

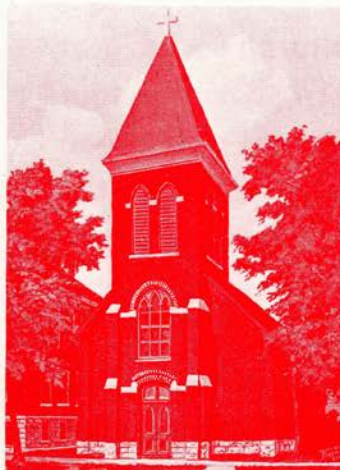
The St. Wenceslaus Parish grade school was founded in 1894. It served the Parish until it closed in 1968. It was razed in 1988. "Pojd o Synu uč se Moudrým Byti" Come Son. Learn to gain wisdom. The Czech wording, which was inscribed above the main entrance, will be placed on the school site as a memorial.

A high school was opened in 1921 and was accredited in 1926 as the first Czech Parish high school to be accredited in the United States. In 1926 a new high school building with a spacious gym was built. The high school was closed in 1958. The high school building is now used for our CCD Programs and other Church activities.

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ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

CZECH NATIONAL PARISH



1874-1904



1904 to present

1224 5th Street S.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Rectory Phone 319/362-8061
Masses: Saturday - 6 p.m.
Sunday - 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

St. Wenceslaus was founded as a Czech National Parish in 1874. Rich in Czech heritage, the modern day church stands to be one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in the city of Cedar Rapids. The present day church was built at a cost of \$33,000 in 1904, replacing the original church.

The modern church was not decorated until 1914, which is four years after the louvered pipe organ was installed. As you enter the church, the main altar is the true picture of the modern and traditional setting.

Adding to the decor of the church are two large murals adorning either side of the main altar, along with eight medallions of the famous shrines in Czechoslovakia. Words cannot describe the beauty and traditional atmosphere which prevails.

One of the most eye catching of all the stained glass windows is the one of King Saint Wenceslaus which enhances the main altar.



Two other outstanding windows are the two very large stained glass windows, one depicting the Crucifixion and the other the Resurrection. These two windows measure 8 feet wide and reach a height of 16 feet. The glass in these two windows and the other ten windows was imported from Czechoslovakia and England.