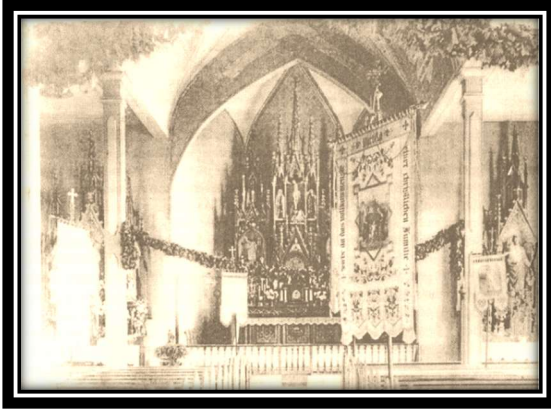


# PAST ALTARS



Altar in First Holy Cross Church  
1896-1931



Altar Above in Current Church  
1931-1966



1966-1979



1979-1993

# VOCATIONS

## PRIEST FROM HOLY CROSS

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles S. Nix, V.F.  
Rev. Henry W. Nix  
Rev. Joseph M. Feldman  
Rev. Frederick L. Fehrenbacher C.PP.S  
Rev. Urban O. Iffert C.PP.S  
Rev. William A. Volk C.PP.S  
Rev. Wilbert J. Iffert  
Rev. Msgr. Marvin C. Volk  
Rev. Msgr. James A. Buerster, V.F.  
Rev. Stephen A. Rudolphi

## SISTERS FROM HOLY CROSS

Sister M. Glemata (Maria) Geier, P.H.J.C.  
Sister Adelheid (Margaret) Bangert, ASC  
Sister Hermana (Josephine) Hausner, ASC  
Sister Liberata (Catherine) Kuhl, ASC  
Sister M. Marca (Cecilia) Nix, P.H.J.C.  
Sister M. Hermana (Kate) Weber, P.H.J.C.  
Sister M. Celesta (Josephine) Nix, S.S.M.  
Sister M. Antoinette (Marie) Volk, P.H.J.C.  
Sister M. Loretta (Ernestine) Volk, P.H.J.C.  
Sister M. Florian (Dorothy) Weber, P.H.J.C.  
Sister M. Josephine Iffert, P.H.J.C.  
Sister M. Kate (Kathleen) Kuenstler, P.H.J.C.  
Sister M. Simona (Christina) Frohning, FSGM

## FORMER PARISH PASTORS

Rev. John Sandrock (1859-1870) *Ste. Marie*  
Rev. Joseph Meckel (1870-1873) *Olney*  
Rev. J.W. Merscher (1873-1874) *Teutopolis*  
Rev. Cornelius Hoffmans (1874-1878) *Newton*  
Rev. J. Molitor (1878-1882) *Newton*  
Rev. Henry Ader (1882-1888)  
Rev. Henry Goosens (1888-1893)  
Rev. Marcus Roth (1893-1909)  
Rev. Albert J. Huesman (1909-1916)  
Rev. Francis J. Fuertges (1916-1920)  
Rev. Joseph Fisher (1920-1927)  
Rev. Edmund Niess (1927-1964)  
Rev. Walter Myerscough (1964-1971)  
Rev. Edwin Arentesen (1971-1978)  
Rev. Dennis Voss (1978)  
Rev. Bernard C. Goedde (1978-1982)  
Rev. Leo S. Reinhardt (1982-1988)  
Rev. William Gibson (1988-1989)  
Rev. David L. Braun (1989-2009)

# HOLY CROSS

Since 1871

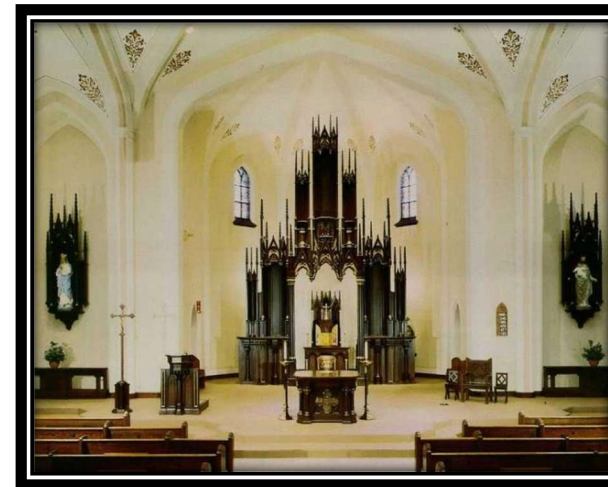
WENDELIN, ILLINOIS

Rev. Mark D. Stec, Pastor

## WELCOME..

to the Catholic faith community of Holy Cross in Wendelin and encompassing portions of Clay, Richland and Jasper Counties of Illinois from the time of our erection in 1871.

Under the protection of the Mother of God, we are a faith community called by the Father, energized by the Son, and moved by the Spirit to unit in witnessing and proclaiming the Good News. We share in friendship, gather in worship, and do proclaim our desire to minister, welcome, celebrate and extend His Kingdom.



## MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday: 6:30 p.m.



# 1830s – 1860s

## Area Settled

Settlers began to arrive in the Southeastern Illinois area. Many were German immigrants.

## 1861

### St. Ignatius/St. John's

First Catholic Church in the area St. Ignatius was erected on January 1, 1861. (Log Cabin 20'x24') Located 2 miles South of Wendelin. In 1863, it was renamed St. John's.

## 1870

### Parish Moved

The need for a larger church forced a vote on location. Due to increased settlement North the new Church would be built 2 miles North in (St. Wendel) Wendelin.

## 1870

### Construction Begins

Construction on Holy Cross Church begins in (St. Wendel) Wendelin.

## 1871

The newly completed Church was dedicated for divine worship.

## 1882

### 1st Rectory Built

Served the parish until 1980.



## 1887

### Convent Built

Sister House of the parish. Demolished 1983.



## 1887

### Schoolhouse Built



## 1882

### Permanent Priest

Rev. Henry Ader was appointed the first permanent priest.



## 1899

### 2nd Schoolhouse Built

2nd Schoolhouse built. Destroyed by fire in 1909.



## 1910

### 3rd Schoolhouse Built

3rd Schoolhouse built. Demolished 1973.



## 1902

### Name Change

Name officially changed from St. Wendel to Wendelin.

## 1894

### 1st Picnic Held

## 1887

### Diocese of Belleville

Diocese of Belleville Formed (was part of Diocese of Alton).



## School Closes

Wendelin School Closes.

## 1948

### 4th Schoolhouse Built

4th Schoolhouse built (later served as Parish Hall). Demolished 2005.



## 1931

### New Church Built

Current Holy Cross Church Constructed.



## 1971

## Interior Renovations

Major interior renovations of the church. The reredos, altar and other wood working came from the abandoned St. Augustine Church in South Chicago.



BEFORE



AFTER

## 1981

### Rectory Built

Current Rectory Built.

## 2005

### Parish Hall Built

Current Parish Hall Built.



## 1993