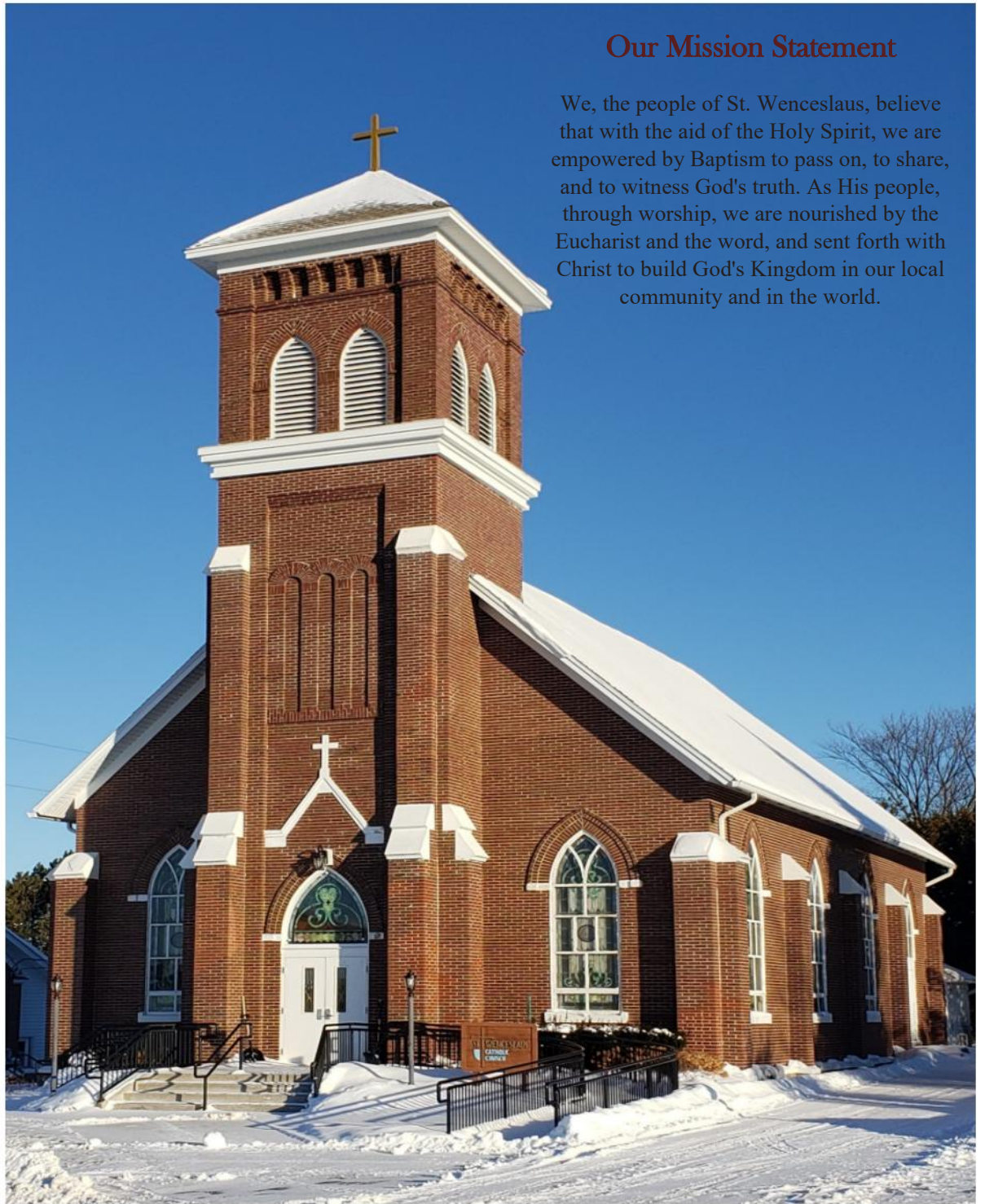




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Our Mission Statement

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.



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If you are in need of a priest, please call
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Anticipating Surgery?

Please call Deacon Martin to make
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Fr. Michael Class, S.J.
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St. Mary LL on Fridays at 9:00 a.m.
and on Saturdays 3:30 — 4:30 p.m.
St. Michael SB on Thursdays at 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

SAT., JAN. 4, 2025 @ 4:30 P.M.

READER **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
Rachel Plamondon Jan Schmidt &
Mary Leon

USHERS

Jim & Phillip Plamondon

ALTAR SERVER

Lucus Plamondon

SUN., JAN. 5, 2025 @ 8:30 A.M.

READER **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
Marita Somero Kim & Matt Prisk

USHERS

Julius Kolarik & Jim Atkinson

ALTAR SERVER

William Ready

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 — SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

Saturday, December 28	5:30 p.m.
For All St. Wenceslaus Parishioners	
Rosary	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 29	8:30 a.m.
For Betty Schneider by Jim Atkinson	
Monday, December 30	8:30 a.m.
For Mildred "Millie" Kalchik by Jan and the late Terry Schmidt	
Tuesday, December 31 — Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	4:30 p.m.
For John Bussey by Ruth Bussey	
Wednesday, January 1 — Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	8:30 a.m.
For Lawrence Liszewski by Lorraine Liszewski	
Thursday, January 2	8:30 a.m.
For Bob Kalchik by Jerome and Mary Ann Kolarik	
Friday, January 3	No Mass
Saturday, January 4	4:30 p.m.
For Maria Nieves Leon by The Family with Love	
Rosary	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 5	8:30 a.m.
For Thomas Meoak by John and Dora Korson	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today we celebrate The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In today's Gospel passage from Luke 2: 41- 51, we read the narrative of the finding of Jesus in the temple. When Jesus was 12 years old, the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, went to celebrate in Jerusalem the feast of the Passover. After they completed the celebration, they returned home. After three days they discover Jesus was not in the caravan. They return to Jerusalem and searched for Jesus for three days. Finally, finding Him in the temple, discussing with the teachers. They questioned Him **why He had done this to them**. His response was that He must be in His Father's house. He then returned with them to Nazareth.

Mary and Joseph's question to Jesus; Why have you done this to us, is a question we often ask Jesus as well. Why do you allow this to happen to me? Why am I sick, why did my son die at a young age, why do some good people suffer so much, why do some people not have faith, why, why. There are thousands of questions we have to ask Jesus why. Some we will find the answer to in this world. Others we will not, but have to wait for the next. God will explain, it will make sense when we see from God's perspective. The challenge for us is to be patient, to believe God knows best in all situations. That God is still in Charge. These are easy words to say, but not so easy to put into practice. To know the things we can change and those we can not, and accept them both is a gift. Only God knows what is best for us all the time. The trials we have today prepare us for the challenges of tomorrow. God is gentle with us. We could not handle all the problems at one time. He leads us on the road to eternity. Trust in Him as Mary and Joseph did so many years ago.

Your servant in Christ, Deacon Martin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024

Monday	December 30	Luke 2:36-40
Tuesday	December 31	Luke 2:16-21
Wednesday	January 1	Luke 2:16-21
Thursday	January 2	John 1:19-28
Friday	January 3	John 1:29-34
Saturday	January 4	John 1:35-42
Sunday	January 5	John 1:1-18



St. Wenceslaus Happenings

Dear Parishioners,

We thank you for the blessing you all are to the parish. We wish you a wonderful and happy New Year. **Peace and Joy, Deacon Martin, Phyllis and the Parish Staff**

Local New Year's Schedule

St. Mary

New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m.

St. Michael

New Year's Eve: 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day: 9:00 a.m.

St. Wenceslaus

New Year's Eve: 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day 8:30 a.m.

There will be a Potluck Breakfast after Mass next Sunday January 5 to celebrate Christmas and to welcome the New Year. Meat, juice, and coffee will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring egg or potato dishes, sweet rolls or fruit or anything that you enjoy for breakfast.

MASS TIME CHANGE: In January and February the time of the Saturday evening Mass will change to 4:30 p.m. In March the 5:30 p.m. time will resume.

Change in office hours: The Parish Office will be open on Monday, December 30 from 9 a.m.-Noon this week and will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day.

Thanks to Don Les, we have a new web site. Type the following url into your browser window: <http://stwenceslausgp.org> and click on "website" or scan the QR Code below. The website is still under construction.

The Knights would like to thank everyone who supported our sweatshirt drive. You donated 59 sweatshirts, 16 sets of sheets, 12 hats, \$125 in gift cards and some scarves and gloves. It is only through this kind of support from you that makes our missions so successful. Thank you and may God bless your Christmas season. -Tom Skrowski
(Donors were from St. Wenceslaus, St. Mary, and St Michael Parishes)

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Eliza Bardenhagen, Joan Korson, Tom Gavin, Marie Korson, Panta Leon, Jim Alpers, and Barbara Glinski

The date of the Annual Dinner has been changed to June 22, 2025 so that we will not be competing with the Cherry Festival and the Children's Free Fishing Day.

Charlie Phillips, father of John Phillips, funeral arrangements, visitation January 3, 4-6 p.m. at the Reynolds Funeral Home on 6th St. in Traverse City and the Funeral is at Immaculate Conception in Traverse City on January 4th at 11 a.m.

2025 religious calendars, through the generosity of Martinson Funeral Home, and the weekly envelopes are in the back of Church. Please take a calendar and your box home.

Area Happenings

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 28: Live Nativity at St. Mary' Lake Leelanau 3-4 p.m.

January 3, 4: First Friday and First Saturday, 8:30 at St. Michael's, at St. Mary's 8:30 on Friday and at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Please Pray For:

Barbara Brady

Alicia Bakara

Beth Britt

Ben Bardenhagen

Joanne Burnham

Wayne Carter

Mary Ann Duperon

Kelly Endres

Lucille Flohe

John Fochtman

Kevin Giangiolbe

Tracy Grille,

Mark Kalchik

Alexandra Kannenberg & Baby Russell

Dorothy (Popp) Korson

Nicole (Jason) Korson

Sarah Korson

Pete Lara

Kevin Maguire

Craig Moreland

Peter Navin

Jennifer Patterson

Lucas Plamondon

Al & Marie Porter, Butch Porter

Bob Pratt

Joshua Pressey

Joel Rivera

Debbie Shelagowski

Cecilia Sella

Jim Sullivan

Clem Suttman

Gery Zemaitis

Dolores Houdek

Doug Iseri

Panta Leon

Janet Burmiester

Lucas Kolarik

Margaret Waldon

...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.

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DECEMBER 22, 2024

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