

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 11th, 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 meeting on **August 29** after the 10:30 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!"



NEXT COFFEE & CATHOLICISM — The next Coffee & Catholicism will be **Saturday, September 11** at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Scotus Hall. Fr. Dennis Conway will present, "Knowing God's Will: To Obey or Not Obey? The Virtue of Obedience." This will be Part 3 in a 4-part series on knowing God's will.

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.



Archdiocesan Embracing Inclusion Award Recipients — The "Embracing Inclusion

Award" recognizes parishes and schools of the Archdiocese of Dubuque that have responded to the needs of persons with disabilities. Awards are presented in Best Improvement to Property providing greater accessibility, and Best Program or Project for fuller inclusive participation in the life of the faithful. Congratulations to this year's award recipients, **St. Wenceslaus Parish in Cedar Rapids**, and Wahlert High School in Dubuque.

Annual Men's Dinner

MEN'S DINNER

Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Men's Dinner at Immaculate Conception Scotus Hall on **Saturday, October 30, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.** Our event includes dinner, dessert, fellowship, prayer, and a talk from Father Conway. Contact Tom Coppa for more information, to volunteer, or to RSVP. **Email:** tcoppa@gmail.com or **Text:** 319-654-5280.

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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PARISH COORDINATOR: Patti Jansa / stwenccr@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 to Christina at icsw.christina@gmail.com soon!

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.

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 14-15 Operational Income

Budget.....	4,261.00
Offertory.....	386.00
Candles.....	10.00
Online Donations.....	154.11
Stole Fees: Weddings.....	750.00
Total Operational Income.....	\$5,561.11

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

Deficit this week.....	196.89
Deficit this fiscal year to date.....	\$4,717.08

Restricted Donations

Storm Recovery	150.00
Building Improvement Fund.....	80.00
Area Needs.....	100.00
Total Restricted Donations.....	330.00

Total Income for Week..... **\$5,891.11**

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, Joe Zachar.



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.

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@stpatrikscr.org

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

*"HOPE has two beautiful daughters; their names are **ANGER** and **COURAGE**. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are."*

**St. Augustine
(354-430)**

Feast Day: August 28

AUGUST COLLECTIONS

Area Needs — Catholic Worker House

Food Needs — Catherine McAuley Center

MASS INTENTIONS:

AUGUST 21: JEANNE ZOBL

AUGUST 22: MARCIA ZACHAR

AUGUST 23: ERNEST & ANNA MAE VLASEK

SANCTUARY LIGHT: JASON JOENS

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b

Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21

The Lord hears the cries of the just.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32 (or shorter form Ephesians 5:2a,25-32)

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.

Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Ministers Schedule

AUGUST 28		AUGUST 29
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 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69 (122)
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22 (425)
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51 (629)
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32 (427)
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51 (428)
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13 (429)
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30 (430)
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125)

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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