

Czech This Out

St. Wenceslaus Parish Newsletter January 2012

Veselé Vánoce a Šťastný Nový Rok
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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



St Wenceslaus --Czech Heritage Park

DISCOVER Xavier High School
Discover Xavier Night- January 17
registration at 6:30 pm

Quest

January 28-29
LASALLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

A retreat for high school freshmen
and sophomores

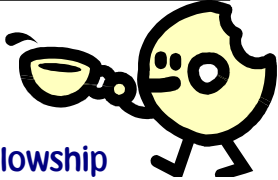
What is Quest? Quest is an overnight retreat; a chance to get away from the regular routine, meet new people, talk about important life and faith issues, and of course, have fun! For information pick up a flyer in the vestibule or go to our website's news page

DONUT SUNDAY

JAN. 8 Chihak Hall

Following 7:00 a.m. Mass

Donuts, coffee, juice, fellowship



**THE ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH FAMILY EXTENDS
A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS:**

- *Duane & Mary Ann Panos*
- *William & Helen Wuff*
- *Michael Bolke*

SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER SERVERS

Our next turn at 1st Presbyterian Church is **Jan. 15; 4-6 pm**. This is a great opportunity to join in the ministry to help the hungry in our area. Contact Dave Martin to sign up.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR....

**JAN 8--Parish Luncheon/
John Svoboda Retirement Party –
Chihak Hall- after 10:30 Mass**
Sponsored by St Bridget's Circle &
Parish Life Committee

FEB 5 -- Super Bowl Luncheon
Chihak Hall- after 10:30 Mass
Details coming soon....

My Life with the Saints written by Fr James Martin is a gift from St Wenceslaus Parish in Cedar Rapids to you and your family during this Christmas season. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph hold and keep you in grace unto eternal life.
Fr. Chris Podhajsky

A Prayer for the Year Ahead

The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!
Num 6:24-26
We wish to send you, our parish family, a blessed New Year 2012



-Rev.Christopher Podhajsky & parish staff

EPIPHANY CONCERT:

We Come Bearing Gifts
Sun. Jan. 8, 3 p.m. at St. Pius X.
Enjoy Christmas music performed by choirs, bell choirs, and instrumentalists.

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following the concert. While the concert is free, everyone is invited to – like the three wise men – “come bearing gifts” of money and non-perishable food items for the St. Pius Food Pantry. If you love music, you’ll love this concert!



JANUARY COLLECTIONS

AREA NEEDS

FOOD

Catherine McAuley Center Catherine McAuley Center



The Archdiocese 175th Anniversary history books are available for \$32.00. In addition, a comic book version of the history is being sold for \$5.00

Books are available now in the parish office to preview/purchase and will be after Mass Dec 31-Jan 8

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

There are many people involved in making our parish strong in its presence in the Cedar Rapids community. God has blessed us and we bless one another by sharing our talents for the betterment of our parish family. Every member of St. Wenceslaus has *something* to offer in response to God's blessings. This month we highlight **Liturgical Ministers**. We are especially in need of adding to our rosters of Rosary Leaders and Altar Servers but invite you to join in any of the others as well; lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, choir. **Please consider serving our parish in these ministries.**



Mission Statement

We, the community of Saint Wenceslaus, inspired by the call to follow Christ, share in the mission of the Church through prayer, worship and continuing faith formation together and individually. We strive to further the call of Jesus to be of service to others through being a caring community, reaching out locally and globally to those in need.

NCSML Cookie Walk- Glovik Parish Center -Dec 3



See more photos on our parish website

Sv. Mikuláš, a Anđel, and a Čert (St. Nicholas, the Angel, and the Devil) stopped by.



Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center (formerly Aid to Women) - registration for our next post-abortion recovery class. The 10-week class will begin Jan. 16, meeting Mondays 7-9 p.m. at the center. Please call or e-mail **Marilyn** if interested or have questions. You are not alone. There is healing and restoration in this supportive faith-based study. **364-8967** or **marilyn@bridgehaven.org**. All calls are confidential, as is the class.

Interested in becoming a trained Client Advocate at Bridgehaven? Call Marilyn. Our next class begins Feb. 9, meeting for 8 weeks on Thursday evenings 5:30-8:30p.m. It is rewarding to become equipped to help women face the pressures of an unintended pregnancy, seeing them move from hopelessness and fear, to encouragement, feeling supported and joy. You can be a bridge!

A Nativity Scene was erected in a church yard. During the night the folks came across this scene. An abandoned dog was looking for a comfortable, protected place to sleep. He chose baby Jesus as his comfort. No one had the heart to send him away so he was there all night. We should all have the good sense of this dog and curl up in Jesus' lap from time to time.



St Vincent DePaul

Christmas Food Basket Project Dec 14-17

- Wed. Metro High School students fill all the baskets with non-perishables
- Fri. They fill all the baskets with perishables
- Sat. Volunteers show up starting at 8 am and deliver the baskets



CZECH HERITAGE PARK

The next engraving of names on the memorial wall will take place in June. To be a part of this pick up a brochure or call the parish office.



Blood Services

We are interested in sponsoring a blood drive with the American Red Cross. Hosting blood drives demonstrate a commitment to community health needs while helping to ensure that an adequate blood supply is available at all times for anyone who needs it. If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health, you may be eligible to give blood. Giving blood is safe, simple and helps save lives. Each pint of blood that is donated may be helping as many as three people. The American Red Cross is the largest single provider of blood in the country. They provide blood to 3,000 hospitals across the country. About 38,000 people need blood each day in the United States. Those people count on volunteer donors to give them a chance at life. We are planning this for **Saturday, March 10- 8:00am-12:00pm**. We would like to determine the level of interest in inviting the American Red Cross. If you would be interested in donating blood, please fill out the form below. Thank you in advance for helping to save lives!

American Red Cross Blood Drive Saturday, March 10 8am-12pm

Name _____

Phone number _____

Time that works best _____

Please leave a message at 362-8061 ext 203 or drop form off in collection basket.

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