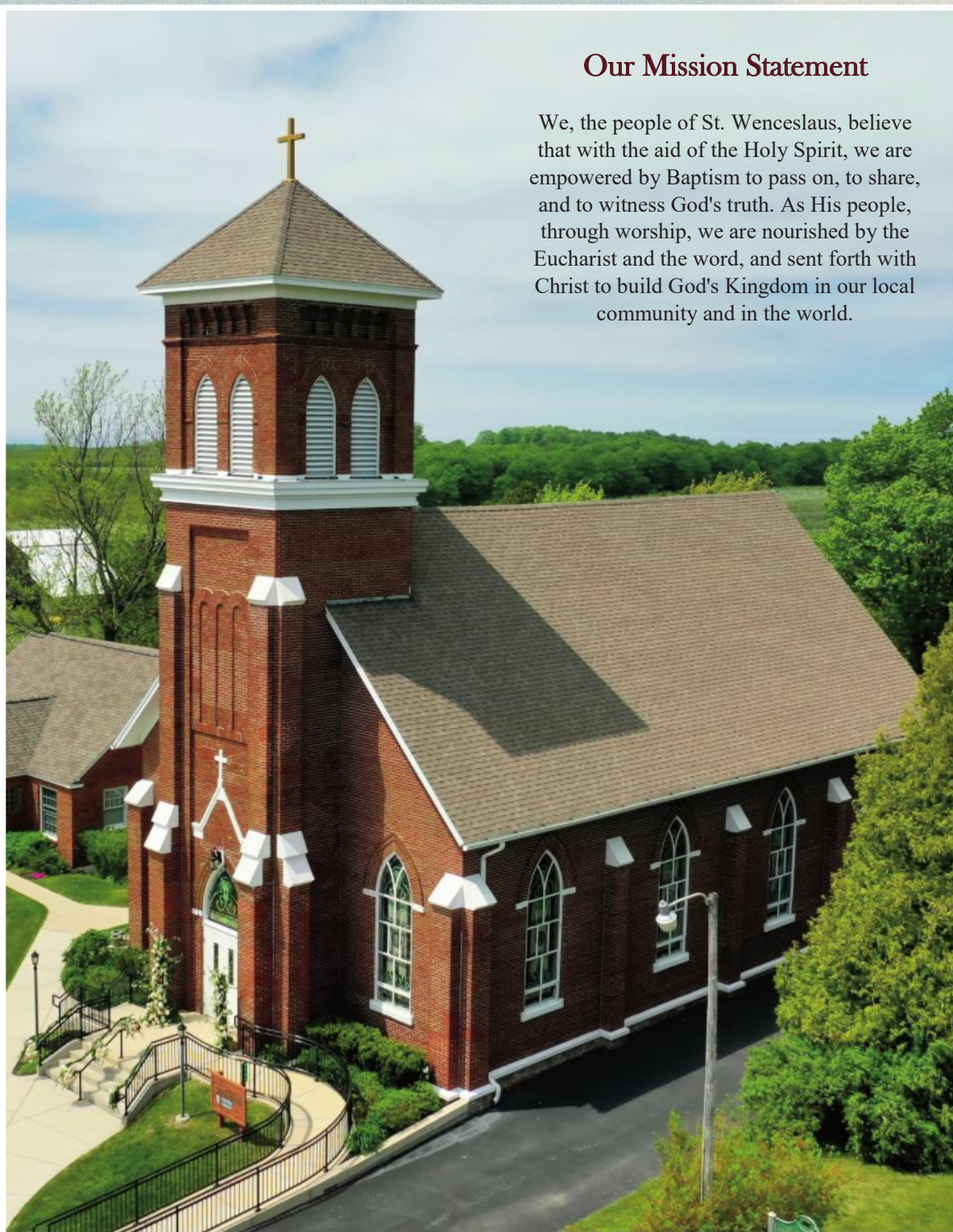


**LORD! Help me**  
*To carry my cross*  
**this day**

### 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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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., SEPT. 13, 2025 @ 5:30 PM**

#### READER

Mary Leon

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Susann Lederle & Lynn Dunn

#### USHERS

Bruce Dunn & Dale Houdek

#### ALTAR SERVER

Lucas Plamondon

**SUN., SEPT 14, 2025 @ 8:30 AM**

#### READER

Karen Zemaitis

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kim & Matt Prisk

#### USHERS

Tom Kolarik & Paul Korson

#### ALTAR SERVER

Louis & Katerina Ready

## 23ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

**Saturday, September 6 — Wedding of Sarah Gargaro & Kiernan Bloye 2:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 6**

**5:30 p.m.**

For Dan Sweeney by Jack and Susan Hayes

**Sunday, September 7 — Rosary**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, September 7**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Helen Stimson by Peggy Kolarik

**Monday, September 8**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Dan Cleveland by Rubi Schaub

**Tuesday, September 9**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Lewis Roubal by Joe and Sherri Patterson

**Wednesday, September 10**

**7:00 a.m.**

For Joseph Gero vac by Martin and Phyllis Korson

**Wednesday, September 10 — Mass at St. Kateri with Fr. Class**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, September 11**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Carol Korson by Jerome Korson

**Friday, September 12**

**No Mass**

**Saturday, September 13**

**5:30 p.m.**

For James Alpers by Jan Schmidt

**Sunday, September 14 — Rosary**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, September 14**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Jack Atkinson by Jim Atkinson

### Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time. In today's Gospel: Luke 14:25-33, Jesus tells the crowd: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Christ is not telling us to hate the very people we should love the most. Today's gospel is not a divine license to hate our brother and sisters. Christ means that unless we love him more than we love our families, we can't really follow him. And if we value our own life and our own comfort more than we love Him, we're not going to be able to experience the joy of a deep friendship with him.

This actually means that we're called to love others more. So often we love others for what they can do for us, or we love them in a possessive way. But the more we put Christ in first place in our lives, the more we truly love others. Clinging to our own plans, to our own possessions, or to other people weighs down our hearts. Christ makes this abundantly clear at the end of today's gospel when he says: "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

He's not saying that everyone should run off and sell their houses and cars. We have a responsibility to others, and we need to use the gifts of God wisely. He is, however, calling us to give up our possessive, **hoarding attitude** towards material possessions and towards others. We have to let it go. He's inviting us to carry our crosses by renouncing our possessions for the infinite gain of loving him above all. Christ renounced everything for us. Can we not do the same for Him?

**Your servant in Christ, Deacon Martin**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

**Monday**

**September 8**

**Matt 1:1-16, 18-23**

**Tuesday**

**September 9**

**Luke 6:12-19**

**Wednesday**

**September 10**

**Luke 6:20-26**

**Thursday**

**September 11**

**Luke 6:27-38**

**Friday**

**September 12**

**Luke 6:39-42**

**Saturday**

**September 13**

**Luke 6:43-49**

**Sunday**

**September 14**

**John 3:13-17**



**Whatever the Father  
has is mine. The Spirit  
will receive what I give  
and tell you about it.**



### Wenceslaus Happenings

**We welcome** our parishioners and guests. We are delighted that you are here and pray that you will be blessed through participation in our liturgy.

**We will be** holding a special collection on the weekend of Sept. 6 and 7 to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our brothers and sisters in Gaza and the surrounding areas in the Middle East. There is terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and the surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." This special collection will benefit efforts of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a non-profit papal agency, in providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Please prayerfully consider helping our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. This will be a world-wide collection in Catholic churches.

**The Parish Council** will meet on Monday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church basement.

**Elections for** the Parish and Finance Councils will take place soon. Several positions are expiring. Think of who you would nominate for a position. Please prayerfully consider saying yes if you are nominated for a position. The Parish Council meet 9 or 10 times a year and the Finance Council meets 4 times, after Mass on Sunday.

**Thanks to** Mary Ann Kolarik and Marita Somero for hosting coffee and rolls last weekend and to all those who have also hosted this summer.

**St. Mary LL New Mass Times:** Beginning Monday, daily Mass is offered Monday – Thursday at 8:30 a.m. with Rosary at 8:00 a.m. Friday & Saturday at 8:00 a.m. with Rosary at 7:30 a.m. For those of you who occasionally attend St. Mary daily Masses. St. Michael SB offers daily Mass at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday – Friday and at 7 p.m. on Tuesday following a Holy Hour.

**Mark your calendar.** September 28 is the Feast of St. Wenceslaus. The Parish will celebrate with a Pot Luck Breakfast. Please come and enjoy fellowship with parishioners and neighbors.

### Area Happenings

**Saturdays: *That Man is You*,** a program for men for spiritual development, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Lake Leelanau. All men are welcome to attend.

**October 6: The 2025 Annual Focus on Life Benefit Dinner.** This year's speaker is Dr. Ben Carson, a gifted speaker and former director of pediatric neurosurgery and highly respected recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Tickets are \$95 a person.

**St. Mary Drawing:** Congratulations to the winner of the \$25,000 dollars or a voucher for a car: Linda Ackley-Eaker of Cedar, MI. Other winners are \$1000: Josh Schaub, Cedar; Jeff & Jean LaCross, Lake Leelanau; Eloise Hays, Palm Harbor FL; \$500: Sheriff Mike Borkovich, Suttons Bay; and Luke Bramer, Suttons Bay.

**Please pray for a safe and successful school year for students and teachers.**

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST 31, 2025

PARISHIONERS:	\$ 1,347
CONTRIBUTORS:	\$ 747
FOOD PANTRY:	\$ 235

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### **Please Pray For:**

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Ben Bardenhagen  
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Barbara Brady  
Beth Britt  
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Wayne Carter  
Kelly Endres  
John Fochtman  
Kevin Giangiolbe  
Tracy Grille  
Delores Houdek  
Doug Iseri  
Cindy John  
Mark Kalchik  
Alexandra Kannenberg & son, Russell  
Phillip Kolarik  
Dorothy (Popp) Korson  
Nicole (Jason) Korson  
Sarah Korson  
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Pete Lara  
Panta Leon  
Angie Les  
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when your loved one no longer needs to  
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