



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
Deacon Martin and he will try and find
one for you.

Secretary

(Wednesdays 9A — 12P)

Jacqueline Bunek
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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 SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 2023 @ 8:30 A.M.

READER

Chris Ready

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Susann Lederle & Mary Leon

USHERS

Jim Atkinson & Steve Kalchik

ALTAR SERVERS

Lucas & Phillip Plamondon

DECEMBER 24 @ 5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE

READER

Mary Leon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Jan Schmidt & Susann Lederle

USHERS

Volunteers

ALTAR SERVERS

Lucas & Phillip Plamondon

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 17, 2023 — Sunday, December 24, 2023

Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m.

For Richard Kiernan by Bruce and Lynn Dunn

Sunday, December 24 — 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m.

For Betty Schneider by Jim Atkinson

Sunday, December 24 — Christmas Eve with Carols at 4:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

For Elmer Kalchik by Julius and Grace Kolarik

Monday, December 25 — Christmas Day

8:30 a.m.

For Rosemary Moe-Kalchik by St. Wenceslaus Altar Society

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent for the year 2023. In today's Gospel, John 1:6-8, 19-28, the priests and Levites came from Jerusalem to ask John the Baptist who he was. John told them "He was not the Christ, not Elijah, nor the prophet. But he was the voice of one crying in the desert." "Make straight the way of the Lord. I baptize with water, but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

John the Baptist's purpose was to prepare us for the coming of Jesus, to lead us to repentance, to lead us to Christ. John admitted he was not the Messiah, he was not the savior of the world. He was only the forerunner, a messenger, a servant. To untie the sandals of a traveler, then washing his feet, was the job of the lowest servant. This was John's position. This should be our position if we want to enter God's kingdom.

We must remember that we are not the savior of the world; we are not God's "greatest" gift to the world. We cannot fix everything. In short, we are not God. We need to stop playing God, to admit and to live it. Our accomplishments are because of the gifts God has given us. Any successes we have is due to our cooperation with God. We need to humble ourselves and admit that God is God and He is still in charge. It is in humbling ourselves before God that we are elevated. "We are never taller than when we kneel, both to pray and to obey." As John says of Christ, "He must increase; I must decrease." We must do the same.

Your servant in Christ, Deacon Martin

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

Christmas Mass Schedule for Local Churches

St. Wenceslaus: Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. Christmas Day at 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary LL: Christmas Eve at 4:30 & 11:30 p.m. Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

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

St. Gertrude Northport: Christmas Day at 11:00 a.m.

MediLodge: Christmas Day at 2:00 p.m.

***There will be no Mass at St. Michael SB on December 26, 27, 28.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023

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



Since Christmas is on a Monday this year, December 24th is both the 4th Sunday of Advent at the 8:30 a.m. Mass and Christmas Eve at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We hope to see you at both Masses or on Christmas Day at 8:30 a.m.

Because Christmas is on a Monday. We are decorating today, Sunday, December 17, to make the day before Christmas a little easier for you with two Masses on Sunday next week. Please plan to stay after Mass and help if you are able. Thank you. There will be refreshments in the basement.

Donations for the Retired Religious are still being accepted if you still wish to donate. Please write the check to St. Wenceslaus, mark "Retired Religious" on the memo line and put in the envelope from your envelope box and then into the collection basket, 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.

Copies of the 2024 Calendars, donated by the Martinson Funeral Home, are available in the vestibule. Please take a copy or two.

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.

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Stewardship by the Book: Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

Pray for peace in the world and for our world leaders.

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

DECEMBER 10, 2023

PARISHIONERS:	\$ 797
CONTRIBUTORS:	\$ 133
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT:	\$ 777
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:	\$ 50

OCTOBER 2023

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