

The Epiphany of the Lord | January 2, 2022

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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MARCH FOR LIFE — Join us as we **March for Life and Equality** in the Womb on January 22. We will meet at St. Matthews First Avenue parking lot by 9:15. Once there, we will pray and witness for an end to abortion. The Return March starts at 10:30 back to St. Matthew where in the lower level (Kern Hall), we will warm up eating some delicious chili and have a rally from 11:10 to 11:40 featuring Bernie Hayes. Questions? Call Sue Martinek @ 319-270-0054.



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 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.

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

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DEACONS: David Harris, Robert Hurych

PARISH COORDINATOR: Patti Jansa / dbq033sec@dbqarch.org

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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 / 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.



St. Wenceslaus is changing online giving platforms. We will now be using the same platform as Immaculate Conception: **ParishSOFT**. Scan the QR code to donate online.

You can also go to the parish website (<http://swcr.church>) to donate.



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/>.



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

Epiphany Concert — St. Pius X Church (4949 Council St. NE) will host an Epiphany Concert on **Sunday, January 2, 2022** at 3 p.m. This concert will feature some St. Wenceslaus musicians. Admission is free, and refreshments will be offered following the concert. Everyone is welcome to “come bearing gifts” of a monetary offering or non-perishable food item for Metro Catholic Outreach (MCO).

St. Wenceslaus Mass & Confession Schedule

Masses: Saturday @ 4:00 p.m. (English)
Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. (English)

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

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 Mass 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 Petrzela, Carol Ellis, Rita Cejka, Thomas Trcka, Doris Snyder, Dan Vchytal, John Pope, Joe Zachar, LeRoy Harris, John Gerlach

Financial Report

December 18-19, 2021

This financial report combines the IC & SW collections.

Budget Envelopes & Online Giving	11,586.00
Offertory	1,593.00
Parish Maintenance/Improvement	450.00
Total Income for the Week	\$13,629.00
Social Concerns	2,190.71
Total Needed (Each Week)	\$21,199.76

Financial Report

December 25-26, 2021

This financial report combines the IC & SW collections.

Due to an early submission date for the January 2, 2022 *Voice*, the financial report for December 25-26 will appear in the January 9 *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.

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



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.

JANUARY COLLECTIONS

Area Needs — Green Square Meals

Food Needs — Metro Catholic Outreach

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

"These three things God requires of all the Baptized: right faith in the heart, truth on the tongue, temperance in the body."

St. Gregory Nazianzen
(A.D. 329-390)

Feast Day: January 2

MASS INTENTIONS:

JANUARY 1: PATRICK McELLIOTT

JANUARY 2 / 8 AM: FOR THE PEOPLE

JANUARY 2 / 10:30 AM : HATTIE DRAHOS

JANUARY 3: TRZIL FAMILY

JANUARY 5: MARGUERITE ANETTE PHILLIPS

SANCTUARY LIGHT: KEVIN & SUE COOLING

LETTER FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week we celebrate the great feast of the Epiphany in the Church, which we often remember as the visit of the wisemen to the child Jesus. I feel like we often miss the point of this feast day. We remember the kings, the wisemen, their gifts, and we focus on those. But even the name of the feast invites us to remember something else. Epiphany means a revelation or manifestation of a divine being. This feast is not about what the wisemen did for the child Jesus, but what He did for them. They were men who were searching for wisdom, following the signs for something, seeking out the truth, and it was in the child Jesus that they found what they were looking for. As the prophet Isaiah says, "upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance."

This is truly what we celebrate - the revelation of our saving God in our midst, the light by which he scatters the darkness of this world. Our mission as a parish community is to help our parish members, but others as well, to experience their own epiphany. Our gifts given to this mission like the wisemen's help make this possible, but our true focus as Catholics is to encounter the living God and lead others to this encounter as well. One of the first steps, I would suggest, is to reflect on our experience of encountering God in our own lives. How have we come to see the true majesty and glory of our God? Perhaps in our experience in the sacraments of the Church. Perhaps through His word speaking to us in sacred scriptures. Perhaps in an encounter with the wonders of creation. God reveals His love and glory in all of these things, and we pray that they be shown to the whole world to reveal who He is! How can we help that if we don't stop to recognize them in our own lives?

As we begin this new year, perhaps rather than just looking forward, it's worth taking a moment to look back. Where have I seen the goodness of God in our midst, where has He been revealed to me, even amidst the difficulties and challenges of this world? And if I have encountered Him in this way, how can I help others to find Him in their lives as well? In the Epiphany, the wisemen received far more than they gave, and so do we every time we encounter the love of our God in His sacraments. May we follow the example of the wisemen prostrating ourselves before the glory of the Lord, rejoicing in what we have found, and going to share it with others. God bless you all!

In Christ,
Rev. Dennis Conway

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Ministers Schedule

JANUARY 8		JANUARY 9
B. May	Lector	P. Jansa
A. Zachar	Server	A. Kuefler
T. Zachar	Server	JP Kuefler
P. Semelroth	EM	Deacon Harris
M. Harman	EM	R. Borellil
A. Zenisek	Usher	K. Kazimour
P. Zenisek	Usher	R. Kazimour
B. Himes	Usher	M. Kilberger
M. Harman	Sacristan	P. Mooney

Readings for the Week of January 2, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 (20)

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 (212)

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mt 6:34-44 (213)

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52 (214)

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22 (215)

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16 (216)

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30 (217)

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 (21)

Mass in the Extraordinary Form Schedule

Sunday @ 8:00 a.m.

Monday @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m.

Confessions are heard Sunday from 7 to 7:45 a.m. and a half hour before the Monday & Wednesday Masses

Mass in the Extraordinary Form Propers January 9 (Holy Family)

- **Introit:** Proverbs 23:24-25
- **Epistle:** Colossians 3:12-17
- **Gradual:** Psalm 26:4; 83:5
- **Gospel:** Luke 2:42-52
- **Offertory:** Luke 2:22
- **Communion:** Luke 2:51

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