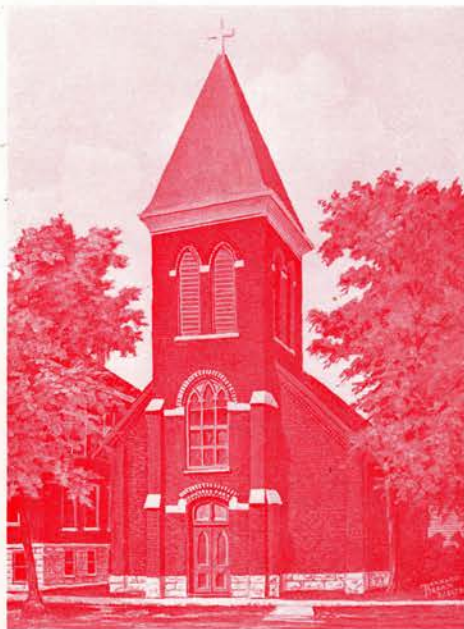


# ST. WENCESLAUS



1874 - 1904

*Centennial  
Year*



1904 - To Present

***Observance***

**Sunday, October 13, 1974**

**Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

**\$1.00**

**ON THIS**

## Centennial Observance

The Officers and members of St. Mary Society No. 119, Czech Catholic Union, join the parishioners and many friends in extending our sincere congratulations and appreciation for the past eighty-five years of happy affiliation.

We pray for Blessings upon the clergy and people of this parish for many, many years to come.

Marcella Krauel, President	Marie Sebetka, Secretary
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, St. Wenceslaus Church is historic in the aspect of being the seat of the Czech Catholics in Cedar Rapids; and

WHEREAS, the Church has fostered and perpetuated the Czech Culture; and

WHEREAS, its members and Clergy took an active part in the development of the City of Cedar Rapids; and

WHEREAS, the professional and business community has been enriched by Native sons entering their fields; and

WHEREAS, the Religious Vocations have also profited; and

WHEREAS, the 100 year span has been a credit to the City of Cedar Rapids;

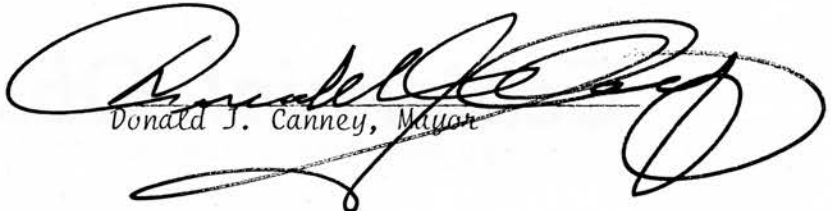
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald J. Canney, Mayor of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, do hereby proclaim, Sunday, October 13, 1974, as

"SAINT WENCESLAUS SUNDAY"

in Cedar Rapids, in observance of the Centennial of the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church of Cedar Rapids.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Cedar Rapids, to be affixed this 2nd day of October, 1974.



  
Donald J. Canney, Mayor

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**of**

***St. Wenceslaus Parish***

**in the**

***Centennial Observance***

# HISTORY OF ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Compiled by Mrs. Lumir Kopecky

Rich in the lore of Cechy and considered by many to be the finest example of Gothic architecture in the City, St. Wenceslaus Church has preserved on its walls the old Czech designs with its many painted murals, depicting Bohemian legends and tales relating to the martyred king for whom the church is named.. King Wenceslaus. Because of this, it is considered unique and emphasizes its distinction as the only national Catholic parish in Cedar Rapids historically, as well as the only one in the archdiocese. Persons of slavic extraction living in any quadrant of the City or surrounding territory may worship there, as well as persons of various other backgrounds.

Up until the past decade, the racial or national composition of the parish population had been mostly of Slavic extraction. The sources of immigration were Czechoslovakia, Poland and Lithuania. The earliest immigrants came before the year 1866, after the Prussian War.

In the early sixties, the Bohemians, (known more accurately now as Czechs) who had migrated from the old country and settled in the vicinity of Cedar Rapids, had their own services in the old Immaculate Conception Church. Father Clement Lowery, the pastor, from time to time invited Czech missionaries for the convenience of these people. Among these missionaries were the Rev. Anton Urban from Spillville, and the Rev. John Zlebcik, then pastor at Solon, who visited his Czech missions which were scattered over the whole state of Iowa.

The present church of St. Wenceslaus is not the original church. The first church was built in 1874 by the Rev. Francis Chmelar and was finished a few years later. The people themselves furnished not only the material but also the labor, while the pastor lived in the homes of his people, until 1879 when a rectory was built. The old church and rectory stood on the site of the present high school and gymnasium. The present rectory was built in 1910 by the Rev. Florian Svrdlík.

The official records kept at the church date back to the year 1874. The first baptism recorded is of May 18, 1874, for Maria Anna Biskup; the first confirmation in 1900 of Ludmila Hladky; the first marriage recorded in on June 15, 1874, for John Sonka and Anna Dostal and the first burial took place on February 28, 1896 for Emilia Sramek.

About the year 1880, the cemetery, then one of the beauty spots of Cedar Rapids, was acquired from the Immaculate Conception parish for a cash consideration. In 1911, 18 acres were added to this property. The cemetery is now an inter-parochial cemetery, belonging exclusively to St. Wenceslaus and St. Ludmila's parishes. Many improvements have been made in late years so it is still today a very beautiful and venerable spot.

In 1889, Father Chmelar left Cedar Rapids and was succeeded by the Rev. John Broz, who remained only a short time. It was left to the Rev. Francis Kopecky to found and build a parish school. The building was completed and blessed in 1894. From the very beginning up to the time of closure...high school in 1958 and grade school in 1969, the school had been administered by the Sisters of Mercy, located in Cedar Rapids.

The present church was build by the Rev. Florian Svrdlík in 1904. With \$10,000 on hand, the pastor began the erection of a new and more spacious church; the congregation having outgrown the old edifice. One year later, the completed structure was blessed by Archbishop John J. Keane and the Benedictine Abbot Jaeger celebrated the Pontifical High Mass.

The church, a gothic structure, was erected at a cost of \$33,000. With the erection of the new church. the growth of the parish was steady. A louvered pipe organ was installed in 1910 and in 1914 the church was decorated.

The parish was divided in 1912. The mission, called St. Ludmila's, was opened in 1915 for the convenience of those living on the West Side and a great distance for the Mother church. This mission was attended by the priests from St. Wenceslaus for four years, until in 1922 when it was made an independent parish with the Rev. Francis Hruby as first resident pastor.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH  
ON YOUR  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

SLAVIA AGENCIES, INC. is proud to have been founded by forty-six parishioners of St. Wenceslaus Church in June 1912. A meeting was held in the St. Wenceslaus Hall forming Slavia Realty Company, the forerunner of the present company. This group purchased 31 lots in the Oak Park Addition (now Oak Hill area) from the church forming a real estate and home building venture. Stock Certificate No. 1 was issued to Rev. Florian Svrulik. Sixty-two years later many of our valued friends and clients are present members of St. Wenceslaus.

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Several of the windows in the present church contain imported Czechoslovakian and English stained glass. Figures in these are those of St. Cyril and St. Methodius, two brothers from Greece, who in the year 863 took christianity into Moravia. They are copied from the statues in the the Karlin Church of Prague; works of art admired by the late Msgr. August Vojacek, former pastor.

Good King Wenceslaus, who rules over Bohemia from 921 to 929, is the patron saint of Czechoslovakia, for whom the house of worship is named. He was noted for his gifts to the poor and particularly for his good deeds on December 26, the day of the Feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Depicted in the murals above the altar, is the legend of the miracle of St. Stephen's night when King Wenceslaus personally carried pine logs and food to the home of a poor peasant.

Opposite this mural is a painting that shows King Wenceslaus (who was later martyred at the hand of his brother, Boleslav) at the task of personally preparing the altar bread of wheat and water. In the background are assistants getting ready the pure grape juice used to make wine for the mass.

Son of a pagan mother, King Wenceslaus is said to have become a Christian through the influence of his grandmother Ludmila, who was also martyred. His death, with angels in attendance to carry the crown of martyrdom to the Throne of God, is depicted in an interesting painting that hangs above the Blessed Virgin's altar. It is believed, even though the artist is unknown, that this picture was in the original St. Wenceslaus Church, erected in 1874, and replaced by the present structure in 1904.

Back of St. Joseph's altar is a companion canvas showing Radslav kneeling before St. Wenceslaus and promising obedience. There is a story to the effect that King Wenceslaus, hoping to avoid bloodshed among his people, offered to fight a duel with Radslav, one of his chiefs, who was leading a rebellion against him.

The challenge was accepted but the duel never fought, for behind his king, Radslav saw an angel standing guard. He fell in his knees asking forgiveness.

The three altars in the church were refinished in white, edged in gold...3 1/2 ounces of 23-carat gold leaf was used in this decoration.

Angels painted to appear as if they are holding in position the St. Wenceslaus rosecolored window above the altar, now stand out against a buff background. This glass, which shows the Czech Saint on a white charger, is bordered in a design of Byzantine influence in which rich blues and gold predominate. The outside border features conventionalized Egyptian lotus.

Cherubs, used for the capitals on the arch of the sanctuary, are developed in silver, gold and blue.

Medallions of famous shrines in Europe, painted along the side walls, are still dear to the remaining older members of the parish, because of their own personal associations. The medallions depict Hradcany and Charles Bridge, the famous bridge of statues in Prague; Budec, where St. Wenceslaus attended school as a child; Valehrad, where St. Cyril and St. Methodius started in 863 to bring Christianity to the Bohemians and where they adapted the Greek alphabet to the spoken language of the people. Also shown is Svata Hora, the Holy Mount and site of the shrine of the Blessed Virgin, erected near Pribram, famous for its gold and silver mines. Also near the altar is found Levy Hradec Church of the Blessed Agnes, Czech saint noted for her devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and her care of the poor. It was she who started St. Clara's Convent in Prague. Also depicted is the Bishop's seat in Moravia, where former pastor, Msgr. Vojacek and his predecessor, Father Svrulik were ordained.

The third medallion showed Hostyn, famous Blessed Virgin Shrine in Czechoslovakia and the former home of Father Bata, who served as an assistant to Father Svrulik.

Ceilings in the transepts, that form the short arms of the architectural cross in the church, are painted a cobalt blue that brings out vividly the orange background of the medallions on which are shown the likenesses and symbols of the four Evangelists who wrote the gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Around the windows in the transepts is found designs of the traditional Czech apple and leaves of the national basswood tree.

In the year 1920, the Rev. August Vojacek was appointed pastor of St. Wenceslaus. Devoted in a very special manner to the cause of Catholic education, one of the first official acts of the new pastor was the enlargement of the school, at a cost of \$27,000. Suitable quarters for the Sisters and three new school rooms were included in this addition. Through the tireless efforts of Father Vojacek, a high school was opened in 1921 and five years later the pastor saw his efforts crowned with success when St. Wenceslaus High School became duly

VOCATIONS

Vocations from St. Wenceslaus Parish have been as follows:

Rev. Aphonse Biskup, O.S.B. - (deceased)

Rev. Wenceslaus Panek - (deceased)

Rev. Albert L. Zachar - Pastor, Holy Trinity, Walford, Iowa

Most Rev. George Biskup - Archbishop of Indianapolis

Rev. Louis J. Trzil - Pastor, Spillville, Iowa

Brother Stephen Dvorak - Christian Brothers

Brother Victor Capek - Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Belleville, Illinois

*SISTERS OF MERCY - Cedar Rapids, Iowa*

Sister Mildred Trzil

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Sister Lois Sramek

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Mother Mary Genevieve Biskup (deceased)

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Sitster Mary Verna Viktor

*SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME - Omaha, Nebraska*

Sister Ludmila Panek (deceased)

Sister Benigna Syrový

*SISTERS OF MERCY - Chicago, Illinois*

Sister Mary Clarence Burian



This was set up not as a baby-sitting center but as an educational facility developed to assist needy families in situations where the mother needs to be employed away from the home - in many instances, the one-parent family-type situation. The facility is conducted by a qualified staff and supported by county, state and federal fund. A nominal fee is charged by St. Wenceslaus to help cover utilities.

Father Frana has been instrumental in involving St. Wenceslaus with other programs such as HACAP, St. Vincent DePaul, Metropolitan Office for Catholic Education (whose office is located in our former convent). His tireless efforts have borne fruit in bringing St. Wenceslaus Parish to the forefront as a leader in community efforts. He has become involved in many city-wide projects and at the same time continues to faithfully and competently administer to the religious needs of his parish family, both the senior citizens as well as the younger parish members, without the assistance of a full-time assistant pastor. His ability to converse in the Czech language with the remaining older Czech parishioners is most helpful.

In 1970, Father Frana became the spiritual moderator for the St. Vincent de Paul Center located in the St. Wenceslaus area.

Under his leadership, with the assistance of the parish council parish organization, circles and parishioners, many significant structural changes in the Parish have also taken place. In 1969 the church was sandblasted and tuckpointed; the garage was changed to an area near the rectory and blocktopping around the premises was done. The parish purchased a lot across from the gymnasium and bordering the janitor's residence which was converted to a very convenient parking lot. In 1970, the church basement was renovated and the old school building was sandblasted and tuckpointed, where needed. In 1971, gutter work on the church was repaired and property at 1200 - 5th Street S.E. was purchased for the used of the HACAP OUTREACH.

Under the pastor's guidance a major accomplishment was achieved in 1972 when St. Wenceslaus' capital investment obligations to Regis High School were paid off. In the past six years the parish plant has been updated and improved at the cost of about \$100,000.

Through the dedication and perseverance of Father Frana, St. Wenceslaus Parish has made a significant contribution to the community.

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 Rev. Stphen Kucera - 1922-27  
 Rev. John Sindelar - 1929-32  
 Rev. Jos. Syrový - 1935-44  
 Rev. Joseph Kissling - 1945-52  
 Rev. John J. Benda - 1952-55 (deceased)  
 Rev. James Barta - 1956-57  
 Rev. Clarence Frana - Nov. '57-'62  
 Rev. Raphael Ludwig - 1962-67  
 Rev. James Milota - 1967-69

*INRESIDENCE:* Rev. John Barnes - 1969-72  
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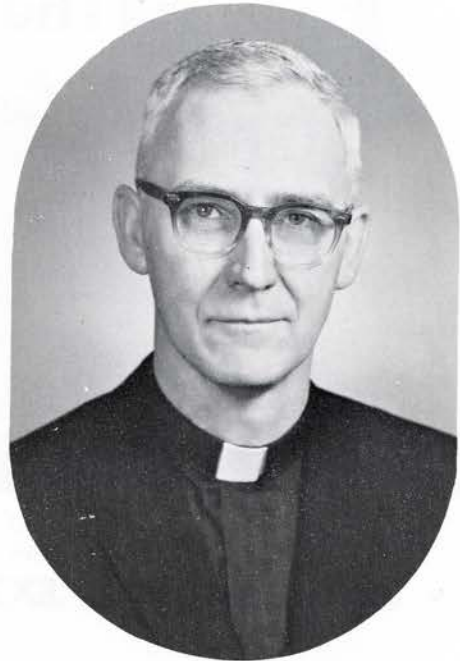
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**ON THEIR**

**CENTENNIAL**

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Standing: Mrs. Marcella Krauel, Mrs. Blanche Panek, Mrs. Rose Dryml, Mrs. Marlene Kilberger, Mrs. Helen Harlan, Mrs. Angeline Dvorak.

Some of the members were not able to be present for the picture.

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## PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies ----- Edward R. Kuba, Chairman of Centennial Committee  
Opening Prayer ----- Archbishop Biskup  
Singing of GOD BLESS AMERICA by all (words below) ----- Sister Mildred Trzil, directing  
Dinner  
Reading: Short History of Parish ----- Mrs. Rose Kopecky  
Welcome and comments ----- Father Clarence Frana, pastor  
Welcome ----- Cleon Dolezal, President, Parish Council  
Welcome from the city ----- Honorable Donald J. Canney, Mayor of Cedar Rapids  
Introductions ----- Master of Ceremonies  
Former Associates ----- Father Joseph Kissling  
Our Youth ----- Julie Jansa  
Parish Choir: Three numbers ----- Let There be Peace, Shenandoah, Heavens are Telling  
Sisters of Meczy ----- Sister Victoria Hadaway, parish social worker  
Our Bishop ----- Bishop Francis Dunn, Auxiliary Bishop of Dubuque  
Guitars: Two numbers ----- Why Me Lord and Blowing in the Wind  
Native Sons and Honored Guest ----- Archbishop George Biskup, Archbishop of Indianapolis  
Final Blessing ----- Archbishop Biskup  
Acknowledgments ----- John Jakoubek, accordianist before banquet  
Mrs. Pat Beer, organ player during the banquet

### GOD BLESS AMERICA

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, as we raise our voices in solemn prayer.  
God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her.  
Thru the night with a light from above, from the mountains to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home.

# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH COUNCIL



Seated: Mrs. Dorris Ruth, secretary, Lewis Harlan, Rev. Clarence Frana, pastor, Cleon Dolezal, president.

Standing; Robert Barta, George Sweeney, Juan Cortez, social action chairman.

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