Parish Newsletter

"If we can just communicate, Together we'll walk thru Heaven's Gate"



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Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, For they shall never cease to be amused.

We cannot change yesterday, that is quite clear,
Nor begin on tomorrow until it is here.
So all that is left for you and for me
Is to make today as lovely as can be.

During Lent, our favorite attitude should be gratitude.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

April 30, 2023 DEADLINE for News: Monday April 24, 2023

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

Get your articles to Sheila Albers 7876 Ahles Road St. Cloud, MN Phone 320-251-7116

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all the children of our Holy Saints ACC Parishes who made their First Communion on March 19. A special congratulations to our St. Wendelin's School Students.

Ezekiel Salzbrun Lenna Voigt Kaitlin Watrin Edna Deering

The best things parents can spend on their children is time — not money.

Every good thought you are thinking is Contributing to the rest of your life.

Keep in your soul a friendly thought,
In your heart a friendly song.
Have in your mind a word of cheer,
For all who come along.





Catholic United Financial at St. Wendelin's is also known as St. Wendelin St. Theresa Society. On March 1st, this group in St. Wendelin Parish provided pizzas for the faith formation program at Holy Cross School. There was a great crowd gathered for faith formation that evening because the main speaker was the new bishop of St. Cloud, Bishop Patrick Neary.

St. Wendelin St. Theresa Society is funded by Catholic United Financial. The next new project for this group is the Matching Grant fundraiser for St. Wendelin School. Come help us support our local Catholic School on April 22nd.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Spring to you all!!! I know it doesn't look or feel like spring, but I am going to embrace it for all it's worth. I hope you can do the same.

It was a big month for our second graders. They took part in Father Erik's Confestival for their very First Reconciliation and had their First Communion the Sunday after. I want to congratulate Edna, Ezekiel, Kaitlin, Lenna, and all the second graders in our ACC. May God continue to shine down on you and remain with you forever.

The school year is going fast. We are into our last trimester already. We have been taking time, out of our week, to attend the Stations of the Cross (Mondays at 1:45. Come join us.) and pray our Chaplet prayers. Thank you, Pat and the Christian Women, for giving us the Chaplets. We are sharing a lot of prayer throughout our day[©]

Our "Just Let it Roll" Dinner Auction is Saturday, April 22nd. This is our main fundraiser for the year, so I hope you are able to attend. It is always a fun evening. We are still in need of auction items for both the live and silent auction. Sponsorship opportunities are available too. Reservation slips can be found in the back of church or at school. Please sign up no later than Friday, April 14th if you plan to attend the dinner.

We look forward to melting snow and budding trees. Hopefully we won't have to wait TOO long. Have a fabulous April and a blessed Easter.

Sincerely, **Lynn Rasmussen** Page 2

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschoolers had a busy month of school. They have been attending Stations of the Cross and we have been diving deep into the stations each week. Right now, they are working on Stations of the Cross booklets in which they are working on perfecting their fine motor skills through coloring and I will write a reflection at the end of the book for each child. The children are engrossed in learning all about Jesus' life on Earth but their hearts are filled with love knowing Jesus' death means we can go to Heaven. We are tuned into prayer by praying our Chapulete each day. This is something that was very challenging for the preschoolers at first but has now become one of their favorite tasks. Last weekend the children had a challenge to ask Jesus to be a better friend. We love Lent and all the beautiful messages that come out of it!

Rebecca Linscheid

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Since the last newsletter, the children did receive the presentation I was gearing up for in February called "The City of Jerusalem." The students are just loving it! Some of the structures the children are learning nomenclature and location for are: cenacle. House of Caiaphas, Herod's Palace, Tower of Antonia, Pool of Siloam, Golgotha, and they even get to "build" the wall around the city. Thank you so much to Dan Desautels for all his talent and time in creating this most important work for the children! I love this work because it takes the students through the city during the last days that Jesus was in Jerusalem before His passion. Coming up, I am getting excited to learn about the life of Saint Patrick! We have daily Lent activities going on, and pray on our chaplets daily as well. The students are making their own Stations of the Cross books, and many of them have memorized all the Stations! Blessings,

Mrs. Matchinsky

EI CLASS NEWS

Our E1 classroom has been working hard to master a variety of money skills. We are counting coins, paper money, determining if we have enough money to buy an item, and building a set coin value in multiple ways. Our older students are also adding and subtracting money amounts to solve word problems. We are also learning about the presidents found on US currency and discovering currencies used around the world.

Please keep us in your prayers.

Mrs. Wallace's E1 Class

E2 CLASS NEWS

The E2 classroom continues to work hard! Studies in Math, Language Arts, and Social Studies have been our main focus. We are also spending time daily/weekly focusing on Religion, Handwriting, and Grammar. During our beginning weeks of Lent, we have also continued some rich traditions here at St. Wendelins. Students are attending student led Stations of the Cross once a week. Daily, we also gather in our classroom to pray the Chaplet specifically for one special person whom each student has identified. The growth in all of the students academically, spiritually, and socially has been incredible to witness.

Susan Kolb

KINDNESS CLUB

Kindness club has been very busy this month! We are wrapping up for the year by focusing on integrity and inclusion. We are still collecting toilet paper and paper towels for the Anna Marie's Women and Children's Center until Easter.

It has been another very successful and blessed year in the Kindness Club! We are so happy to spread love and joy to our community! We will have our last meeting after Easter and we will be celebrating our wonderful year together with a pizza party! We wish all of you a very happy and blessed Easter! Love.

The St. Wendelin's Kindness Club





ST. WENDELIN'S

Spring Fundraiser! Saturday, April 22nd

Including: Dinner, Cash Bar, Dice Games, Live & Silent Auctions!

5PM SOCIAL | 6:30PM DINNER TICKETS \$35 PER PERSON

Return the bottom of this form and the money to St. Wendelin's School. 22776 State Hwy 15, St. Cloud, MN 56301 or place a sealed envelope in the church collection

RSVP DEADLINE APRIL 17th

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- Event Banner Recognition

Gold Level

\$500



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- 2 Drink Tickets for Event



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\$1,000

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St. Wendelin's Annual Auction Dinner

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 5PM Doors Open & Silent Auction Opens 6:30PM - Dinner

7:30PM - Live Auction | Silent Auction Closes Prior to Live Auction Dice games to follow

CHURCH CLEANING APRIL 2023 GROUP 4

APRIL 1ST

Mickie Schriml
Connie Netter
Eileen Kunkel
Sandy Leach
Tammy Salzbrun Boese

APRIL 8TH

Dot Bartell
Janet Lommel
Kimberly Brannan
Cyntia Lommel
Denise Brannan
Pam Koshiol

APRIL 15TH

Pat Salzbrun
JoAnn Massmann
Kathy Massmann
Patti Brunner
Vicki Kunkel

APRIL 22ND

Jody Albers
Mary Backes
Sue Massmann
Jim Opatz
Rosie Sauer
Mary Kenning

APRIL 29TH

Emily Salzbrun Michelle Fruth Joey Kiffmeyer Bonnie Edelbrock Mary Jo Klaverkamp

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

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RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

FOUR-CHEESE SCALLOPED POTATOES

½ Tbsp. unsalted butter, cut into pieces, plus more for brushing

½ clove garlic

1/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

1/3 cup shredded asiago sheese

1/3 cup shredded Fontina cheese

2 lbs. russet potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/8" thick

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper 2 cups heavy cream

½ tsp. freshly grated nutmeg

4 bay leaves

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Position a rack in the upper third of the oven and preheat to 425 degrees F. Generously brush a large skillet with butter, then rub with the garlic. Combine the mozzarella, asiago, and fontina in a bowl.

Heat the skillet over medium-high heat. Add half of the potatoes, spreading them out. Sprinkle with 3/4 teaspoon salt, half of the cut-up butter, half of the shredded cheese blend, and pepper to taste. Arrange the remaining potatoes on top. Sprinkle with 3/4 teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste. Pour the cream over the potatoes, then add the nutmeg and bay leaves; simmer 3 minutes. Dot the potatoes with the remaining cut-up butter.

Generously brush a shallow baking dish with butter; slide the potatoes into the dish; arrange with a fork, if desired. (If your skillet is ovenproof, you can skip this step and bake the potatoes in the skillet.)

Sprinkle the potatoes with the parmesan and the remaining shredded cheese blend. Bake until golden, about 25 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes before serving. Discard the bay leaves.

Serves 6-8

GROUP 4 SPRING DINNER RESULTS

A very big, grateful thank you to everyone who came to our Spring Dinner, and to all our great supporter and donors. With your help, we raised \$5,028.44. How fantastic. It was so nice seeing people out and enjoying the evening. Thank to our raffle workers, and the donors. What a great list of items. Setup, decorating, and dessert workers did and outstanding job, thank you. There were a lot of compliments on the desserts. To my cooks that braved the weather, there were many words of praise of a job well done. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all the workers that came that night to help. Without you we could not make this all happen. Many of you went from one job on to the next, so clean up went very well. We were done in an amazing time. So, thank you all for that. We feel grateful to be part of such a great community. God bless you all.

Dan & Pat Salzbrun

RAFFLE ITEM

1. \$100 cash – McStott Tower Service

2. \$100 cash - Electrical Builders

3. \$ 50 cash – Clean Earth Geo.

4. \$ 50 cash - DeLux Liquor

5. \$ 50 cash - Rosie Sauer

6. \$ 50 cash – Sandy Leach

7. \$ 50 cash – Kevin/Cyntia Lommel

8. \$ 50 cash - Anonymous

9. \$ 50 cash - White Peony Boutique

10. \$ 40 cash – Terri/Patti Brunner

11. \$ 25 cash - Gary/Sharon Maus

12. \$ 25 cash – Marv Lommel

13. \$ 20 cash - Steve/Mickie Schriml

14. \$ 20 cash - Glenn/Dot Bartell

<u>WINNER</u>

Teresa Stoup Kortney Notch JoAnn Massmann Sandy Leach Richard Edelbrock

Joe Bartell

Darrell Albers

Arden Holzheimer

Barney & Joey Kiffmeyer

Connie Netter

Father Don Wagner

Joyce Schmitz

Connie Netter

Donald Massmann

WHAT GOD HAS MADE

What God has made is meant to be
For all the world to hear and see
And Grace each span of land and sea
With life and love and majesty,
But we must do - what must be done To keep His treasures, everyone,
And save for those - who are to come The wonders He has built and done.

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I TAKE HIS HAND

Life, with all its ups and downs,
Can very disconcerting be;
But take the Savior's loving hand,
And He will care for thee.
When darkened cloudlets loom above,
Just think of Jesus and His love;
Then darkness seems to fall away
And ushers in a brighter day.
Dear Jesus, Lover of all life,
Oh help me bear all stress and strife;
For when life fails to heed my plans,
I simply take Thine outstretched hand!



Rain, Snow, or Sun! Dress for the Weather!





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