

## 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

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### Pastoral Administrator

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### Sacramental Minister

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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)

Jacqueline Bunek  
stwenceslausgp@gmail.com

### 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  
SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 10, 2023  
@ 8:30 A.M.**

### READER

Mary Leon

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Karen Zemaitis &  
Mary Ann Kolarik

### USHERS

Paul Korson & Tom Kolarik

### ALTAR SERVERS

Lucas and Phillip Plamondon

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sunday, December 3, 2023 — Sunday, December 10, 2023**

**Sunday, December 3**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Richard Kiernan by John and Susan Hayes

**Thursday, December 7: Eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**7:00 p.m.**

For Mark Kalchik by St. Wenceslaus Altar Society

**Sunday, December 10**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Ken Belanger by Bobbie Roubal

### Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent for the year 2023. In today's Gospel, Mark, 13:33-37, Jesus tells his disciples; "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come, when the Lord of the house will come." He tells this to us all: "Watch."

Jesus tells us all to be watchful. To watch for Him when He returns. He has come 2,000 years ago, at the first Christmas, as an infant in Bethlehem. He will come again at the end of time. At our death it will be the end of time as we know it. Time does come to an end. Only eternity last forever. We all need to be prepared to meet him at this moment in time, for none of us know this time. Not even those who are on hospice.

But Jesus comes to us in the present, He comes to us every day, He comes to us in many disguises. He comes to us in the Eucharist. He comes to us in scripture. He comes to us through the Church. He comes to us in all the people we meet. He comes to us in the many opportunities in our life to serve others. As He said in last weeks Gospel: "As long as you did it for the least of them, you did it for Me." We all need to learn how to see Jesus in each other, in the situations we find ourselves, in the challenges we encounter. They are all around us. Jesus is ever present to us.

We are all called to be watchful at all times. To be watchful in this present time. To slow down, to focus on the moment. To recognize Jesus is with us, is before us, now. All we have to do is "Watch" He is coming.

**Your servant in Christ, Deacon Martin**

**Friday is the Feast** of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at St. Wenceslaus will be on Thursday at 7 p.m., the eve of the holy day.

**The Parish Christmas party** and potluck dinner is today. We will gather at 4:30 p.m. Meat and beverages will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to pass. We will eat at 5:00 p.m. Players can start setting up for cards at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$3 for prizes. For those who do not play cards, bring a game to play if you wish. We will have a sound system available for the event.

**Office hours scheduling change:** Office hours, 9 a.m.-Noon the week of December 3rd will be on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, closed on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. The change is for this week only. Thank you.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023

Monday	December 4	Matt 8:5-11
Tuesday	December 5	Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday	December 6	Matt 15:29-37
Thursday	December 7	Matt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	December 8	Luke 1:26-38
Saturday	December 9	Matt 9:35-10:1
Sunday	December 10	Mark 1:1-8



**We welcome** new parishioners, Ken and Ann Mosier.

**There will be a special collection** for the retired Religious next weekend, December 10th. The envelope for this is in your envelope box. Please write check to St. Wenceslaus and put "Retired Religious" on the memo line. Thank you.

**The Knights are** selling Christmas cards through the *Keep Christ in Christmas Program*. The cards will be available in or near the Gathering Space (at the south entrance to the Church) at St. Michael's when the Church is open. If you are interested in purchasing cards, but unable to be at the Church when it is open, please call Tom at 271-6276 and he will bring the cards to you.

**We will decorate** the Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 17, after Mass. All are welcome to help.

**Copies of the 2024 Calendars**, donated by the Martinson Funeral Home, are available in the vestibule. Please take a copy or two. There are also copies of *The Word Among Us*, *Our Sunday Visitor*, and *The Little Blue Books*.

**Condolences to** Jerry Gonda on the recent passing of his grandson. In your kindness, please pray the repose of his soul and comfort for his family.

*Grant Eternal Rest to him O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him.*

#### Area Happenings

**Mondays: Divine Intercessory** Prayer Group at St. Mary LL at 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday: That Man is You**, a gathering of men for spiritual development, 8:30—9:30 a.m. in the St. Mary Lake Leelanau Social Hall. All men welcome.

**December 9: Advent Retreat** at St. Mary, Lake Leelanau. Register by December 4th. Call Sue Wright 256-9581 or Maria Putt 517-388-6152 for more information as we are printing late. Speakers are Sisters Maria Kolbe and Basil Marie. Event includes Mass at 8, breakfast adoration and confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Cost \$20. Call and let them know you want to come.

**December 14: Leelanau County Senior Services Christmas Party** at the Leland Lodge, 565 Pearl St., Leland. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with plenty of time to mingle before lunch at approximately 12:00 p.m. Christmas party **tickets are \$12 per person**. Tickets can either be picked up at the LCSS office or obtained by mail at Leelanau County Senior Services, 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suite 106, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. Traditions of Christmas include great friends, singing of Christmas carols and a wonderful lunch. Come and have a good time.

**December 8-10: The Christmas Journey**, 5:30—7:30 at New Hope Community Church. Experience the story of Christmas from creation to Bethlehem and beyond during this outdoor tour. A guide leads people along a path filled with actors, scenery and animals. Admission is free. Info: 231-938-8056. Dress warm.

#### Please Pray For:

Barbara Brady

Alicia Bakara, Ruth Blink

Beth Britt

Ben Bardenhagen

Keith & Joanne Burnham

Wayne Carter

Mary (Houdek) Denouldped

Mary Ann Duperon

Kelly Endres, John Fochtman

Bernadine Gallagher

Kevin Giangiolbe

Tracy Grille, Doug Iseri

Elmer & Millie Kalchik

Mark Kalchik

Steve & Kathy Kalchik

Alexandra Kannenberg & Baby

Chuck Korson

Dorothy (Popp) Korson

Sarah Korson

Pete Lara

Kevin Maguire, Tom Meoak

Craig Moreland, Peter Navin

Jennifer Patterson

Jim Plamondon, Lucas Plamondon

Al & Marie Porter, Albert Porter Jr.

Bob Pratt

Joshua Pressey

Joel Rivera

Terry Schmidt

Randy Sedlacek

Debbie Shelagowski

Cecilia Sella, Helen Stimson

Jim Sullivan

Clem Suttman & Trish Suttman

Ava Valesano

\*Jim Wenstrup

Diane Zande

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)

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

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

PARISHIONERS:	\$ 925
CONTRIBUTORS:	\$ 150
FOOD PANTRY:	\$ 40
UTILITY FUND:	\$ 50
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:	\$ 30
CEMETERY FUND:	\$ 50

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

PARISHIONERS:	\$ 740
CONTRIBUTORS:	\$ 225
FOOD PANTRY:	\$ 55
UTILITY FUND:	\$ 20
ALL SAINTS:	\$ 20
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:	\$ 20

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