

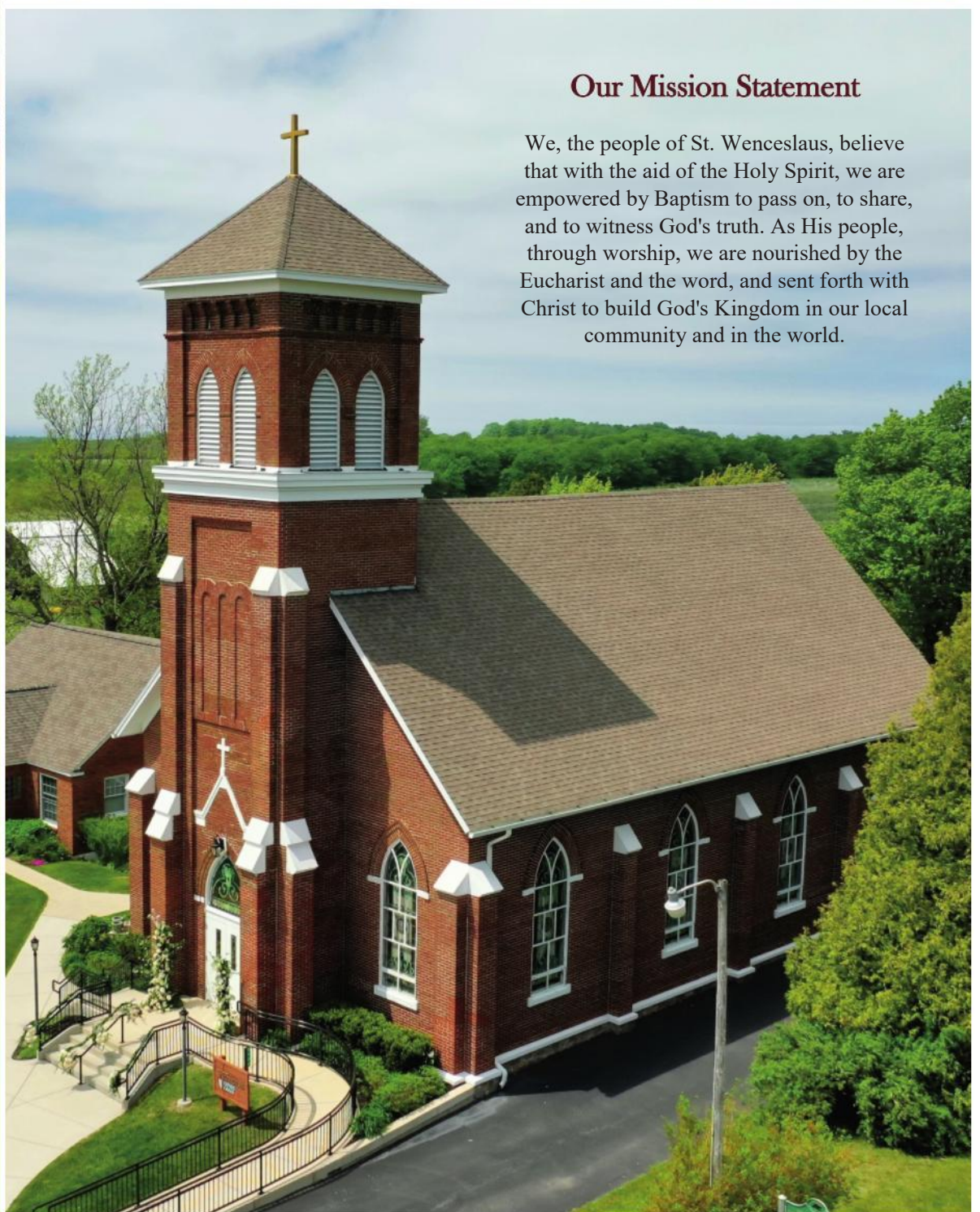


17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of
heaven is like a
treasure buried in
a field, which a
person finds and
hides again, and
out of joy goes
and sells all that
he has and buys it.”

Matthew 13:44

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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

July 30, 2023

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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
AUGUST 5 & 6, 2023
@ 5:30 P.M. & 8:30 A.M.**

SATURDAY MASS

READER EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Rachel Plamondon Lynn Dunn &
Mary Leon

SUNDAY MASS

READER EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Marita Somero Mary Ann Kolarik &
Karen Zemaitis

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 29 — Sunday, August, 6 2023

Saturday, July 29

5:30 p.m.

For Beau Korson by Joel and Lara Sweitzer

Sunday, July 30

8:30 a.m.

For All St. Wenceslaus Parishioners

Saturday, August 5

5:30 p.m.

For Carol Korson by Jerome Korson

Sunday, August 6

8:30 a.m.

For Ken Belanger by His Family

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today we celebrate The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, Matthew 13:44-52, Jesus tells several parable about the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of heaven. He is not talking about an earthly political kingdom. He made that clear at His trial before Pilate when He was accused of being "the king of the Jews." His reply was "that my Kingdom does not belong to this world." Yet in this Gospel, Jesus uses worldly things to depict how important and valuable the kingdom of God is.

One parable is about a person who finds a treasure in a field he does not own. He secretly hides the treasure in the field. He is so excited about his find, that with great joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. He sees the treasure as great value and is willing to risk all his earthly possessions to have the treasure. It is the most important thing in his life.

This is what Jesus is telling us. The Kingdom of Heaven is not of this world. But its value is more than anything in this world. Nothing can compare to the treasure of the Kingdom of God. We may have to sacrifice all that we have in order to obtain this treasure.

It has been said of Saint Thomas Aquinas, a great theologian and doctor of the Church, who wrote many books for the Church, including the "Summa" explaining the existence of God, that one day he had a personal experience of God, of the Kingdom of Heaven. It affected his life and thought so much that he set down his pen and never wrote again. He said: "All that I have written is like straw compared to the experience of the presence of God, the Kingdom of Heaven." The rest of his life was spent in prayer and meditation. He died six months later.

Jesus is telling us what the Kingdom of God is and how important it should be in our life. Where are our priorities in Life? What are we willing to do to obtain the Kingdom of God? There is no greater experience than that of the "Kingdom."

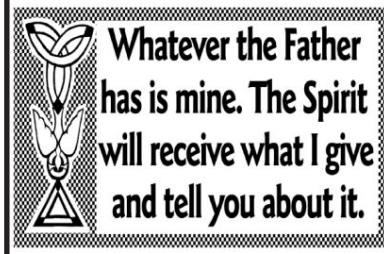
Your Servant in Christ, Deacon Martin

We are slowly adding to our CSA goal of \$16,081.00. We are 82% of the way. We need your help. St. Wenceslaus has always met our goal. Give online at DioceseofGaylord.org/CSA23 or at the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

JULY 30, 2023

Monday	July 31	Matt 13:31-35
Tuesday	August 1	Matt 13:35-43
Wednesday	August 2	Matt 13:44-46
Thursday	August 3	Matt 13:47-53
Friday	August 4	Matt 13:54-58
Saturday	August 5	Matt 14:1-12
Sunday	August 6	Matt 17:1-9



Each August as we celebrate the feast of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, we take up a special collection in the Diocese of Gaylord to support our seminarians. You will soon be receiving a letter in the mail from Bishop Walsh inviting you to support our seminarians through prayer and a financial gift to the 2023 Seminarian Education Fund. This fund provides critical support for our seminarians' education expenses as they prepare for the priesthood. Please pray for all those discerning a priestly vocation and consider supporting this special collection. Learn more and make a gift at: DioceseofGaylord.org/SeminarianFund. The collection will take place next Sunday, August 6.

Thanks to all who came to the recap meeting. People came with ideas to improve the dinner. Hopefully, these suggestions will give new vision to leadership. Thanks to those who moved items to the basement.

Raffle tickets for the St. Mary Car Raffle can be purchased at the St. Mary School Advancement Office. Tickets, limited to 2,500, are \$50 each. Take a chance on \$25,000 cash or a \$25,000 voucher for the car of your choice. Second, third and fourth prizes are \$1,000 each. Fifth and sixth prizes are \$500 each. Early Bird drawing for \$500 is tomorrow, July 31. Good Luck!

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy August Birthday to Tom Fox, Jack Hays, Bobbie Jamison, John Kohler, Emma Bardenhagen, Linda Kohler, Julius Kolarik, Wilfred Korson, Ann Pardington, Brian Kalchik, and Jerry Fleis.

Happy Anniversary to Mary Ann and Don Duperon 8/01

Mary & Panta Leon 8/15 Marita and Dan Somero 8/16

The Parish extends its condolences to the family and friends of Barbara Wilcox Mervau, (died March 12, 2023), daughter of Claude and Christina Korson Wilcox. In your kindness, please pray for the repose of her soul and comfort for her family.

Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon her.

Area Happenings

Today: Holy Rosary Annual Summer Chicken Dinner & Festival Dinner. Raffle, Bingo Games, Prizes & More! Sunday, July 30th, Dinner served 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., \$16.

August 4 & 5: First Friday and Saturday, St Mary, Lake Leelanau at 8 a.m.; St. Michael, Suttons Bay at 8:30 a.m., confession follows in Suttons Bay.

August 6: K of C Pancake Breakfast, including eggs, sausage, and juice, at St. Michael's in Suttons Bay, in the Fr. Baker Hall. 9:30 a.m.—11 a.m.

August 13: St. Michael SB Pig Roast. Come for a pleasant afternoon of comradery. Please bring a dish to pass. 3-6 p.m.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

JULY 23, 2023

WILL BE PRINTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

JUNE 2023

(THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE CHICKEN DINNER NUMBERS)

INCOME	\$ 8,221
EXPENSES	\$ 5,177

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Adam Begley
Barbara Brady
Alicia Bakara, Ruth Blink
Beth Britt
Ben Bardenhagen
Keith & Joanne Burnham
Wayne Carter
Mary Ann Duperon
Kelly Endres
John Fochtman
Bernadine Gallagher
Kevin Giangiolbe
Tracy Grille
Elmer & Millie Kalchik
Mark Kalchik
Steve & Kathy Kalchik
Alexandra Kannenberg & Baby
Dorothy (Popp) Korson
Sarah Korson
Pete Lara
Kevin Maguire
Tom Meoak
Craig Moreland
Peter Navin
Jerry Patterson
Jim Plamondon, Lucas Plamondon
Al & Marie Porter
Bob Pratt
Joshua Pressey
Joel Rivera
Terry Schmidt
Randy Sedlacek
Debbie Shelagowski
Cecilia Sella
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 the effects of
COVID

(*NEW to Prayer List)

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no longer needs to be on the list.**

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