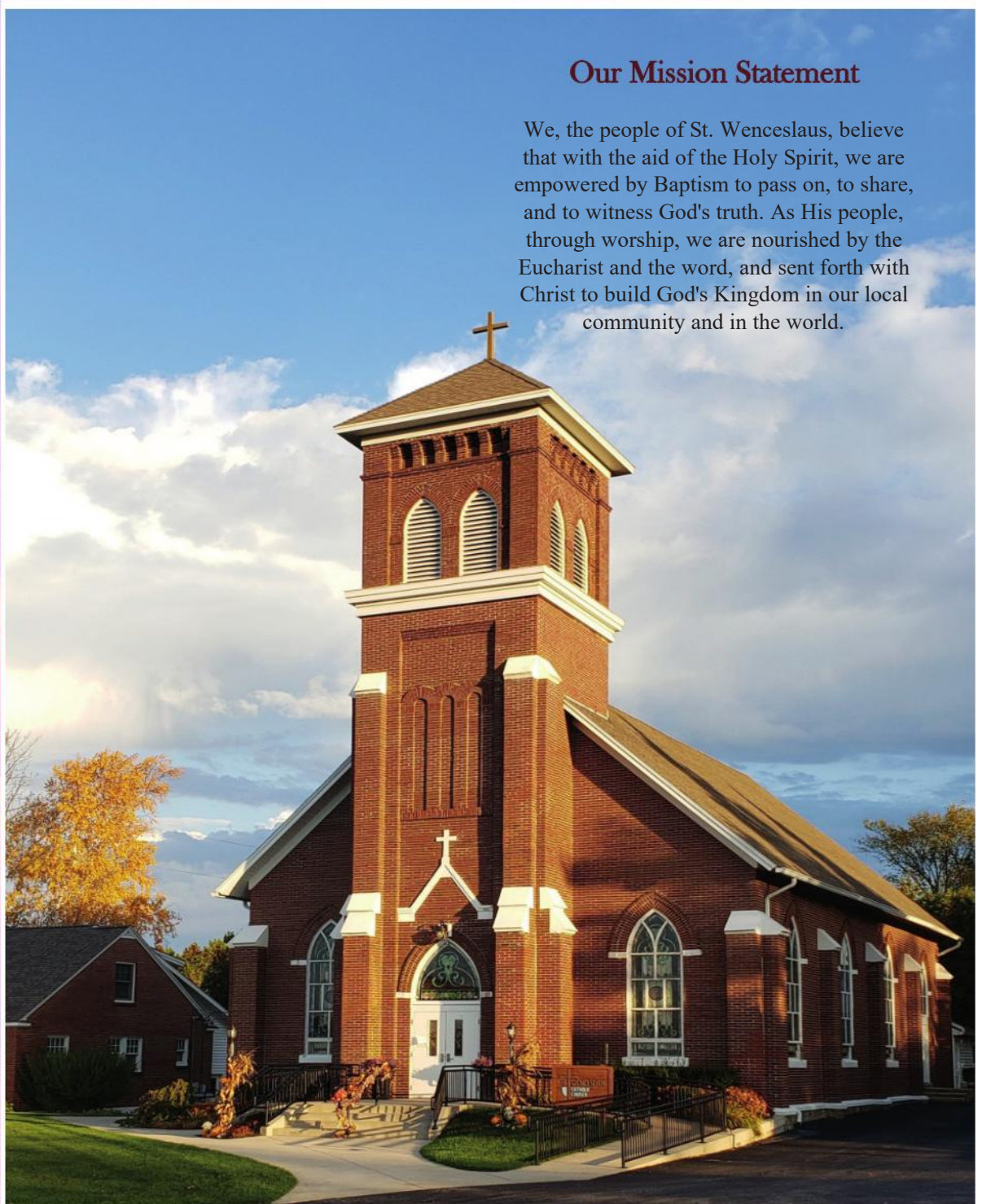


# Love Advent

## 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.



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If you are in need of a priest, please call  
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### Secretary

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### Anticipating Surgery?

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

### Reconciliation

By appointment with Fr. Class, S.J.  
St. Mary LL on Fridays 8:30 a.m.  
and on Saturdays 3:30 — 4:30 p.m.  
St. Michael SB on Thursdays 9:00 a.m.

### 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 & SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2022  
@ 4:30 P.M. & 8:30 A.M.**

### Readers:

### Eucharist Ministers:

### Saturday Mass:

Rachel Plamondon Mary Leon &  
Jan Schmidt

### Sunday Mass:

Clem Suttman Karen Zemaitis  
Mary Ann Kolarik

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday, December 17 - Sunday, December 25, 2022**

**Saturday, December 17**

**4:00 p.m.**

For Jean Sedlacek by John and Linda Kohler

**Sunday, December 18**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Elizabeth Schneider by Jim Atkinson

**Saturday, December 24 — Christmas Eve with Carols at 4:00 p.m**

**4:30 p.m.**

For John Bussey by Irene Bruen

**Sunday, December 25 — Christmas Day**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Joseph Sella by Cecilia Sella

### Dear fellow Parishioners.

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. In today's Gospel, Matthew 1:18-24, Mary the mother of Jesus Christ, is betrothed to Joseph before they were married. Joseph finds out that Mary is with child, and he is not the father. Being a good man, and not wanting to expose her to shame, decides to divorce her quietly.

This was his plan until an angel appeared to him in a dream. The angel told him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife. She has conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Her son will save his people from their sins. All this was to fulfill what was prophesied.

Joseph had plans for his life and Mary's. They had the same dreams that other couples had; a family, a career, friends, growing old together in a quiet village of Nazareth. But God had other plans. Both Mary and Joseph adapted to the changes in their lives. They accepted the responsibility of a family readily, not knowing where it would lead them. They played their part in the salvation of man as God planned. No pity party for them.

So it is in our lives as well. We all have dreams for our lives, our children, our friends, and our future. There are many bumps in our journey through life. We can complain, we can get upset, we can become depressed, we can become angry, blame everyone else, even God. God does not make mistakes. What may seem like a disaster to us, may be part of our salvation and that of others. Follow Mary and Joseph's example. "Thy will be done."

**Your servant in Christ, Deacon Martin**

**Thanks to all** who donated to LCN for Meijer Simply Give.

### Stewardship Reflections

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24 Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

DECEMBER 18, 2022

Monday	December 19	Luke 1:5-25
Tuesday	December 20	Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday	December 21	Luke 1:39-45
Thursday	December 22	Luke 1:46-56
Friday	December 23	Luke 1:57-66
Saturday	December 24	Luke 2:1-14
Sunday	December 25	John 1:1-18





**We welcome and thank Fr. Ray Cotter** as our celebrant at the Saturday Mass.

**This Sunday we will decorate the Church for Christmas, immediately after Mass.** Many hands are needed. Please plan to stay and help. It takes less than an hour to decorate, put boxes away and clean up. There will be refreshments for workers after the decorations are up.

**Religious Retirement:** Thanks to all who donated to the Religious Retirement Fund Collection. The religious sisters, brothers, and order priests are very grateful for your support. If you still wish to donate, please drop your envelope in the basket next week. Write check to St. Wenceslaus and earmark for Religious Retirement.

#### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

**St. Wenceslaus:** Christmas Eve: Carols at 4:00 p.m., Mass at 4:30 p.m. Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m.

**St. Michael's:** Christmas Eve: Carols at 4:30 p.m., Mass at 5:00 p.m. Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m.

**St. Gertrude's:** Christmas Eve: Carols at 7:30 p.m., Mass at 8:00 p.m.

**St. Mary's:** Christmas Eve: Carols at 3:30 p.m., Mass at 4:00 p.m.; Carols at 10:30 p.m., Mass at 11:00 p.m. Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 a.m.

**If you wish to donate** flowers for the Christmas Flower Offering, please mark the back of the envelope, from the envelope box, with the name of those you are honoring or remembering and put in the collection basket.

**We have a number** of people who are unable to attend Mass for different reasons. Call them or send a card. Let's keep in touch with those who are unable to celebrate Mass with us.

**Roberto is looking** for more singers to add to the choir for Christmas. Some of the choir have left for warmer areas. Think about going up to the balcony and sharing your talent to make the Christmas Mass beautiful.

**Envelope boxes for weekly collections** are available in the vestibule for you to take home. They are arranged by alphabetical order by family last name.

#### **Stewardship by the Book**

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

#### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

DECEMBER 11, 2022

WEEKEND COLLECTION	\$ 1,213
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$ 145
RETIREMENT FUND	\$ 237

NOVEMBER 2022

INCOME	\$ 6,874
EXPENSES	\$ 9,318

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#### **Please Pray For:**

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Alicia Bakara, Ruth Blink  
Beth Britt  
Ben Bardenhagen  
Keith & Joanne Burnham  
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Fr. Michael Class, S.J.  
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Kelly Endres  
John Fochtman  
Marilynne Gauthier  
Kevin Giangiolbe  
Tracy Grille  
Bob Kalchik Family  
Elmer & Millie Kalchik  
Mark Kalchik  
Steve & Kathy Kalchik  
Alexandra Kannenberg & Baby  
Dakota Korson  
Dorothy (Popp) Korson,  
Sarah Korson  
Pete Lara  
Kevin Maguire  
Tom Meoak  
Craig Moreland  
Peter Navin  
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Bob Pratt  
Joshua Pressey  
Joel Rivera  
Ruth Schaub  
Terry Schmidt  
Randy Sedlacek  
Debbie Shelagowski  
Lauren Sineway, Helen Stimson  
Jim Sullivan  
Clem Suttman & Trish Suttman  
Ava Valesano  
Gery Zemaitis

...the sick and the homebound of the Parish, their families and caregivers.

All those suffering from COVID  
(\*NEW to Prayer List)

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