

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 5, 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 **September 12 and 19** 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.

KOLACHE BAKERS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS! Flour, sugar, & eggs can be dropped off at the parish office during business hours.

SEEKING SPONSORS — We are asking for sponsors for Goulash Day: corporate, business, and individual sponsorships. Please pick up a sponsor sheet at the back of church or at swcr.church if you're interested.

GOULASH VEGETABLE CLEANING DAY — **September 20 @ 8:30 a.m.** in Glovik Parish Center. Bring cutting board, paring knife, & peeler. All are welcome!

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING AT I.C. — Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on September 11 at 9 a.m. Training for Lectors will be held on September 15 at 6 p.m. and September 18 at 9 a.m.



Religious Education Classes are BACK IN-PERSON for the 2021-2022 School Year! — RE classes for K-8 will be held on Wednesdays throughout the year from 6:30 to 8:00

p.m. in Scotus Hall at Immaculate Conception Church. The first day of class and the general information meeting will be **September 22, 2021**. Registration is available online at our parish website (swcr.church). The fee is \$55 per student. Register as soon as possible. Contact Erica with any questions at e.ernzen@dbqarch.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.

MEN'S DINNER

Annual 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.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court #1768 will meet **Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Wenceslaus Church. We'll start with a potluck supper and discuss programs and activities for the coming year. Guests are always welcome. Contacts: Erika at 238-1798 and Linda at 480-4983.



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.

NEED MONEY COUNTERS — St. Wenceslaus is looking for more volunteers to help serve as money counters. Training will be provided, and we will set up a rotation of counters. Please contact Carmen Kelley at dbq027bm@dbqarch.org or (319) 362-7181 if you are interested.

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. Saturday Mass
- Provide funeral luncheon salads/desserts
- Offertory Counters
- Deliver monthly food collection
- Join our choir

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Dennis Conway

d.conway@dbqarch.org

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Junge

a.junge@dbqarch.org

DEACONS: Vernon Rompot, David Harris, Robert Hurych

PARISH COORDINATOR: Patti Jansa / stwencr@msn.com

PHONE NUMBERS

Fr. Dennis Conway, Fr. Aaron Junge, and I.C. Parish Office: 362-7181

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).

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**August 28-29
Operational Income**

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| Budget..... | 3,178.00 |
| Offertory..... | 514.00 |
| Candles..... | 11.00 |
| Online Donations..... | 259.38 |
| Stole Fees—Baptisms..... | 90.00 |
| Total Operational Income..... | \$4,052.38 |

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

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| Deficit this week..... | 1,705.62 |
| Deficit this fiscal year to date..... | \$8,134.70 |

Restricted Donations

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| Storm Recovery | 25.00 |
| Building Improvement Fund..... | 25.00 |
| Mass Stipends..... | 20.00 |
| Memorials..... | 200.00 |
| Total Restricted Donations..... | 270.00 |

Total Income for Week.....\$4,322.38

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 FESTIVAL LATINO — Immaculate Conception Church Hispanic Ministry is sponsoring a fundraising booth at the Cedar Rapids Festival Latino on **September 12**. 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 Naida Garza at 319-654-6927 or Zoraida Vega at 319-538-4512.



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!



Register Now for the St. Vincent de Paul "Friends of the Poor Walk/Run" Annual Fundraiser! This year our event will be held on **Saturday September 25**, at Cherry Hill Park, 370 Stoney Point Road NW in Cedar Rapids. To register as a walker, to donate, and/or to get additional information, please check out our event page at www.fopwalk.org/event/2577.



40 Days for Life is a cross-denominational, faith-based effort to end abortion through prayer, fasting, and community outreach. Join us for the **Kick-off Rally at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 19** at First Open Bible Church, 1911 "E" Avenue NW in Cedar Rapids. Rev. Michael Salemkink, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life, will speak about life through all of its stages with the theme "FEAR NOT." This rally will inspire and motivate you to pray and fast for an end to legal abortion.



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@stpatrickscr.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.

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Feast Day: September 13

SEPTEMBER COLLECTIONS

Area Needs — Metro Catholic Outreach

Food Needs — St. Vincent de Paul

MASS INTENTIONS:

SEPTEMBER 4: RONNIE RUZICKA

SEPTEMBER 5: ED MELICHAR

SEPTEMBER 6: STANLEY & IRMA DRAHOS

SANCTUARY LIGHT: ED MELICHAR

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 146:7,8-9,9-10

A song of praise to God

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:31-37

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

Ministers Schedule

| SEPTEMBER 11 | | SEPTEMBER 12 |
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| 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 September 5, 2021

Sunday: Isa 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37 (128)
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11 (437)
Tuesday: Col 2: 6-15; Lk 6:12-19 (438)
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 (636)
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38 (440)
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42 (441)
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49 (442)
Sunday: Isa 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35 (131)

BIRTHRIGHT — Birthright offers 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.

The Horizons Meals on Wheels Program is in need of volunteers to deliver hot lunches in the Cedar Rapids metro area. If interested, please contact MarJoan at 319-398-3574 or 319-551-4345 or email mrhodes@horizonsfamily.org.

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