



Parish Newsletter

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Together we'll walk thru Heaven's Gate"**



ST. WENDELIN'S - LUXEMBURG, MN *

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ATTENTION GRADUATES HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

We would love to hear from you! Please take some time to write a short autobiography and submit a photo for our next Newsletter on May 29th. You can e-mail them to me at alberssheila@gmail.com, mail them to my house at 7876 Ahles Road St. Cloud, MN 56301 or put them in the collection basket. **THE DEADLINE IS MAY 15TH, no exceptions.** We would really appreciate your effort in letting us know a little bit about yourselves, your achievements, some fun things you do, and what your plans are for your future.

Thanks in Advance!
Sheila Albers - Editor

We would like to put the photos in the newsletter in color. Anyone interested in helping pay for the cost please let me know otherwise they will be put in black and white. The cost is \$25 per page. Thanks!

THANK YOU

Thank you soooo much to all Group 3 members who contributed to our Group's recent fundraiser!! Your willingness to support this effort is truly amazing. Your donations raised \$2,645 for St. Wendelin's.

We are humbled by your generosity. The winners of the gift cards are Dan & Judy Walters, Keith & Jayne Thole, Vernon Koshio & Norb & Lois Fischer.

Thank you, again, for your support of this great parish!

Jolene & Steve

THANK YOU

Just a note of thanks to all the wonderful People who have helped with our funerals these past months. We have had 6 funerals so far since Christmas, and we usually have 7 in a year. We are so blessed to have such a faith filled community of people who are willing to serve this great parish. We ask that God continue to bless each of you and keep you healthy.

Judy Walters and Pat Salzbrun

Kindness is contagious!!!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

May 29, 2022

DEADLINE for News:

Monday May 23, 2022

**If you can get your items in earlier,
it would appreciated.**

**Get your articles to Sheila Albers
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ENVISION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Virginia Meyer, Steve Torborg, Kevin Kieke, Tracy Dombrovski, Nick Lieser, John Honer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeanne Lommel, Joe Bartell, Kathy Watrin

The opening prayer led by John Honer.

We reviewed our **Mission Statement:**
To envision the preservation of St. Wendelin's solemn blessing as a diocesan consecrated church that is dedicated to divine worship and the celebration of the church's sacraments and other rites, as well as the preservation of its vibrant faith community.

If priest numbers continue to decrease, we discussed if our operational duties could be better structured to reduce clergy workload. This would allow our clergy to focus more on pastoral duties and less on day to day operations. Operations are handled through our Finance committee and it's sub-committees. We also have established groups that work together and provide a sense of community.

We will document current ways our parish serves the community. Virginia will gather statistics on parishioner counts, sacraments administered, etc. It was also mentioned that it would be beneficial to have a video of parish activities showing the many ways we strengthen our faith community. We are looking for a person with videography skills willing to volunteer.

Include in the statutes that our endowments (education, parish, vocation) stay with our parish. The building and cemetery investment funds would also stay with our parish. We will ask Jeanne to gather endowment numbers.

Our strength is in our vibrant local community versus just a building structure. Our various parish activities add to a sense of belonging to our community.

NEXT MEETING

June 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m. at St. Wendelin's School library

The closing prayer was led by John.

Minutes submitted by **Nick Lieser**

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

It is that time of year for rhubarb!!!

RHUBARB CRISP

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
3 Tbsp. cornstarch
3 cups fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed
2 cups sliced strawberries
1 cup quick cooking or old fashioned oats
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar, packed
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter, melted
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
Vanilla Ice Cream, optional

In a large bowl, combine sugar and cornstarch. Add rhubarb and strawberries; toss to coat. Spoon into 8 inch baking pan.

In a small bowl, combine the oats, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over fruit. Bake at 350 degrees until crisp is bubbly and fruit is tender, about 45 minutes. Serve with warm with ice cream if desired.

Never cut a tree down in the wintertime.
Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be Patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come.

You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.

SCHOOL NEWS

Jesus has risen, Alleluia!! May our Lord shower his blessings on you and keep you refreshed and happy.

It was a busy month for sure. I am so very grateful for all the people who helped plan our Great Outdoors dinner auction, donated auction items, and to all of you who came and had a great time. We filled the gym with good spirits and competitive bidding. A night to remember for sure.

St. Wendelin School will no longer be selling Scrip gift cards. I want to thank all of you who utilized the program and helped raise money for our school.

It's hard to believe that we only have one month of school left. There's a lot happening, so tune in next month.

In His Grace,
Lynn Rasmussen

PRESCHOOL NEWS

April was a BUSY month for the little preschoolers, from completing projects, to preparing for Easter, and even building on relationships. I love this time of year because I look back on the start of the year and see how much progress each of these kiddos has made.

Right before Easter we learned about the Last Supper using materials from the Atrium. I can't tell you how special they thought it was but their faces were lit with joy as they heard the scripture and saw it acted out. Most of my class is reading! I never thought this was possible but through Montessori Education the possibilities are endless.

Finally, my class is forming such close bonds with each other. We are truly a little family and I'm blessed to be a witness and a part of all the kindness - it makes me feel all warm and fuzzy.

Rebecca Linscheid

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

This month we have focused a lot on Lent, praying on the beautiful chaplets we received on Ash Wednesday, praying the Stations of the Cross, and learning about the events in the life of Jesus during Holy Week. From the Atrium, the children received a presentation known as the Cenacle, or Last Supper. This is a hands-on material that allows the child to create the scene at the Passover meal and ponder the new words Jesus said to the Apostles as described in scripture. The follow up work to this presentation was an art project where the children made their version of Michael Angelo's Last Supper.

The children got to do their spring planting again this year with Ron and Sheila Albers which they found very fun; kids and dirt are always a great team!

Our theme for the items in our baskets for the silent auction is arts and crafts, and we got an amazing collection of items. I'm sure lots of the children are pressuring their parents to make sure one comes home for them! Blessings,

Mrs. Matchinsky

1ST & 2ND GRADE NEWS

Hello,
E1 sure has been busy! We collected LEGOs for the dinner auction. We can't wait to see who wins our LEGO baskets!

We started Junior Achievement at the end of April. Junior achievement is a program designed to help us manage our money and learn about careers we might choose from when we grow up. We are excited to keep learning more!

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

Paige M. Becker and The E1 Class

MINUTES FROM ST. ANNE'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MEETING

St. Anne's Christian Women met Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at Mary Hall with 10 members present. Fellowship began at 6:30 p.m. after which the business meeting was called to order by President Pat at 6:45 p.m. Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance followed. Minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting were approved as read. Also approved was the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$ 1,464.58 in checking and \$ 2,439.51 in savings for a total of \$ 3,904.09.

Old Business:

Resurrection Party...None scheduled as there is no Holy Saturday Mass at St. Wendelin.

Update Mass Intentions...Treasurer, Jean, reported she has ordered our 14 yearly Mass intentions as well as the three each for both Jean Vander Eyk and Georgia Koshiol, our recently deceased members.

Update Donations...Because of our recent \$1000.00 donation to the Schulze Challenge Grant for our school, no further donations will be made until after our fall breakfast fundraiser.

Holiday Sharing Tree...Because all the tags were taken, there was no need for added funds from us.

1st Communion/Confirmation Gifts...Virginia Meyer reported this is now being taken care of thru Kelli Kleinschnitz from our Faith Formation Office. This change was necessitated so as to assure that all the young people from our 5 parish cluster, no matter what parish they are from, receive the same gift since families this year, were able to pick from our 5 parishes, which one they would attend for 1st Communion. We will then be billed for our portion of those gifts; the same will hold true for Confirmation gifts.

Lenten Chaplets...Pat reported this project was very well received with much positive feedback especially from our school children and teachers. Membership approved Pat to order out supplies for next year's chaplets (150) including the special packages in which they were placed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rosary at May Masses...Currently this is being done by parishioners.

DCCW Announcements...Pat reported the following upcoming diocesan events to be kept in mind:

Fun, Food and Fund Days, Thursday, June 16 at St. Mary's in Melrose

Annual Fall Conference, Saturday, September 17th at St. Mary's in Alexandria.

50 Year Members...This year we have seven women who will mark 50 years of membership. They will be acknowledged at our May meeting. Pat will check into the possibility of having a Mass that evening to celebrate this occasion.

Thank You Notes...Pat reported numerous thank you notes were received. She read some of them to the membership; all the notes were passed around for members to read.

By Laws...It was noted our by-laws need to be reviewed as this has not been done since 2017. Pat Salzbrun, Sue Weber and Char Volkmuth volunteered to be on a Committee to review them. They will report back with recommendations at our May meeting.

ST. ANNE'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S
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Praying Rosary at Wake or Funeral...With the change in funeral procedures in recent years, discussion took place as to the praying of the rosary at the wake/funeral of our deceased members.

As differing views were expressed, the issue was tabled with members asked to think further how best to remember our deceased in prayer.

Recognition of our Graduates...We were asked to consider recognizing our 2022 graduates.

Pat will check with Father to see if we could have a special Mass at which they would be honored. If so, grads would be contacted and announcements would be in our bulletin.

Nominees for Offices to be Filled...With officers to be elected at our May meeting, Pat asked that members submit to her nominees for President, Secretary and Treasurer.

40 Days for Life...Char reported a thought provoking statistic she received from the national 40 Days for Life...that Planned Parenthood's mega center in the twin cities is the **highest volume abortion facility in the nation, reporting 7,490 abortions in 2020.**

Meeting Adjourned...at 7:40 p.m. with closing prayer, prayer partner exchange and door prize drawing going to Jolene Brang. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10th.

Following adjournment, members who were able to stay, prayed the rosary for our recently deceased members Virginia "Jean" Vander Eyk and Georgia Koshiol.

Respectfully Submitted,
Char Volkmuth, Secretary

CHURCH CLEANING
MAY 2022
GROUP 5
8:00 A.M.

MAY 7

James & Jackie Feiler
John & Linda Kaiser
Dan & Lisa Lichte
Jerome & Pam Massmann
Greg & Mary Schaefer
Glenn & Lori Winter
Pat Notch to make reminder calls***

MAY 14

Chuck & Michelle Denn
Dan & Lucy Garding
Bob & Jeanie Massmann
Jean Schabel
Joe & Kathy Watrin
Land & Katie Watrin
Delores Heid to make reminder calls***

MAY 21

Tom & Cathy Bautch
Jeff & Julie Frank
Dennis & Terri Gill
Nick & Mary Leiser
Ray & Ginia Meyer
Sue Weber
Cheri Nies to make reminder calls***

MAY 28

Barry & Patti Brix
David & Amy Klema
Ken & Bonnie Massmann
Ralph & Angie Moscho
Paul & Sue Reinert
Jan Kunkel to make reminder calls***

If you are unable to work your shift, please find your own replacement or switch with someone else. Thank You!!!!



St. Wendelin St. Theresa Society (Catholic United Financial) started at St. Wendelin going back to 1899. This group began with the men's society (St. Wendelin) and the women's society (St. Theresa). The council was formed to be a faith filled gathering of people and to provide insurance to families in the faith community of St. Wendelin parish.

The two societies merged together in the early 1960's to work together. Just looking at the minutes of meetings and logs of names, you will find such people as Nic Spanier, Chris Kremers, Al Notch, Hildegard Bechtold, Val Koshiol, and many others who are part of the fabric of this faith community.

Catholic United provides financial resources to this parish through such things as the school raffle and providing a yearly activity allowance to the council. The council received \$662 in February for the work that was done last year such as the Matching Grant for the school, masses for the deceased members and donations to various charities.

Recently St. Wendelin St. Theresa Society (Catholic United Financial) lost two of its long -standing leadership members in Andy Kiffmeyer and Jean VanderEyck. These two people quietly served this community in their support of the parish and school. The current leadership decided that Jean and Andy deserved to be recognized for their outstanding leadership and approved a \$500 donation to St. Wendelin School for the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation Challenge.

You may be wondering what is Catholic United Financial. You see the name, but you really don't know what they do. We urge you to go to <https://www.catholicunitedfinancial.org> or call Dave Stang at 320-469-4735

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Vic Waltzing, President
Sue Massmann, Treasurer
Linda Kaiser, Fraternal Secretary

The background of the entire page is a faded American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a light, watermark-like style.

Lux Lions Memorial Weekend Hamburger sale!

When: Friday May 27th

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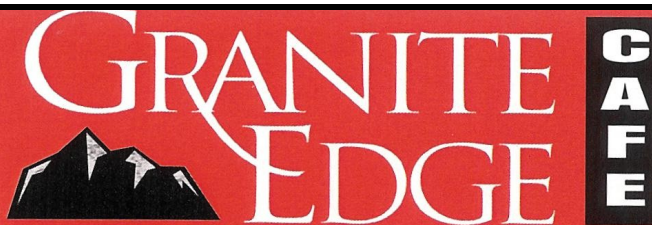
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