



Feast of the Holy Family | December 26, 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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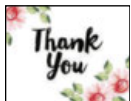


POSITION AVAILABLE

Immaculate Conception and St. Wenceslaus Parishes in Cedar Rapids, IA, are seeking a full-time Faith Formation Director. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in Theology or a related field. The Faith Formation Director would be responsible for overseeing a team to coordinate a comprehensive faith formation program for all ages. Familiarity with digital technology and competency in Spanish would be beneficial.

Please submit a resume and cover letter or questions to Fr. Conway at d.conway@dbqarch.org.

NEW HYMNALS — We have just received our new hymnals (*Credo*)! Feel free to take one to your pew during Mass, but please leave the hymnal in the back afterwards.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS Cedar Rapids Court #1768 extends a big **THANK YOU** to all for your support of our recent successful Christmas Cookie Drive-Thru, which resulted in raising funds for two local food pantries: Metro Catholic Outreach and St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you!

Adoration at IC — There will be no Adoration at Immaculate Conception the weekends of December 24-25 and December 31-January 1.

HOLY DAY MASSES FOR JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

5:30 PM @ Immaculate Conception (12/31)

11:30 PM @ St. Wenceslaus (12/31)

8:30 AM @ Immaculate Conception (1/1)

10:30 AM @ St. Wenceslaus (1/1)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Both Immaculate Conception and St. Wenceslaus are in need of additional **sacristans**. If you would be available to help set up for Mass and clean up afterwards, we would greatly appreciate it! We are in need of assistance for weekday Masses at IC as well as weekend Masses. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Junge at a.junge@dbqarch.org. Thank you!

Liturgical ministers are needed for weekend Masses at St. Wenceslaus: Saturday @ 4 p.m. and Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. If interested, call the parish office.

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
- Building & Grounds
- Choir

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Dennis Conway

d.conway@dbqarch.org

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Junge

a.junge@dbqarch.org

DEACONS: David Harris, Robert Hurych

PARISH COORDINATOR: Patti Jansa / dbq033sec@dbqarch.org

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 / dbq027s@dbqarch.org

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.



MASS READINGS — While St. Wenceslaus and Immaculate Conception parishes do not plan to purchase missalettes for use in the pews, there are other options. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the Mass readings online for free at <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>. They also offer a link to the daily readings in Spanish: <https://bible.usccb.org/es/readings/calendar>.

Divine Mercy Gifts at St. Patrick's offers copies of the Magnificat magazine and other similar resources for purchase.

Magnificat (<https://us.magnificat.net/>) and The Word Among Us (<https://wau.org/>) offer paid subscriptions to their magazines.

You can also order a missal from the Religious Supply Center at <https://religioussupply.com/>.



ONLY A FEW DAYS REMAIN FOR YOUR 75% STO TAX CREDIT!

Hurry! There may still be enough time to make an online gift to the Our Faith STO! Check the OurFaithSTO.org website to see whether 2021 tax credits are still available. Don't miss out! Funds contributed in 2021 will provide tuition assistance to qualifying families attending an Archdiocese school during the 2022-2023 school year. When the clock strikes midnight on December 31, this 75% opportunity for the 2021 tax year 2021 will be gone. Please visit www.ourfaithsto.org or contact Deacon Brian Zeman - Our Faith STO Director at (563) 556-2580 x296.



The **devotional votive candle holder** is now located in the original entryway of the church.

St. Wenceslaus Mass & Confession Schedule

Masses: Saturday @ 4:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday @ 8:00 a.m. (Latin) & 10:30 a.m. (English)

Monday @ 6:30 p.m. (Latin) & Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m. (Latin)

Confessions: 3:00-3:45 p.m. on Saturday / 7:00-7:45 a.m. and 9:45-10:15 a.m. on Sunday

Half an hour before Monday & Wednesday evening Masses

PRAYER CHAIN — If you would like to add a prayer intention to our prayer chain, please send an email to icswprayer@gmail.com.

LIVE-STREAMING MASSES—Live-streamed Sunday Masses from Immaculate Conception can be found at [YouTube.com/c/immaculateconceptioncatholicchurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/immaculateconceptioncatholicchurch).

FORMED — The best Catholic content. With FORMED, you'll find video programs on a variety of topics. Visit www.formed.org, sign up as a parishioner, enter 52403 as the zip code for IC, and then select Immaculate Conception Parish/Cedar Rapids.

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, Barb Ashbacher, Theresa Ruzicka, Jan Kazimour, Marie Miller, Bette Spencer Miller, Hope Forristall, Diane Stastny, Barb Ruzicka, William & Rosemary Jacobson, Jolene Birkicht, Jean Petzelka, Carol Ellis, Rita Cejka, Thomas Trcka, Doris Snyder, Dan Vchytal, John Pope, Joe Zachar, LeRoy Harris, John Gerlach

Financial Report

December 11-12, 2021

This financial report combines the IC & SW collections.

Budget Envelopes & Online Giving	7,524.00
Offertory	2,240.81
Parish Maintenance/Improvement	696.00
Total Income for the Week	\$10,460.81
Total Needed (Each Week)	\$21,199.76

Financial Report

December 18-19, 2021

This financial report combines the IC & SW collections.

Due to an early submission date for the December 26, 2021 *Voice*, the financial report for December 18-19 will appear in the January 2 *Voice*.



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. Call Jean Bean at 319-228-8865 for more information. New members are welcome!

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.

OFFICES CLOSED — IC & St. Wenceslaus parish offices will be closed on Monday, December 27 and Friday, December 31.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES— There will be NO religious education or Confirmation classes on Wednesday, December 29.

The Giving Tree
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VISITING ANGELS GIVING TREE — The Giving Tree for the Visiting Angels is now up in the new addition. Visiting Angels is a group that ministers to parishioners who are homebound or are living in nursing homes. All proceeds support their mission.

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.

DECEMBER COLLECTIONS

Area Needs — St. Vincent de Paul

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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) 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 at I.C. 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

"In a world gone astray from God there is no peace, but it also lacks charity, which is true and perfect love... Nothing is more beautiful than love. Indeed, faith and hope will end when we die, whereas love, that is, charity, will last for eternity."

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
(A.D. 1901-1925)

Feast Day: July 4

MASS INTENTIONS:

DECEMBER 25 (HOLY FAMILY): PATRICK McELLIOTT

DECEMBER 26 (HOLY FAMILY) / 8 AM: JOANNE GORTON

DECEMBER 26 (HOLY FAMILY) / 10:30 AM : JENNIE McEOWEN

DECEMBER 27: EMILY ZOUSEL

DECEMBER 29: DALE & RITA GREEN

DECEMBER 31 / 11:30 PM (MARY, MOTHER OF GOD): LARIN LONG

JANUARY 1 / 10:30 AM (MARY, MOTHER OF GOD): FOR THE PEOPLE

SANCTUARY LIGHT: HAZEL WALTON

LETTER FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Friends,

As a priest, I have come to appreciate this week between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For whatever reason, there seems to be a certain quiet and peacefulness as so many of us enjoy ongoing Christmas celebrations, time with family, vacation, etc. I believe this is a great glimpse of the Sabbath rest into which God calls us.

The Christmas season continues for several more weeks, and as Catholics we should absolutely live this truth, but living that truth doesn't mean partying every single evening, or opening presents every day, etc. This weekend is a chance for us to reflect upon the Holy Family and despite so many beautiful images down the centuries, we know very little of what the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph together was like; there is a profound silence and an invitation to enter into that silence ourselves.

If we are burned out by the Christmas festivities, or are hurting in a way that makes it hard for us to feel the joy of Christmas, this feast and this week become an invitation for us to enter into the silent love of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and in that silence, to become open to receiving the quiet joy of loving, and being loved by, God.

May God bless you all this Christmas season.

In Christ,
Fr. Aaron

SAVE THE DATES! The next **CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE** will be held on **September 24 & 25, 2022** at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

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

Ministers Schedule

JANUARY 1		JANUARY 2
VOLUNTEER	Lector	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Server	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Server	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	EM	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	EM	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Usher	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Usher	VOLUNTEER
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M. Harman	Sacristan	VOLUNTEER

Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52 (17)
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8 (697)
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18 (698)
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35 (202)
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40 (203)
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18 (204)
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 (18)
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 (20)

Extraordinary Form of the Mass Propers January 2 (Holy Name of Jesus)

- **Introit:** Philippians 2:10-11
- **Epistle:** Acts 4:8-12
- **Gradual:** Psalm 105:47
- **Gospel:** Luke 2:21
- **Offertory:** Psalm 85:12, 5
- **Communion:** Psalm 85: 9, 10

FAMILY COUNSELING — Fr. Lloyd (Sam) Cunningham facilitates family counseling sessions at I.C. on Thursdays, from 1 to 4 p.m. He is fluent in Spanish. Contact Fr. Sam at 773-610-3766 to schedule an appointment. There is a minimal fee for these services.

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