



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 30, 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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## *Candlemas at Immaculate Conception and St. Wenceslaus*

Join us at 12:05 PM (Immaculate Conception- Mass in English)  
and 5:30 PM (St. Wenceslaus- Mass in the Extraordinary Form)

Wednesday, February 2nd.

Bring any candles to be blessed.

Mass will begin in the Grotto at Immaculate Conception, and in  
the new entryway at St. Wenceslaus.



**SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON** — The Souper Bowl Luncheon will be held on  
Sunday, February 13 after the 10:30 AM Mass in Chihak Hall. Free will  
donation. All proceeds will go to MCO.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:a.junge@dbqarch.org). Thank you!

**Liturgical ministers** are needed for weekend Masses at  
St. Wenceslaus: Saturday @ 4 PM and Sunday @ 10:30  
AM. 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

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### PHONE NUMBERS

St. Wenceslaus Parish Office: 362-8061  
Immaculate Conception Parish Office: 362-7181

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

**PARISH NURSES:** Connie Arens at 319-431-7737, Elaine Boes at 319-848-6052, or Susan Teahen at 319-431-8493.

### 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

### SACRAMENTS

**Marriage** — Please contact Fr. Conway or Fr. Junge 6 months in advance.

**Baptism** — Please contact the parish office. Baptisms take place on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. You must attend the Baptism class if this is your first child being baptized.

**Anointing of the Sick** — Please contact Fr. Conway or Fr. Junge through email or by calling the parish office.

**Interested in Joining our Parish** — Please contact the parish office or fill out an online registration form on the parish website (<https://swcr.church>).



St. Wenceslaus has changed 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.



**PRAYER CHAIN** — If you would like to add a prayer intention to our prayer chain, please send an email to [icswprayer@gmail.com](mailto:icswprayer@gmail.com).



### SUNDAY MASS READINGS STUDY

— Beginning on **Thursday, February 3**,

Immaculate Conception will offer a weekly study and

discussion of the Sunday Mass readings. This study will be held in Scotus Hall every Thursday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. Bring your bible. All are welcome! Contact Kim at [dbq027s2@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq027s2@dbqarch.org) with any questions.



**FIRST COMMUNION 2022** The deadline for registering for First Communion 2022 is coming up soon! First Communion will be held at St. Wenceslaus on **Sunday, May 1, 2022** at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. To register, go to the parish website (<https://swcr.church>). If you have questions, contact Erica Ernzen at [e.ernzen@dbqarch.org](mailto:e.ernzen@dbqarch.org).

**FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE** — A “First Reconciliation Service” will be held for First Communicants (those students who will receive First Communion on May 1) and their families on **Wednesday, February 23** at 6:30 PM at Immaculate Conception. This service is not open to the public.

**Adoration** — Come spend an hour with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration every Friday at Immaculate Conception, following the 12:05 PM Mass, and continuing overnight until 8:30 a.m. Saturday. To sign up for a specific hour or to get the code, please contact Kim at [dbq027s2@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq027s2@dbqarch.org).

**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

January 22-23, 2022

This financial report combines the IC & SW collections.

Budget Envelopes & Online Giving	9,872.95
Offertory	2,365.50
Parish Maintenance/Improvement	270.00
<b>Total Income for the Week</b>	<b>\$12,508.45</b>
<b>Total Needed (Each Week)</b>	<b>\$21,199.76</b>



**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!

**CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE** — Save the dates! **September 24 & 25, 2022** @ the Wells Fargo Arena - Des Moines. Once again, you're invited to hear world class Catholic speakers, celebrate Mass with thousands, fill your spirit with music, attend Reconciliation, and visit Jesus in Adoration. Feel Your Soul Rejoice!

**26th ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** — **Saturday, March 19, 2022** @ Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids. Keynote speaker will be Mark Harfiel. Archbishop Jackels will be the celebrant at Mass. Register @ [archmensconference.org/register](http://archmensconference.org/register). Virtual participation will be available via live-stream.

**Archdiocesan Synod Survey Coming This Week** — This week all registered parish households will be receiving an important letter and survey from Archbishop Jackels. The survey, which will take about ten minutes to complete, will allow you to give input on how to measure parish viability and vitality to help with long-range parish planning. The survey can be completed by all and returned in the envelope provided. However, if you have access to the internet you are asked to complete it electronically. You can access the survey, in English, Spanish or French at [www.dbqarch.org/survey](http://www.dbqarch.org/survey) or by scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera and clicking on the link that pops up on your phone.



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1768** will meet **Tuesday, February 8** at St. Wenceslaus Church. The doors open at 6 PM with refreshments. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM. Sue May will speak on KMMK 88.7 FM local Catholic Radio, and we will make Valentine favors for the retired Sisters of Mercy. Guests are always welcome. Contacts:

Erika at 238-1798 or Linda at 480-4983.

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP** — The Men's Prayer Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 6:00 a.m. at I.C. All are welcome. Any questions, call Ron Smith at 319-929-1950.

### JANUARY COLLECTIONS

**Area Needs** — Willis Dady Homeless Services

**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.

**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 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

*"They abstain from the Eucharist and prayer, because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the Flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ. Flesh which suffered for our sins, and which the Father, in His goodness, raised up again. They who deny the gift of God are perishing in their disputes."*  
(Letter to the Smyrnaeans)

**St. Ignatius of Antioch**  
(A.D. 35-50 (?) to 110)

**Feast Day: February 1**  
(traditional calendar)

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**JANUARY 29:** ED MELICHAR

**JANUARY 30 / 8 AM:** HARLAN SEIDL

**JANUARY 30 / 10:30 AM:** FOR THE PEOPLE

**JANUARY 31:** KENNETH ROBINS

**FEBRUARY 2:** ANN SEIDL

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** KARL & FAYE WAGNER

**LETTER FROM OUR PRIESTS**

Friends,

This weekend we have the incredibly well-known writing from St. Paul about love from his first letter to the Corinthians. St. Paul wasn't just "waxing philosophical" about an abstract theory of love but was making a strong assertion to his people that love was, and is, the most fundamentally important reality in the Christian life: love of God and love of neighbor.

He is contrasting this with the temptation to be attached to great spiritual gifts like prophecy, tongues, healings, mighty deeds, etc., as the early Christian community seemed to have been struggling with wanting these "powers" to prove their discipleship rather than seeking to grow first and foremost in love. It seems the people of Nazareth in the Gospel were the same: seeking miraculous signs from Jesus to prove He was the Messiah.

Are we the same? The truth of the matter is, we should always approach seemingly-miraculous signs, wonders and visions with a healthy skepticism until the Church weighs in on such things. Not only can human beings be deceived or confused, they can also be deceitful- to say nothing of the evil one who loves to "disguise himself as an angel of light" and deceive us. How good it is, then, that God makes the measure of our spiritual life our love and union with Him and others, rather than the performance of seemingly-mystical deeds.

An excellent (if not a little cliched) examination of conscience is to take the word "love" in St. Paul's letter and substitute our own name. It becomes an excellent way to see where we still need to grow. It also is a wonderful exercise to re-examine our image of God, by substituting the word "love" with "God" and ensuring our image of God matches the image of revelation. May the God of love lead us to be ever-more fully united to Him.

In Christ,  
Fr. Aaron

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## Ministers Schedule

FEBRUARY 5		FEBRUARY 6
P. Semelroth	Lector	M. Papich
A. Zachar	Server	C. Smejkal
T. Zachar	Server	L. Smejkal
B. May	EM	Deacon Hurych
B. Northland	EM	R. Borelli
A. Zenisek	Usher	J. Manning
P. Zenisek	Usher	P. Mooney
B. Himes	Usher	P. Reed
M. Harman	Sacristan	VOLUNTEER

## Readings for the Week of January 30, 2021

**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30 (72)

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; Mk 5:1-20 (323)

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mt 5:21-43 (324)

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 (524)

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13 (326)

**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29 (327)

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34 (328)

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11 (75)

## 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 February 6 (5th Sunday after Epiphany)

- **Introit:** Psalm 96:7-8
- **Epistle:** Colossians 3:12-17
- **Gradual:** Psalm 101:16-17
- **Gospel:** Matthew 13: 24-30
- **Offertory:** Psalm 117:16, 17
- **Communion:** Luke 5:22

## Parish Visitor Welcome to St. Wenceslaus

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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