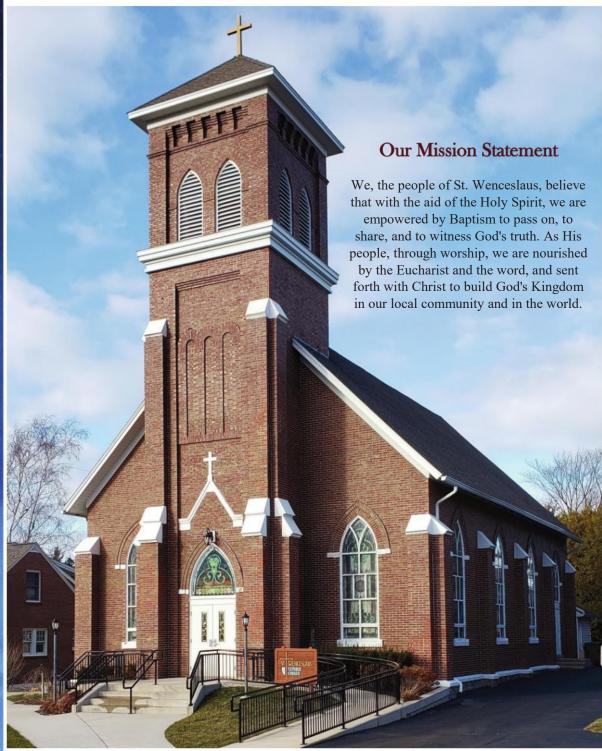
Epiphany of the Jord

Come, let us adore Him.



St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

January 3, 2021

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If you are in need of a priest, please call Deacon Martin and he will try and find one for you.

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Anticipating Surgery?

Please call Deacon Martin to make arrangements to be anointed in sickness or prior to surgery.

Reconciliation

Father will hear confessions by appointment.

Eucharist for the Homebound

If you are homebound, recovering from surgery or illness and would like the Eucharist brought to your home, please call or email the Parish Office or call Deacon Martin.

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021 @ 8:30 A.M.

Readers:

Saturday Mass:

Mary Leon

Sunday Mass:

Jerry Fleis

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SATURDAY, JANUARY 2—SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 2

For Blaise and Sarah Korson by St. Wenceslaus Altar Society

Sunday, January 3 8:30 a.m.

For Sr. Lydia Korson by Jerome and Mary Ann Kolarik

Saturday, January 9 6:00 p.m.

For Carol Korson by Jerome Korson

Sunday, January 10 8:30 a.m.

For The Frank and Mary Houdek Family by Jerome and Mary Ann Kolarik

Good Day to All!

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Magi, the Three Wise Men, came from the East following a star. They asked where the new born King of the Jews was to be found. King Herod asked the chief priests and scribes about their search. They tell him of the prophecy of the Christ to be born in Bethlehem.

Herod calls for the Magi, questions them, and encourages them to go to Bethlehem. He asks them to return to him when they find the child so he too may go and do him Homage. This is the same Herod who married his brother's wife, the same Herod who had John the Baptist beheaded, the same Herod who would later call for the killing of all male children under the age of two in the area. This same Herod gave the Magi directions on where to find the child.

The Magi followed the star until it came to rest over the place where the child was. They entered the house, prostrated themselves and did him homage. They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Being warned in a dream, not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another route.

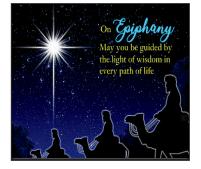
It is interesting that Herod, the evil one, helped the Magi to find the child. Not to be a nice guy, but for his own purpose, to destroy the child. In life, we are often helped along the way of life. Sometimes by success. Money can lead us to more money, and lead us away from Christ, because money becomes first. Our career, our talent, our job, our pleasures, can destroy our relationship with the Christ child. The evil one can make life easy for us so we do not need God. He can make us think that our success is of our own doing, that this is all we need.

As the Magi opened their treasuries for the Christ child, so should we do likewise, offering our time, which is most valuable, our talents, which are a gift from God, our prayers, which God longs for, our ear, which God wants to talk to. After meeting Christ we too will be changed, and, if we listen, we will journey in a new direction. We will be on the way to our eternal Home.

In Christ, Deacon Martin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

Monday	Jan 4	Matt 4:12-17
Tuesday	Jan 5	Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday	Jan 6	Mark 6:45-52
Thursday	Jan 7	Luke 4:14-22a
Friday	Jan 8	Luke 5:12-16
Saturday	Jan 9	John 3:22-30
Sunday	Jan 10	Mark 1:7-11



Next Sunday, we will take down the Christmas decorations in the Church. Please plan to stay and help. It will go quite fast. Masks and social distancing are required.

The Parish Office will resume regular office hours and will be open on Wednesdays, from 9 to Noon. Please wear a mask when visiting the office.

Pope Francis has declared 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph that started on December 8, 2020 and goes to December 8, 2021. Pope Pius IX declared Joseph the Patron of the Catholic Church. Venerable Pius XII declared him Patron Saint of Workers.

There is a special decoration this year. The white branch near the statue of St. Wenceslaus is decorated with Christmas bulbs. Each bulb has the name of a parishioner family. Many of our parishioners have, for various reasons, been unable to celebrate Mass with us. We love you and miss you and look forward to the end of the pandemic. As you look at bulbs on that lovely branch, please pray for all our parishioners, especially those you have not seen for a while. Next week, you can take home the bulb with your name written on it when we take the decorations down...

Living Faith, devotionals for January, February, and March, are available in the vestibule.

Thanks to all for your continued financial support of our Parish. Thanks to those who continue to tithe. Thanks, also, to those who are able to come and celebrate Mass in Church and to those who celebrate with us on the internet.

The Blaise Korson funeral was Tuesday, December 22. Thanks to those who plowed, shoveled, salted, or otherwise helped to provide a safe environment on that snowy day. Thanks, also, to Tom and Tillie for the music and song and to the those who ushered.

Thanks to all for your cooperation during the pandemic in maintaining the protocol. We will continue with the COVID requirements to wear masks, sanitize hands when entering the Church, and practice social distancing. Thank you

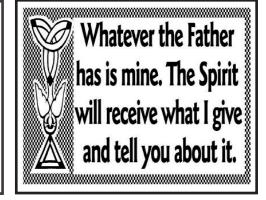
Calendars are available through the generosity of Martinson Funeral Home.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The Magi in today's Gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 20, 25 AND 27, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$2612	\$1092	\$2740	
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$ 142			100
RETIREMENT FUND	\$ 68	*	•	
WINDOW PROJECT	\$ 300		\$	110
FOOD PANTRY		\$ 50	\$	82
ROUTINE EXPENSES		\$ 350		
CEMETERY			\$	30
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the Parish, their families and

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