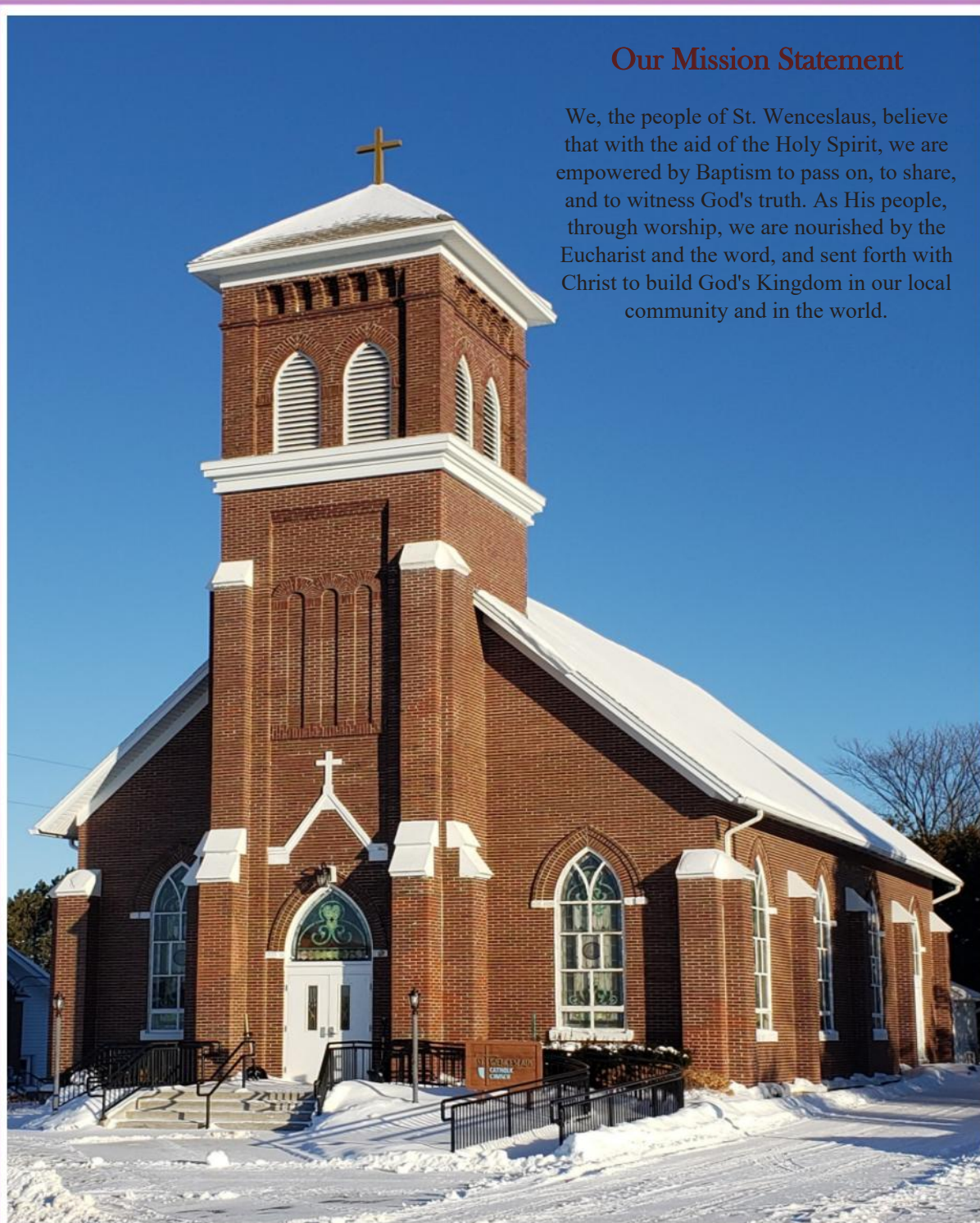


# Epiphany of the Lord

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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

January 5, 2025

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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  
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(Wednesdays 9A — 12P)

Jacqueline Bunek  
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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. 11, 2025 @ 4:30 P.M.**

READER EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mary Leon Susann Lederle & Mary Leon

#### USHERS

Panta & Delfino Leon

#### ALTAR SERVER

Lucus Plamondon

**SUN., JAN. 12, 2025 @ 8:30 A.M.**

READER EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Karen Zemaitis Kate Ready &  
Mary Ann Kolarik

#### USHERS

Tom Kolarik & Paul Korson

#### ALTAR SERVER

Louis & Katerina Ready

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 — SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025**

<b>Saturday, January 4</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
For Maria Nieves Leon by The Family with Love	
<b>Rosary</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, January 5</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
For Thomas Meoak by John and Dora Korson	
<b>Monday, January 6</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
For Keith Burnham & the Intentions of Joanne Burnham by St. Wenceslaus Altar Society	
<b>Tuesday, January 7</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
For Joe Sella and Carol Kolarik by Thomas Kolarik	
<b>Wednesday, January 8</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
For Carol Korson by Jerome Korson	
<b>Thursday, January 9</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
For Theresa Hitchens by Joe and Sherri Patterson	
<b>Friday, January 10</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Saturday, January 11</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
For Nicholas Lederle by Martin and Phyllis Korson	
<b>Rosary</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, January 12</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
For Kathryn Schaub by Margaret Mikowski	

### Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord. In the Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12, we read the narrative of the three magi coming to Jerusalem to find the new born King. They came from the East, traveling many miles, following a star, in hopes of finding the new born King. They come to King Herod for help, who unknowingly helps them. They find the child in Bethlehem with His mother. They prostrate themselves before Him and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then they left another way.

The magi went out of their way, in search of Christ. They had wealth, comfort, security, and respect back home. Yet they left it all in search of this new king. A king who even the stars recognized. Herod knew it, but looked at Him as a threat to his kingdom. The priests and the scribes knew it, but would later see Him as a threat to their position. Only the strangers from a distance sought him out and offered Him praise. Once they found Him, they were changed and left a different way.

We have heard the narrative, of the birth of Christ. King Herod's attempt to find the child. The priest and the scribes acknowledging His coming. But the strangers recognized the child as the King. They were changed. Changed and changed their way of life. They did not return to their old ways.

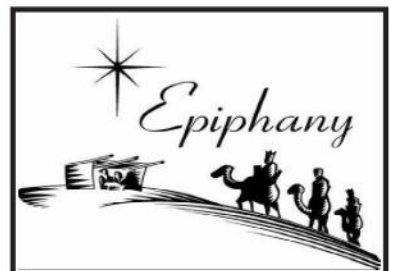
Which group of individuals do we associate with? Do we find Jesus as a threat to our way of life? Are we afraid we would have to change? Would Jesus expect too much from us? Are we willing to search for Jesus following the message of the Gospels? Are we willing to accept Jesus as to who He is, and what He can do for us, and change our way? We can only have an Epiphany if we willingly acknowledge Jesus as the New born King and change our way.

**Your servant in Christ, Deacon Martin**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

**JANUARY 5, 2025**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 6</b>	<b>Matt 2:1-12</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>Matt 4:12-17</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 8</b>	<b>Mark 6:34-44</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 9</b>	<b>Mark 6:45-52</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 10</b>	<b>Luke 4:14-22</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>Luke 5:12-16</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 12</b>	<b>Luke 3:15-16</b>





### St. Wenceslaus Happenings

**There will be a Potluck Breakfast after Mass** this 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 maybe a vegetable dish. Help will be needed serving and cleaning up after. Please come.

**The Parish Council** will meet Monday, January 6 at 6 p.m. in the Church basement. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

**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. Also, thanks to Don for being the tech person and helping the Parish work through a number of computer issues.

**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.

**2025 is a Jubilee year** — Pilgrims of Hope. There will be a Jubilee Liturgy at St. Mary Cathedral on January 4 at 5 p.m., an opening Mass for the Jubilee Year focusing on the proclamation of the Jubilee year. A Jubilee Year is a significant period in the Church's tradition that fosters holiness through acts of reconciliation and unity with others. The Church observes an Ordinary Jubilee every twenty five years, with the most recent one held in 2000. The upcoming Jubilee Year in 2025 will offer unique opportunities for grace, including the Sacrament of Reconciliation, local pilgrimages, and the Jubilee Indulgence. During this time, seeking forgiveness and deepening repentance are important spiritual fruits to nurture.

### **Area Happenings**

**Join Fr. Matthew Wigton** on a Jubilee pilgrimage to Italy! **Nov. 4-13, 2025.** During this eight-day trip, pilgrims will visit Assisi, Rome and other beautiful religious and holy miracle sites. With 14 years of experience living in Rome, Fr. Matthew has a deep knowledge of the area and its historical Catholic sites.

[www.dioceseofgaylord.org/news/jubilee-2025](http://www.dioceseofgaylord.org/news/jubilee-2025)

**Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion** in Wisconsin, May 2025. Visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in the Green Bay, WI area with Bishop Walsh! When: **May 2-4, 2025.** The Diocese of Gaylord will be organizing a group travel bus to Our Lady of Champion, including a walk to the Mary Pilgrimage on May 3, 2025. Accommodations and costs to be determined. Contact Amy Peterson at the diocese, [apeteson@dioceseofgaylord.org](mailto:apeteson@dioceseofgaylord.org) or 989-705-3539 to be placed on a list to receive information as it becomes available.

**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.

**January 5: Euchre** begins at St. Michael in Suttons Bay, 2:00 pm, \$5 charge covers refreshments and prizes. You don't need a partner.

### **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  
\*Gretchen Mork

...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 22, 2024

PARISHIONERS:	\$ 4,120
CONTRIBUTORS:	\$ 157
FOOD PANTRY:	\$ 145
UTILITIES EXPENSE:	\$ 25
RETIREMENT FUND:	\$ 35
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:	\$ 135
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE:	\$ 50

DECEMBER 29, 2024

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