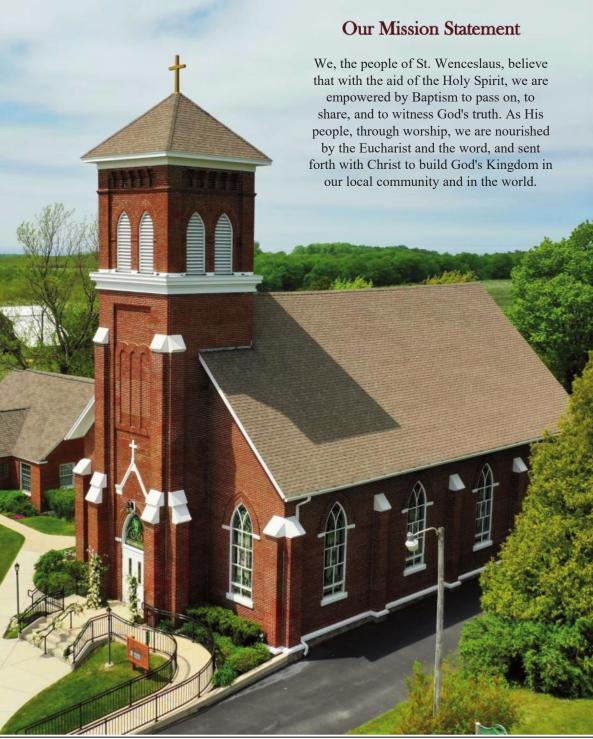
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They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.



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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.

Secretary (Wednesdays 9A-12P)

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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 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25 & 26, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M. & 8:30 A.M.

Readers:

Saturday Mass:

Rachel Plamondon

Sunday Mass

Harry Zoccoli

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Saturday, September 18

6:00 p.m.

For Blaise Korson by Belinda Korson

Sunday, September 19

8:30 a.m.

For John and Linda Kohler for their 50th Wedding Anniversary by John and Linda Kohler Saturday, September 25 2:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Chris Starbird and Annie Shmina Wedding Saturday, September 25

For Peter A. Shmina by Andrew Shmina

Sunday, September 26 8:30 a.m.

For John (Jack) Atkinson by Jim Atkinson

Dear Fellow Parishioners.

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In this weekend's Gospel, from Mark 9:30-37, we read the narrative about Jesus telling His disciples about His death and rising after three days. The disciples seem not to hear what Jesus is saying but turn to their thoughts to who is the greatest among them? Jesus tells them; "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and the servant of all." The first will be last and the last will be first.

The disciples did not understand the real nature of Christ's Kingdom. Christ's Kingdom is not a political or military reality. When we pray "Thy Kingdom come!" we are not praying for political victories. Christ's Kingdom is a spiritual reality, the reign of God's will in the hearts of His followers.

Our Lord describes the path to greatness as one of service. Not just any service, but the humble service willing to lay down your life for the benefit of another to enhance the Kingdom. We spend many hours on many causes. How much time do we spend on building the Kingdom? What is our understanding of the Kingdom of God? Do we expect a reward here on earth? What is in it for me?

Our service to others is not always a reward to us. Moses never got to the promised land. He led the Israelites for forty years in the desert, a job He did not ask for. He was a faithful servant. Jesus died on the cross, He was a faithful servant. As followers of Christ, can we do any less. Serve one another and you will serve Christ. Be first.

Your servant in Christ, Deacon Martin

Repent and believe. Repentance is part of Jesus' message. God did not send His Son to condemn us, but to save us. We should indeed repent, confess our sins, and strive to do better. Please take advantage of the opportunities to repent from the heart, go to confession at the times that are available, or make an appointment.

Confession: Fr. Michael Class by appointment (414) 788-8963

St. Mary LL, Saturdays 3:30-4:30 p.m.

St. Michael SB, Thursdays 9:00 a.m., after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Monday September 20 Luke 8:16-18 Tuesday September 21 Matt 9:9-13 Wednesday September 22 Luke 9:1-6 September 23 Matt 16:24-27 Thursday Friday September 24 Luke 9:18-22 Saturday September 25 Luke 9:43-45 Mark 9:38-43, 45 Sunday September 26



Welcome to our guests. We are delighted to have you worship with us and pray that you find comfort and peace as we celebrate the liturgy together.

September 28th is the Feast Day of St. Wenceslaus. To celebrate, there will be cupcakes and coffee after the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass and there will be rolls, coffee, and juice after the 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning Mass. Please plan to stay to celebrate our patron and enjoy time with fellow parishioners and guests.

The Annual Altar Society collection for the Pregnancy Care Center begins the weekend of October 2nd & 3rd and ends October 31st. There is a wide range of baby items to donate: baby blankets, receiving blankets, crib sheets, knitted caps, onesies, footies, diapers & wipes, baby wash, and anything else baby related. Donations can be left in the box in the vestibule or in the Church basement. Thank you.

Funeral luncheons have long been a ministry of St. Wenceslaus Parish. They are facilitated by the Altar Society. Many parishioners have helped with the luncheons. However, for various reasons, there are fewer people able to help. We are hoping to reorganize and are exploring our options. Please read the insert on the process of funeral luncheons and prayerfully consider in what part or parts you would be able to help. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule indicating the three categories: set-up, kitchen, serving and clean-up, to sign so that we have an idea of available help.

Area Happenings

<u>Saturdays</u>: Leelanau Men's Group, 7:50 a.m. – 9 a.m. in St. Mary LL Church basement. <u>Ongoing</u>: On Thursdays, Fall Prayer Series, 7 p.m.at St Michael SB, Father Baker Hall. <u>September 25</u>: Annual Golf Classic, 9 a.m. at Sugarloaf the Old Course to benefit St. Mary LL School. \$90 per person or \$360 per team. For more info, call 231-256-9670. <u>October 2</u>: Fall Festival, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Old Mission Peninsula, Mexican Food, Kid's Games, Wine Tasting, Huge Raffle.

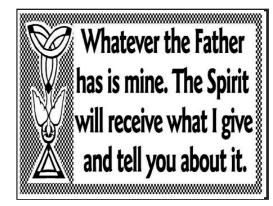
October 3: Grand Traverse Area Life Chain, 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

<u>October 4</u>: Focus On Life Benefit Dinner, Cash Bar at 5 p.m., Dinner and program at 6 p.m. \$85 apiece. Mike Huckabee is the featured speaker. To purchase tickets call 946-9469 or go to GTARTL.COM.

<u>Until December 8</u>: **Exhibit on St. Joseph** at Marian Center in Joy Valley, For more information, visit MARIANCENTER.ORG.

October 9 for Men, October 23 for Women: WELCOME (Formerly known as CRHP) is an incredible experience that will give you a spiritual boost, help you develop lasting friendships, and fill you with newfound energy and purpose. WELCOME Experiences for Men and Women serve the five Traverse City area parishes of St. Francis, St. Joseph, St. Patrick, Immaculate Conception, and Christ the King. Each WELCOME Experience also has limited space available for those who live in nearby parishes. We invite you to pray about accepting our invitation to join us.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 SUNDAY COLLECTION \$ 1.126 FOOD PANTRY \$ 50 AUGUST 2021 INCOME \$ 8,296 EXPENSES \$ 7,698



Please Pray For:

Alicia Bakara, Ruth Blink Beth Britt, Ben Bardenhagen Duane Bardenhagen Joanne & Keith Burnham Wayne Carter Mary Ann Duperon **Kelly Endres** Kevin Giangiolbe Tracy Grille Mark Kalchik Elmer & Millie Kalchik David Kilcherman Stacev Kolarik, Dakota Korson Dorothy (Popp) Korson Sarah Korson, Pete Lara Tom Meoak, Kevin Maguire Craig Moreland Peter Navin Jerry Patterson, Lucas Plamondon Al and Marie Porter **Bob Pratt** Joshua Pressey Joel Rivera Lewis Roubal Kathryn Schaub **Ruth Schaub** Jean Sedlacek & Randy Sedlacek Terry Schmidt Debbie Shelagowski Lauren Sineway Jim Sullivan Clem Suttmann & Trish Suttmann Ava Valesano Gery Zemaitis ...the sick and the homebound of the Parish, their families and caregivers.

Parish priests and administrators as they navigate the restrictions

as they navigate the restrictions of COVID-19

Teachers and students as they return to school for a successful school year.

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