

Czech This Out

St. Wenceslaus Parish Newsletter – Dec. 2007

For unto us a child is born, Unto us a child is given
A precious baby sent by God, Let all creation give him praise.



CZECH HERITAGE PARK

Need a Christmas gift idea? Be a part of Czech Heritage Park and make a lasting tribute to loved ones. To be a part of this pick up a brochure and/or contact the Parish Office.

Be a Mass Server. A Great opportunity! The parish would like to expand its Mass server staff to include teams of: Dad and Son – Mom and Daughter – Grandpa and Grandson – or any other suitable combination. Please call Bill Cisler ph364.6979 to schedule a short training session and sign up date

AREA NEEDS COLLECTIONS

3rd week end each month:

Dec. McAuley Center
Jan. Catholic Worker House
Feb. Birthright

A Great Idea!!!

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following address to send a card to:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001



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The Online Advent Calendar for 2007

<http://www.smmp.com/Advent/Advent.htm>



Czech Christmas Concert

Five Seasons Chamber Players

Sunday, December 16

St. Wenceslaus Church



11:30 a.m. Luncheon in Chihak Hall

1:30 p.m. Concert in the sanctuary

- Czech Christmas carols & their history
- Traditional audience sing-a-long
- Schubert's Ave Maria
- Pastoral Symphony from Handel's Messiah

The concert will be performed by the following professional musicians:

Julia Sakharove, violin, from New York City
(Nov. guest artist with the Cedar Rapids Symphony)

Julie Fischer, violin, from Cincinnati, OH
Suzanne Wagor, viola, from New York City
(originally from Cedar Rapids)

Peter Opie, cello, from Ball State University
(originally from London, England)

Richard Wagor, double bass, from Memphis, TN
(originally from Cedar Rapids)

Thank you to our sponsors who have enabled us to offer the luncheon and concert free of charge:

St. Bridget's Circle, St. Monica's Circle,
David H & Rose Marie Burke, James & Monica Piersall,
Robert & Janis Kazimour

From the Archdiocese of Dubuque...

Feast of Immaculate Conception - December 8, 2007

This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Saturday, December 8. It is a holy day of obligation.

Mass Schedule Dec 7 4 pm at IC

5:30 pm at St Wence

Dec 8 4 pm St Wence

5:30 pm at IC

The Stitches & Knitters Club

Meets first & third Tuesdays each month; 1-3 pm in Chihak Hall. (The group **will not** meet Dec. 18 and Jan. 1)
Open to anyone interested in sewing/knitting or just visiting. Call Elaine Boes at 848-6052 for more details.

Christmas /New Year's Mass Schedule:

Dec 24 4 pm St Wence
4 & 6 pm IC;
8 pm Spanish
Dec 25 9 am IC
10:30 am St Wence
Dec 31 12:05 pm IC
4 pm St Wence
7 pm IC Spanish
Jan 1 9 am IC



GIVING TREES: We have an additional Giving Tree.

Our tree in the back of church provides funds to buy treats throughout the year for our homebound and nursing home parishioners. Put your contribution in an envelope and place it in the collection basket.



The new tree is located in the vestibule; its purpose is to buy items for families in need. Pick an ornament from the tree; purchase the item; bring your unwrapped item to church (to the container by the Giving Tree) or to the rectory during the week **by Wed. Dec 12.**



To...

- the crew who cleaned the church Nov. 19
- those who helped with Sunday Night Supper at 1st Presbyterian Church Nov 18
- Bob & Elaine Boes for the tree for our new Giving Tree
- The Parish Community Life committee for sponsoring the Chili luncheon Nov 25

Christmas Food Baskets

St. Vincent De Paul Society is asking you to share your loving care by helping us provide Christmas food baskets for the less fortunate families of our community. Help can be given as follows

- Cash donations or checks payable to: St. Vincent Food Account
Send to, St Vincent De Paul Society center
928 – 7th Ave SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
- Assist in delivering of food baskets provided by the St Vincent De Paul Society. (Sat morning, Dec 15 at St Wenceslaus School)
- Adopt a family-
To adopt a family, call HACAP at 739-0026 before Dec. 20.

On sale now...

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

... WITH A
NATIVITY
SCENE
CAR
MAGNET
RETAIL VALUE OF
\$3.00
EACH



THIS MAKES A GREAT GIFT...
AND A GREAT WAY TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT!

Czechoslovak Culture—book of Recipes, History and Folk Arts \$1.00 each

If you have an item to submit for the January issue of **Czech This Out** please contact the Parish office.

Immaculate Conception Parish Sesquicentennial Celebration

December 8 marks the Opening Liturgy of the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Immaculate Conception Parish in Cedar Rapids. The parish is uniquely historic in that it is the first Catholic Parish in Linn County. "We decided to have a year-long celebration with a series of events throughout the next 12 months" said steering committee co-chair Jan Doyle. "We want to express our gratitude to all the dedicated priests, sisters, staff and laity who have so generously shared their time and talents for the church and school. This celebration expresses both our thanks for these past 150 years and our faith as we look to the future."

We invite everyone to join in the activities planned to commemorate our Sesquicentennial.

The first two are:

Dec 8 5:30 pm Solemnity of Immaculate Conception/Sesquicentennial Opening Liturgy
Dec 9 3:00 pm Coe College Choir

The calendar of events is posted in the vestibule and in Chihak Hall.

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