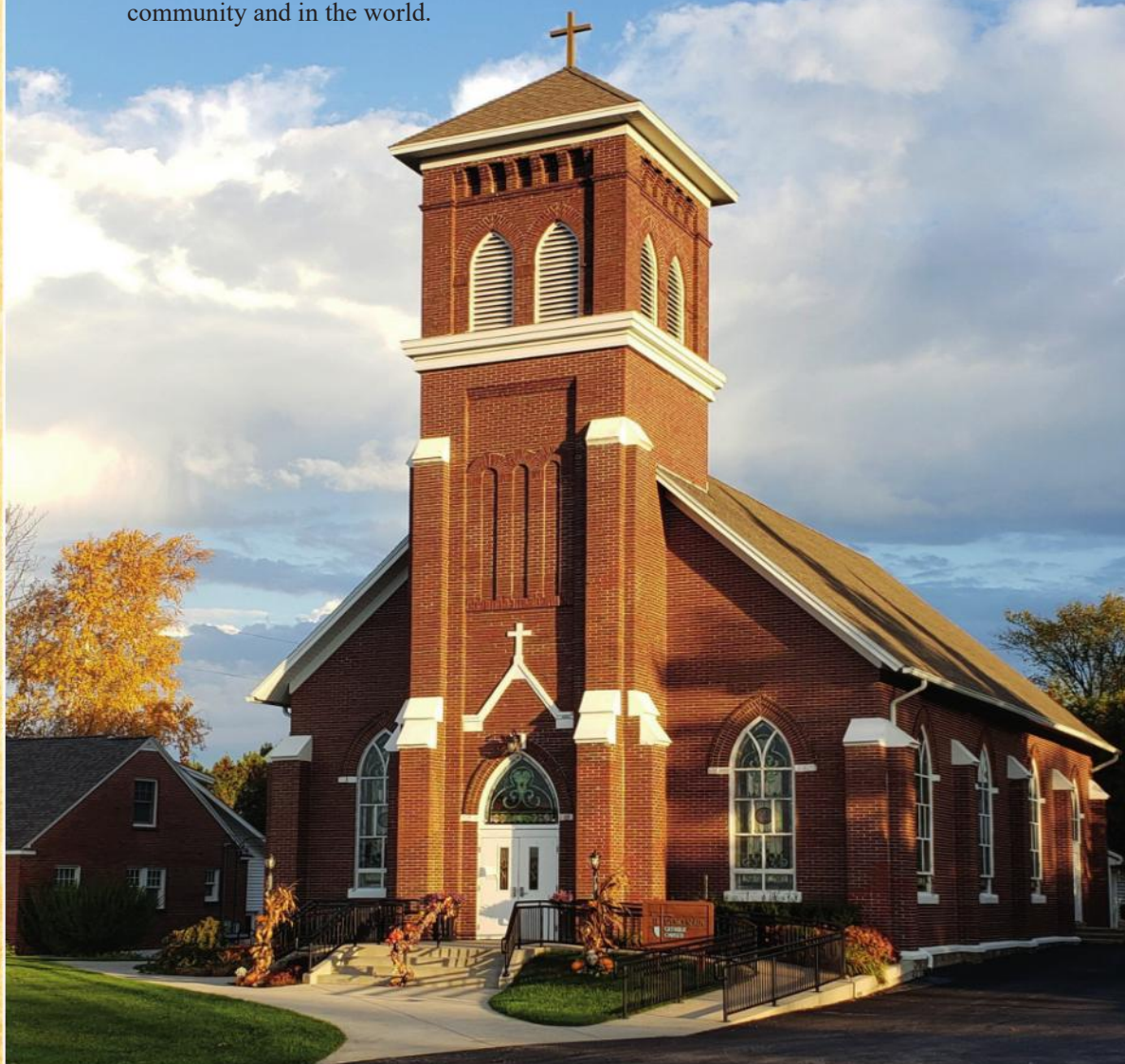


Our Mission Statement

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

December 10, 2023

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Cell: (414) 788-8963

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 17, 2023
@ 8:30 A.M.

READER

Karen Zemaitis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kim & Matt Prisk

USHERS

Dale Houdek & Jim Plamondon

ALTAR SERVERS

William & Katerina Ready

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 10, 2023 — Sunday, December 17, 2023

Sunday, December 10

8:30 a.m.

For Ken Belanger by Bobbie Roubal

Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m.

For Richard Kiernan by Bruce and Lynn Dunn

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent for the year 2023. In today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8, Isaiah tells us a messenger will come to prepare the way of the Lord. John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance and a forgiveness of sin. He proclaimed someone greater than He was coming after him. That he was not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals. He who is to come will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist's baptism is a baptism only with water: it is a baptism of repentance. It does not put God into our soul. It expresses our repentance from sin and a desire for God. Jesus' baptism is a baptism of fire. The fire of the Holy Spirit. It is a baptism of salvation. It is not an expression of what is in us: it is a receiving of a gift from God to us. It is like a heart transplant, or a rescue, something real that we receive from God. It is a gift.

The gift itself is a finite, a human share in God's infinite, divine life. It is spiritual, not physical, it is God himself entering into our lives, our souls. It can change us if we choose to accept the gift.

We need John the Baptist's baptism of repentance as well as Jesus' baptism of faith. We need both, the no to sin and the yes to God. Sin separates us from God, and God separates us from sin. We need to turn away from sin and turn to God. Now is a good time to put John the Baptist's message into action, a time for repentance. Confessions at St. Wenceslaus will be on Saturday, December 16, from 2:00 — 3:00. Fr. Ben at St. Mary has confessions Saturday afternoons at 3:30. I have been there, there is not much wait time. Fr Leonard at St. Michael has confessions on Thursdays after 8:30 Mass. He, too, is not very busy. Repent, prepare yourself for the coming of Christ.

Your servant in Christ, Deacon Martin

Fr. Michael will hear confessions on December 16 and 23 at 2:00 p.m.

We are sorry that we had to cancel the Parish Christmas Party. We will re-schedule and celebrate the Christmas Season. Parishioners were called and emailed. We apologize for the inconvenience of those we missed.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar: Like John the Baptist, every parent "Prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

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| Monday | December 11 | Luke 5:17-26 |
| Tuesday | December 12 | Luke 1:39-47 |
| Wednesday | December 13 | Matt 11:28-30 |
| Thursday | December 14 | Matt 11:11-15 |
| Friday | December 15 | Matt 11:16-19 |
| Saturday | December 16 | Matt 17:10-13 |
| Sunday | December 17 | John 1:6-8 |



We welcome new parishioners, Kate and Chris Ready and their children William, Louis, Katerina, and Victor Ready.

There will be a special collection for the retired Religious this 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. If you wish to donate and did not, you may donate next week. 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 next Sunday, December 17, after Mass. Many hands make the job go faster. 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*.

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

Roberto is looking for more singers to add to the choir. Some members of the choir have left for warmer weather and we are short on singers. Please consider going up to the balcony and sharing your talent.

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.

Stewardship Reflections: Second Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or do you spend your time, talent and treasures constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasures are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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
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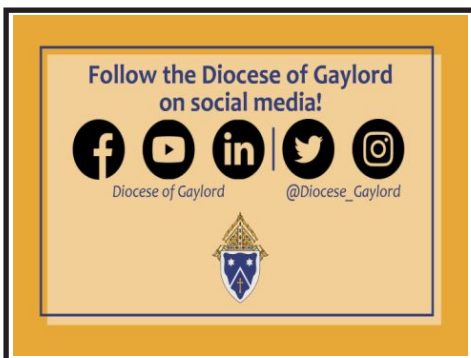
...the sick and the homebound of the Parish, their families and caregivers. All those suffering from the effects of COVID

(*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 DECEMBER 3, 2023

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| PARISHIONERS: | \$ 1,830 |
| CONTRIBUTORS: | \$ 209 |
| UTILITY FUND: | \$ 45 |
| RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT: | \$ 100 |
| FOOD PANTRY | \$ 152 |
| CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: | \$ 358 |
| OCTOBER 2023 | |
| INCOME: | \$10,751 |
| EXPENSES: | \$ 6,803 |





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