volunteer call Zoraida Vega 538.4512.



Calling All Knitters & Crocheters — Join us the third Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in Scotus Hall. We make shawls and lap blankets for the homebound and hospital and hospice patients. Items are blessed by a priest before delivery. Call Jean Bean at 319-228-8865 for more information. New members are welcome!

AD ALTARE DEI PROGRAM — All Saints Parish will offer an Ad Altare Dei (to the Altar of God) program this fall, starting on September 19. This program is designed for Scouts ages 13-14, is to help Catholic youth develop a fully Christian way of life. All eight sessions will be held at All Saints Parish, on Sundays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. To register, go to www.eventbrite.com and search for Catholic Scouting—Ad Altare Dei—Cedar Rapids, IA Fall 2021.

Coaching Positions Available at Regis — Regis Middle School is currently seeking coaches for this fall's boys tennis and 8th grade girls volleyball teams. Any potential coach must have their K-12 Iowa Coaching Authorization. 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.



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.



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.

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!

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

“There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love.”

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux
(1090-1153)**

Feast Day: August 20

AUGUST COLLECTIONS

Area Needs — Catholic Worker House

Food Needs — Catherine McAuley Center

MASS INTENTIONS:

AUGUST 14: MARY LOU SMEJKAL

AUGUST 15: MILO & AGNES YILEK

AUGUST 16: MILDRED, DENNIS, & LAURENCE KEMP

SANCTUARY LIGHT: DON & VERA CONWAY

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab

The sign of God's salvation will be a woman clothed with the sun.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 45:10-12,16

The queen takes her place next to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Christ has redeemed Adam's sin.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

Ministers Schedule

AUGUST 21		AUGUST 22
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 15, 2021

Sunday: Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56 (622)
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22 (419)
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30 (420)
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16 (421)
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14 (422)
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40 (423)
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12 (424)
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69 (122)

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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