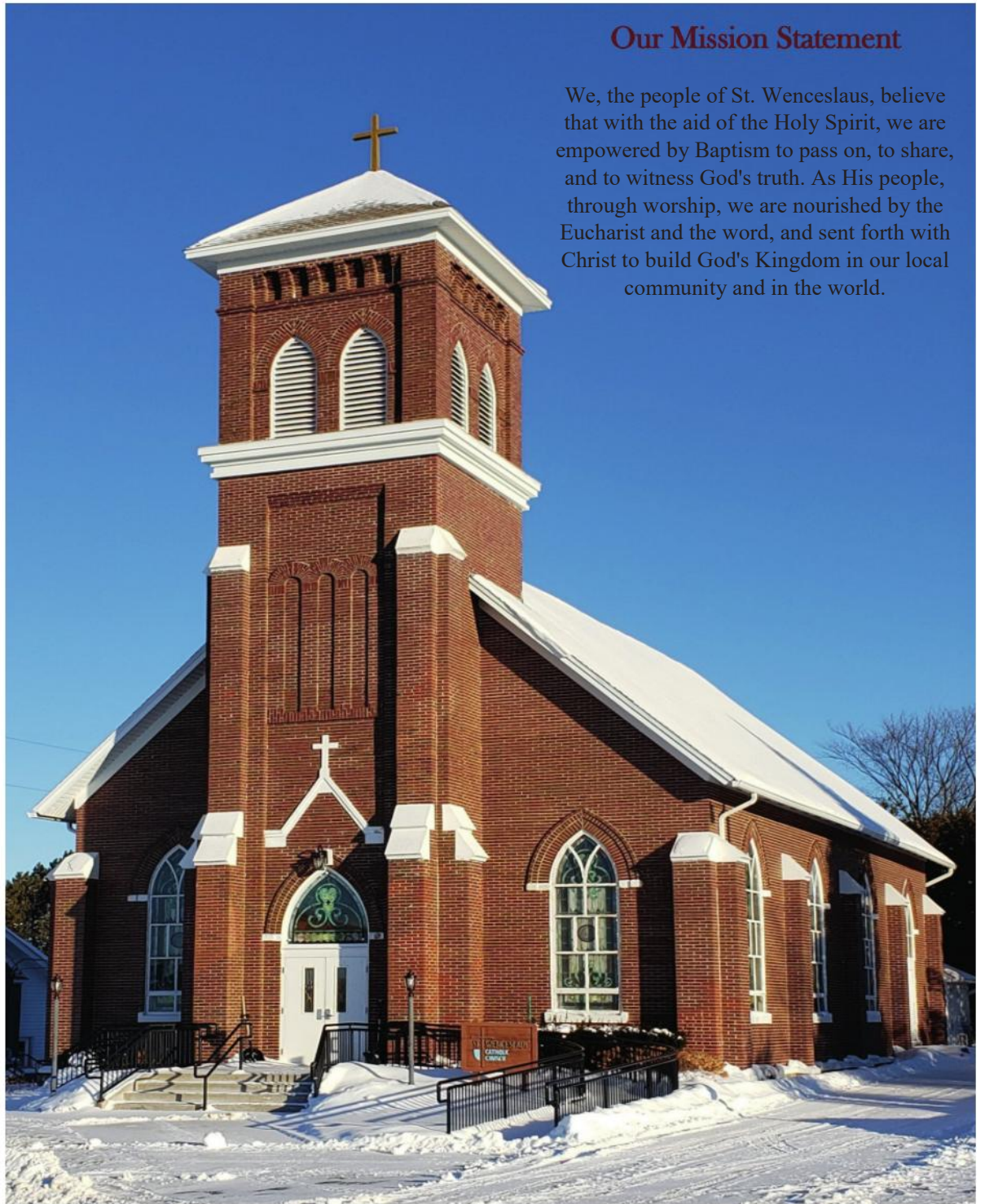




# THE HOLY FAMILY

## 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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### 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  
JANUARY 7, 2024  
@ 8:30 A.M.**

#### READER

Marita Somero

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Karen Zemaitis &  
Mary Ann Kolarik

#### USHERS

Paul Korson & Tom Kolarik

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Lucas & Philip Plamondon

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH Sunday, December 31, 2023 — Monday, January 7, 2024

**Sunday, December 31 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 8:30 a.m.**

For all St. Wenceslaus Parishioners

**Monday, January 1 — Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 9:00 a.m.**

For Theresa Hitchens by Bobbie Roubal

**Sunday, January 7**

**8:30 a.m.**

For Bev Costigan by Terry and Jan Schmidt

### Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the feast the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In today's Gospel, Luke 2:22-40, we read about Mary, Jesus, and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple for purification. In this narrative they fulfill the law of Moses, consecrating Jesus to the Lord, offering the sacrifice of a pair of young pigeons.

Simeon, a devote and righteous man, came forth at this time, took Jesus in his hands and proclaimed, "Master, you may let your servant go in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation." He also predicted that Jesus would be the rise and fall of many in Israel. And a sword would pierce the heart of Mary.

A prophetess, Anna, was also there. She gave praise to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. Then the family returned to Nazareth where Jesus grew strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

Mary and Joseph obeyed the law of God in presenting their baby in the temple. They do not separate their spirituality with organized religion. Their obedience to God is both private and public because it is the same God in both situations. There is a need for both. We are fortunate that we live in a country that has religious freedom. That we live in an area where there are many churches to worship in. That we have priests who we can talk to. That there are fellow Christians to walk with. That we have a God who walks with us. We are truly blessed. Remember it in prayer.

Your servant in Christ, Deacon Martin

**We wish you all a happy New Year** and thank everyone for all the time, talent, and treasure that you have shared with the Parish. We are truly blessed to have so many active and dedicated parishioners willing to volunteer their services for various ministries. We are extremely grateful for all you do. Thank you, we wish you every success and blessing in the new year. We also thank you for the gifts, cards, and, kind greetings and prayers.

God bless you all, Deacon Martin and Phyllis

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Monday	January 1	Luke 2:16-21
Tuesday	January 2	John 1:19-28
Wednesday	January 3	John 1:29-34
Thursday	January 4	John 1:35-42
Friday	January 5	John 1:43-51
Saturday	January 6	Matt 2:1-12
Sunday	January 7	Mark 1:7-11





### New Year's Day Mass Schedule

St. Wenceslaus: Monday, January 1, at 9:00 a.m.

St. Mary LL: Monday, January 1, at 8:00 a.m.

St. Michael SB: Monday, January 1, at 9:00 a.m.

**Thanks to all who helped to decorate the Church for Christmas.**

**There are still** calendars available in the vestibule. Please take one.

**Envelope boxes** are in the vestibule. Please take yours home, thank you.

**The Parish Christmas** party has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 7. We will celebrate Christmas and the New Year with a potluck breakfast. Parishioners are asked to bring egg or potato dishes, sweet rolls or fruit or whatever you enjoy with breakfast.

**The Parish Council** will meet on Monday, January 15, at 7 p.m. in the Church basement. All are welcome to attend.

**The book, Beautiful Eucharist** by Matthew Kelly, was given out to parishioners on Christmas Eve in honor of the Year of the Eucharist. If you did not get one, there are more in the vestibule.

### Area Happenings

#### Live Carmelite Spirituality in a Catholic Community of Lay Men and Women

For a deeper prayer life, a deeper spirituality, and a deeper union with God, answer the call of St. John Paul II to "Come into the deep". The Discalced Secular Carmelite Community of the Infant Jesus of Prague meets monthly at the Carmelite Monastery in Traverse City. Call Ed Mende (231) 288-9314 or Anne Dezelski (231)-631-4764 for more information. Meeting dates are Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, and May 19. \*Need to attend 3 meetings.

**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 13: Catholic Women's Conference**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Christ the King Church in Acme. The speaker is author, Dr. Mary Healy. Registration link coming soon.

### Family Perspective

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!

### 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 Family

Kevin Giangiolbe

Tracy Grille, Doug Iseri

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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.

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