



Parish Newsletter

**“If we can just communicate,
Together we’ll walk thru Heaven’s Gate”**



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LUCKY STRAW STAND

We would appreciate 50-cent to \$1 items. We have always had a great selection of donations in the past, and we thank you! Donations can be for kids and adults because this stand is for all ages!

Starting at the beginning of July, you may place your donations in the labeled box in the middle entrance of the church. There will also be a box in Mary Hall as it gets closer to Festival Day.

Thank you! Thank you!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

May 28, 2023

DEADLINE for News:

Monday May 22, 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**

Or e-mail: alberssheila@gmail.com

ST. WENDELIN’S

PARISH FESTIVAL

Coming Up

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

**Save the Date!
Spread the Word!**

New feature will be a
BASKET SILENT AUCTION
as part of the Marketplace Stand.
Donations for the Baskets are needed.
Please call Marla Honer
at 320-266-0336.

We’re looking forward to another great day of working together for our parish.

**Dan Salzbrun Chair, 980-1558
John Ludwig, Co-Chair, 259-8136**

WANTED

Workers for Lucky Straw Stand
for Parish Festival.

Choose a shift you want!

10:30—12:30

12:30—2:30

2:30—End

If interested please call
Sue Massmann 320-293-5726

We would love for you
to join our team!

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, March 23rd, 2023

Unapproved Minutes

St. Wendelin's Finance Council held its meeting on Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Wendelin's School Library. It was rescheduled from the initially scheduled date of March 16th due to the snowstorm.

Opened with a prayer lead by Todd Hurrle.

Members present were: Jeanne Lommel, Todd Hurrle, Kelly Knier, and Trustee Erin Lommel. Members absent and excused – Lisa Lichte and Trustee Joe Watrin.

Review of Agenda:

The meeting agenda was reviewed. Discussion of the Rec Club building proposal was added to the agenda, and then a motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Erin, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with that addition.

Review of previous Minutes:

A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Erin, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2022 meeting.

Financial Reports:

The council reviewed the financial reports. The adult collection is down, partly due to not having normal envelopes this quarter. The endowments and investments were down about 6% last year but that is better than the market as a whole. The 2022 Bazaar did great so overall, we are still doing very well. A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Todd, seconded by Kelly. The motion carried.

Action Item: Todd to contact the envelope supplier about adding the Central MN Catholic and other misc envelopes in this quarter's mailing that could potentially be missed for the year.

Old Business:

The long-range plan was reviewed and painting of the church won't be done until at least the next fiscal year and we will consider doing the painting and floors at the same time to reduce the number of times the pews need to be removed.

The Ball Park Driveway Project is completed. Due to hail damage from the May 9th storm, the Rectory, Nun's garage, Mary Hall, Concession stand and French Fry shack will all get new roofs. The church roof is good. Work hasn't started yet but will be covered by insurance other than the \$5,000 deductible.

New Business:

The stole fee rate for weddings was discussed and set at \$100 for parishioners (bride/groom or their parents) and \$250 for non-parishioners. These amounts are similar to other churches in the area. Renting of Mary Hall for wedding prep is still considered separate from this. The stole fee for funerals will stay at \$150.

The Rec Club would like permission to expand the concession stand building by 12 feet (excluding the pavilion). They have been saving and fundraising for this project and there would be no cost to the church. The Finance Council members did not have any concerns at this time. It is scheduled to be voted on at our May meeting unless they need to start sooner.

The building committee's maintenance projects list was reviewed. Several projects were discussed including considering replacing the rocks around the school with cement for easier maintenance.

Action Item: Todd will work with the Building Committee to get a quote for pouring cement around the school and see if we can get a discount if we would do it the same day as the Rec Club would get cement poured for the concession stand.

Parish Budget:

The 2023/2024 budget was reviewed, but will not need to be approved until the May meeting. The grade school subsidy is budgeted to decrease next year by \$6,000 or \$144,000 annual. The budget includes an expected increase to property and liability insurance of about \$5,000 per the pre-notification letter from the Catholic Mutual Insurance Company.

Action Item: Jeanne will check on the projected amount of the diocesan assessment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with a closing prayer lead by Todd.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 19th 2023 at St. Wendelin's Library

Respectfully submitted: **Kelly Knier**

SCHOOL NEWS

WHAT AN AMAZING EVENT!!!

Last Saturday was soooo much fun! We truly "Just Rolled with It" and had a successful evening raising money for St. Wendelin School. I cannot express enough how grateful I am for all of you! A lot of time was put into the auction, food, and decorations. Eileen Kunkel's desserts were to die for!!! I don't have any totals yet, but we should have cleared over \$40,000.00 ☺ Thanks, again, to all who helped in any way and to all who came and contributed to the fun/success. It was another successful event.

We still have a couple 3-day (M-W-F) preschool spots left for next year. Registration can be found on our website. stwendelins.org

We invite all grandparents to join us for Grandparents' Day on Friday, May 12th. We will celebrate mass together at 12:45 then come over to school for refreshments and a few games of bingo. Please RSVP, to Lynn, by Monday, May 8th.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12, and we will honor our amazing volunteers at Mass on Thursday, May 18th. May's a busy month. I hope you all enjoy some sunshine and warmer weather.

See you next month,

Lynn Rasmussen

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The sun is shining and the snow is almost melted! God's light has been shining in our classroom this month. The children have been delighted to work and play. In my opinion Spring is the best time of the year for academics! The growth from the beginning of the year to now can be seen in all aspects. They are independent, focused, and so kind to their friends. Our "future" kindergarteners have been working hard to get ready for next year, and boy, are they ready!! We love our Catholic School so much.

Rebecca Linscheid

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

In anticipation of Divine Mercy Sunday, we learned how to use our rosaries to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The children also learned about Sister Faustina and some of the things God said and asked her to do. We also learned some of the more well known parables Jesus taught such as the Prodigal Son. On Holy Thursday, the children got to play Lent bingo to learn vocabulary for important Lent words, and we also got to watch a children's version of Christ's passion called, "The Miracle Worker."

We have a wonderful collection of items for our lake/beach theme for the silent auction, and hope it is a big success! I am always amazed at the generosity of our St. Wendelin community!

Mrs. Matchinsky

E1 NEWS

In science we are learning about classifying animals (mammal, reptile, bird, invertebrate, and fish) and about life cycles.

In math we are working hard to master a variety of geometry concepts including angles and identifying polygons.

Please keep us in your prayers as we hope to finish the year off strong!

Paige M. Becker

E2 NEWS

In the E2 classroom, the focus as we returned from Easter break was to remember Jesus' incredible love for us and what He sacrificed for us. We spent time reflecting on Divine Mercy Sunday and reviewing how to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Each student now has their own prayer card, so they can pray the Chaplet on their own or hopefully with their family.

In Science, we continue to learn more about Echinoderms. These creatures such as the star fish and the jelly fish have been fascinating for the students.

In Social Studies, we completed a unit on the Mayan, Aztec, and Inca populations. It was so interesting to learn how these groups were similar to one another as well as different in the ways their communities lived.

In Math, many students completed a second unit of geometry. Students now are able to recognize obtuse, acute, and right angles as well as how to use a protractor and draw lines of symmetry.

All of the Reading Groups have begun Literature Circles. Students are either reading *Mr. Popper's Penguins* or *Song for a Whale*.

Susan Kolb

**GRANDPARENTS DAY
FRIDAY, MAY 12
ST. WENDELIN'S SCHOOL**

**MASS AT 12:45
ST. WENDELIN'S CHURCH**

**FOLLOWED BY
REFRESHMENTS AND BINGO**

**PLEASE RSVP TO LYNN
320-251-9175**

THANK YOU

Saturday night we had the privilege of attending another fundraiser for our School at St Wendelin's.

It was a successful night for our school. We want to say a special Thank You to our sponsors of this wonderful evening and all the parents of the students and teachers who worked so very hard to make it a special and a fun occasion. The decorations were wonderful, the food was delicious, the games were fun, and the Silent and Live Auction were amazing. This many donations by many people in our Parish, Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of our School do not go unnoticed. Many of you make many sacrifices for our school now and in the past.

Then we want to Thank all the Christian Women and Confirmation candidates who all worked hard at checking people in, setting up, taking down, making those beautiful baskets up and doing dishes. They all did a fantastic job and were so helpful. Then Thank You to Eileen Kunkel for the prettiest and tastiest cakes for the entire event. The auctioneers and the wonderful folks who stayed and cleaned up at the end of the evening were all so appreciated. I hope we didn't miss anyone as there are so many who helped make it a successful evening.

We are always in awe and inspired by so many who help with this gem of a school each year. Again, thank you all and we so appreciate being a member of this great St Wendelin's Parish. (And now thanks to Father Erik, we know the Greek word for Parish!) God Bless you all,

Joe & Kathy Watrin

**Happiness is having a large,
loving, close-knit
family and community.**

**CHURCH CLEANING
MAY 2023
GROUP ONE
8:00 A.M.**

MAY 6

Keith & Erin Lommel
Mary Neidermeier
David & Karen Preusser
John Schmidtbauer
Robert & Jane Stang
John & Terese VanderEyck
Mel & Shirley Walz
Richard Wilson & Amanda Eizenhoefer

MAY 13

Dennis Menke
Duane & ruth Neu
Jon & Lisa Rist
Doug & Jessica Schmitt
Ron & Holly Symanietz
Darrin Vanderwerf
Patrick & Stacey Watrin
Gary & Cynthia Zwilling

MAY 20

Travis & Laura Lund
Scott & Rochelle Mercer
James & Julie Nistler
Michael & Joan Schlangen
Jeffrey & Nicole Schmitz
Gene & Jane Szczech
Kevin & Mary Vernderwerf
Brian & Victoria Weisen

MAY 27

Lenny & Millie Brunn
Scott & Marlene Ergen
Joe & Jeanne Harren
Dale & Sue Henkel
Randy & Kay Kortlever
Ron & Cheryl Kraemer
Gary & Deb Marn
Mick & Rose Marsyla

Group One Members: This listing is for Saturdays but if it works better for you to clean on a Friday, please feel free to do so. Also, there is a check off sheet posted on the bulletin board in back of church so when a task is complete, check it off. Thank you!

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

This recipe is from Fred Walz. Thanks, Fred! It is that time of year when your rhubarb should be starting to come up or hopefully soon!

STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB MUG CAKE

¼ cup fresh, rhubarb, leaves removed, finely chopped
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
1 large egg
3 Tbsp. milk
¼ tsp. pure vanilla extract
¼ cup granulated sugar
6 Tbsp. self-rising flour
Pinch of ground cardamom or freshly grated nutmeg
Pinch of kosher salt
3 to 4 fresh strawberries, hulled and finely chopped

In a large mug, combine the rhubarb and butter. Microwave for 30 seconds to warm through. Whisk in the egg with a fork. Stir in the milk, vanilla, and sugar. Add the flour, cardamom, and salt. Beat the batter until smooth. Fold in the chopped strawberries. Divide the batter between two mugs. Microwave separately for 1 ½ to 2 ½ minutes each until risen and firm.

Topping ideas: Whipped cream, strawberry cream, strawberry sauce, confectioners' sugar, freshly grated nutmeg, or sliced strawberries.

SELF-RISING FLOUR

If you don't have self-rising flour here is a recipe to make it.
1 cup all-purpose flour
¾ tsp. baking powder
Pinch of kosher salt

Whisk the ingredients together with a fork, and store in a dry airtight container.

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

St. Anne's Christian Women met Tuesday, April 11, 2023 in Mary Hall, beginning with social time and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. followed by President Karen Des Autels calling the business meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Twenty-three members were present.

Minutes from the December 18, 2022 meeting were approved as read; also approved was the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$4,093.72 in checking and \$2,442.04 in savings for a total of \$6,535.76. Stacy also stated that due to the low number of Masses available for intentions in our cluster: five Mass intentions will be said in our cluster and nine of the annual Mass intentions will be sent to the Diocesan Mission Office in St. Cloud.

OLD BUSINESS:

Donations... Per request from President Karen, membership made recommendations for possible donations. Following discussion of the list, motion was made and approved to donate a total of \$1,900.00 as follows: \$1,000.00 to St. Wendelin's School and \$150 will be given to the following: Jack Massmann (Seminarist from SMHOC), St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Poor Clares, Quiet Oaks, St. Scholastica's Convent and Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

1st Communion/Confirmation Gifts... As noted in the December minutes, gifts for our First Communion/Confirmation students will be billed to each cluster parish through our Faith Formation Program. We will be covering the cost of approximately \$60.00 for four First Communicants, two Confirmands as well as roses for our 2nd graders to carry up for the May 7th Crowning of Mary.

NEW BUSINESS

Rosary at May Masses... A sign up sheet will be placed on the table in the back of church for signing up to lead the rosary prior to our Sunday Masses in May.

Notice of Upcoming DCCW Events... President Karen gave reminders of several upcoming deanery and diocesan events including:

- West Central Deanery Meeting, Wednesday, April 26th, 6:00 pm at St. Rose of Lima Church in St. Rosa including Mass, light meal and learning session about our deanery. If interested, call Karen for more details.
- Fun, Food and Fund Day, Thursday, June 15th at St. Andrew's in Elk River.
- Annual Fall Conference, Saturday, September 16th at St. Ann's in Wadena.

Sign up for the June 15th and September 16th gatherings will take place at our May meeting.

KC Reception... Karen advised that Gary Maus from our St. Wendelin's K of C contacted her asking if we would do a Mary Hall reception for their group following Mass on Sunday, May 21st, at which time they are celebrating their 5th anniversary. KC's will cover reception cost; all we need do is serve the food (coffee, rolls, juice) and do light decorating. Request was put out for volunteers; Karen will contact these people prior to the event to finalize details.

Faith Formation Help... Volunteers were recruited in response to a request from Faith Formation to help serve the evening meal at Holy Cross on Wednesday evening, May 3rd, at 5:00 pm, which will be the last evening for this session of Faith Formation.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

50 Year members...Due to the heavy schedules of our priests, no Mass will be requested but at our May meeting, certificates will be given out to our 50 year members, Sandy Leach and Sandy Weber, with a special group blessing. Sandy Leach will not be able to attend the May meeting.

Eucharistic Revival...In keeping with the Church's current effort at Eucharistic Revival, Virginia Meyer led membership (who followed on a handout sheet) in the heartfelt singing/praying of the song, "Eat this Bread".

Corporal Works of Mercy...To implement this month's Work of Mercy "Visit the Imprisoned", a self-evaluation handout was distributed. This take home sheet offers positive virtues to be used to replace negative thoughts that may "imprison" us. Members were encouraged to keep this handout handy for review throughout this coming month.

Graduates... In each parish of our cluster, graduates will be honored at Masses on the weekend of May 20/21. Membership reviewed a list of graduates' names provided by Pat Salzbrun. This list was also to be given to Cyntia Lommel who volunteered herself and Gina Bartell to help the graduates in planning their Mass celebration for Sunday, May 21st. Membership agreed that a congratulatory card be sent to each graduate but there will be no gifts or reception due to a declining response in recent years.

Commission Reports-Legislative... Abortion...In spite of the current bleak abortion situation both in our state as well as nationally, Char gave a reminder that our efforts at promoting pro life are needed more than ever, via prayer, keeping abreast of issues, (via the MCCL website mccl.org/extreme) and contacting legislators, even those with opposing views. The current high profile deadlock over the chemical abortion pill could well be headed to the Supreme Court and bears special watching.

School Fundraiser...Reminder was given regarding the upcoming April 22nd, "Just Roll With It" school fundraiser for which our group is donating a fishing themed basket for the auction. Fishing items can still be donated by leaving them on the back table in church to Karen's attention. Ticket forms are also available there; purchase deadline is April 17th.

Prayer Partner Exchange...was done in a unique, fun way with each member receiving a plastic Easter egg inside of which was a special prayer which was shared with all. One of these special eggs included a slip for the door prize which went to Joan Bechtold.

Adjournment at 7:45 p.m with closing prayer. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9th, with fellowship at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 6:45 p.m.. Daily prayer this month is for those working with Jail Ministry Retreats in our area.

Respectfully Submitted,
Char Volkmuth, Secretary

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 28th. You can e-mail them to me at alberssheila@gmail.com, mail them to my house at 7876 Ahles Road St. Cloud, MN 56301, put them in the collection basket or get them to the parents in charge of the Graduation Mass. **THE DEADLINE IS MAY 14TH, 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!

GOD SMILES

We alone, of all God's creatures,
Laugh when things delight.
That's because our quickened senses
Know the wrong from right.

He's the source of jubilation
Found in me and you.
Even when we laugh at blunders,
God is smiling too.

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Char Volkmuth received an Appreciation Plaque April 9, 2023 from St. Wendelin's Choir for her faithful singing and dedicated service for 50 plus years

GOD GAVE ME A GARDEN

Each flower and leaf,
each plant and each tree
Are miraculous treasures
The Lord gave to me.
Though I planted the seeds
In the rich, fragrant earth,
By the hand of our Lord,
They were all given birth!
Though I tended and nurtured
Each plant with such care,
Blessed by the Creator,
Each blossomed there,
Though I tended each flower
With patience and love,
The garden that grew
Came from heaven above.



Lux Lions Memorial Weekend Hamburger sale!

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