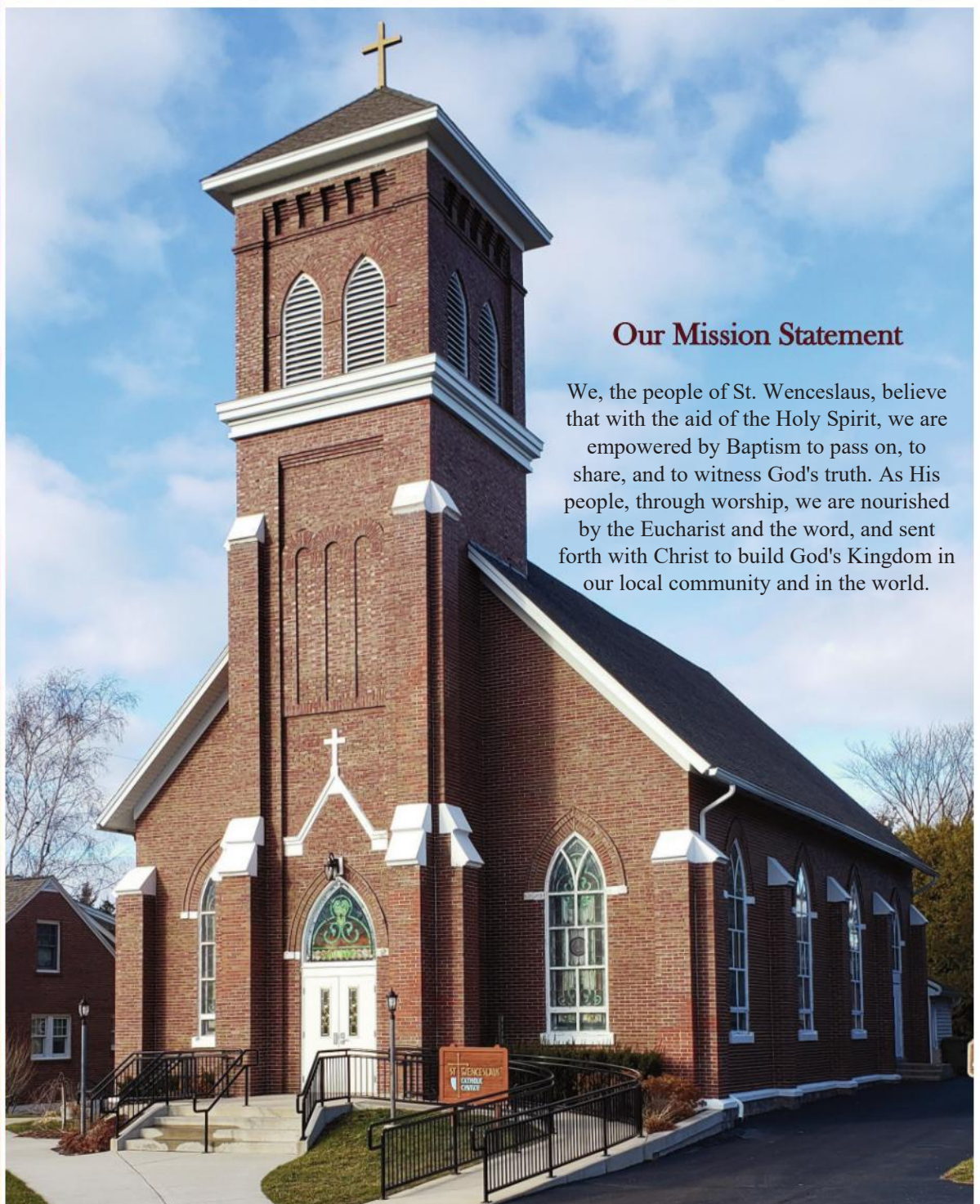




# 5th Sunday *of Easter*

## Our Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Wenceslaus, believe that with the aid of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered by Baptism to pass on, to share, and to witness God's truth. As His people, through worship, we are nourished by the Eucharist and the word, and sent forth with Christ to build God's Kingdom in our local community and in the world.



St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

May 2, 2021

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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**

**MAY 9, 2021  
@ 8:30 A.M.**

**Readers:**

**Saturday Mass:**

Lori Phillips

**Sunday Mass:**

Jerry Fleis

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SATURDAY, MAY 1 —SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021**

**Saturday, May 1**

**6:00 p.m.**

For Blaise Korson by Dan and Theresa

**Sunday, May 2**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Rita Radecki by Julius and Grace Kolarik

**Saturday, May 8**

**6:00 p.m.**

For Frank Nolfi by Martin and Phyllis Korson

**Sunday, May 9**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Carol Korson by Jerome Korson

**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. In today's Gospel, John 15:1-18, Jesus tells His disciples He is the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. We are the branches. This symbolizes the kind of intimate relationship that Jesus desires to have between Himself and us. The branch cannot exist without the vine very long. Some vines may appear to flourish for a while, but eventually die.

Jesus often used nature to get a point across. We have all seen beautiful flowers in vases and know that in time they will die. We can pick cherry buds and bring them inside to flower, and they do for a while, but they never bear fruit, they never bear cherries. You may have seen farmers pruning their trees. The prunings are always disposed of because they will not bear any fruit. They prune so that there will be more fruit. They cut out the dead wood, they thin the brush out to let in more air and sunlight. This pruning makes for a stronger tree that can bear much more fruit.

So it is with us. If we as branches disconnect ourselves from the vine, Jesus Christ, we may flourish for awhile, even blossom, have some success, but we will not bear much lasting fruit. The success we may have is fleeting, and soon leaves us feeling empty. We must prune away those things in our life that hinder our relationship with Christ. There may be many things that hide the presence of God in our life, things that keep us from knowing Him better.

We become more like Christ when we stay connected to Him. We stay connected to Jesus by prayer, reading and listening to scripture, sharing our faith with others, attending Mass in person or on the internet or TV, reaching out to others, being friendly, allowing His grace to flourish within us. We all can bear good fruit and be happy about it.

**In Christ, Deacon Martin**

**We welcome our** parishioners, guests, and those who watch on the internet and pray that you find comfort and welcoming as we worship together.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
MAY 2, 2021**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>John 14:6-14</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>John 14:27-31</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>John 15:1-8</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>John 15:9-11</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>John 15:12-17</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>John 15:18-21</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 9</b>	<b>John 15:9-17</b>

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Easter**



**Today St. Wenceslaus Parish** begins our campaign for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. This is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the diocese and in the universal Church to share our blessings and to show our care for one another. The CSA provides the opportunity to act together as a family and support programs and services no single individual or parish could offer by itself. Your gift is very important. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal, so please be as generous as possible with your pledge. **This year's CSA target is \$12,578.00.** This is about \$225.00 per family. Anything over the target comes back to the parish. We are not having a chicken dinner this year, so if you give a little extra, we benefit at the parish level as well. John and Lori Phillips will be in the Church basement to assist with contributions for the next three weekends. You will be receiving a CSA card from the diocese in the mail. You may fill it out and drop it in the basement collection, in the Church collection or mail it in to the Parish. Deacon Martin

**The Altar Society** will meet Tuesday, May 11, in the Church basement at 7 p.m. Please wear a mask and socially distance. All ladies are welcome.

**The Pastoral Council** will meet Monday, May 17, in the Church basement at 7 p.m. Masks and social distancing are required.

#### Letter of Thanks

Dear St. Wenceslaus Parishioners,  
Thank you for your continued support of LCN and our Leelanau County Neighbors. Your latest check of \$1,735.50 is quite amazing. Thank you.

Warm regards, Mary Stanton, Director

**Thanks to those** who helped in any way to clean the Parish grounds, to those who came to the Raking Bee, to those who came before and picked up sticks, pruned or raked. Special thanks to the person who used her riding lawn mower to pick up leaves in the Fall. That made a tremendous difference in the Spring work load.

**To remove a name** from the Prayer List, please call the Parish Office, 231-3574.

**Annual Diaper Drive for Leelanau Christians Neighbors**, please bring sizes 4, 5, 6, and adult. Diapers can be dropped off at LCN Monday, May 3, 2021, 9 a.m.– 6 p.m. or leave them in the Church basement and they will taken to LCN.

#### Area Happenings

**May 7: First Friday Mass** at 8:30 a.m. at SB St. Michael.

**May 7: Aquinas College Visit Days** - Aquinas College welcomes prospective sophomores and juniors to campus for AQ Days. Events include an overview of the college and a campus tour. For details and registration see [aquinas.edu/visit](http://aquinas.edu/visit).

#### Please Pray For:

Alicia Bakara, Ruth Blink  
Beth Britt,  
Ben Bardenhagen  
Joanne & Keith Burnham  
Wayne Carter

Mary Ann Duperon  
Kelly Endres

Kevin Giangiolbe

Tracy Grille

Theresa Hitchens

Mark Kalchik

Elmer & Millie Kalchik

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Ruth Schaub

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Lauren Sineway

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Trish Suttman

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...the sick and the homebound of  
the Parish, their families and  
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as they navigate the restrictions  
of COVID-19

(\*NEW to Prayer List)

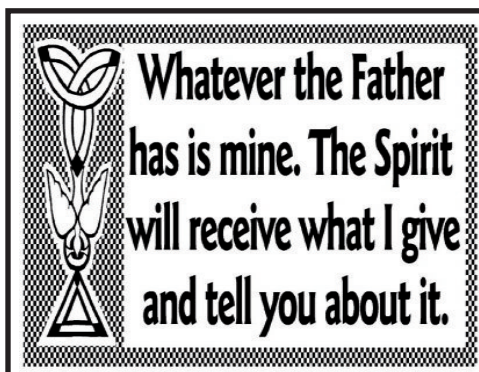
**Please call the Parish Office  
(231-271-3574) when your loved  
one no longer needs to be on the  
list.**

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP APRIL 25, 2021

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 1,066
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 131
WINDOW FUND	\$ 80

#### MARCH 2021

INCOME	\$ 9,700
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