



Parish Newsletter

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



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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

Gracious Lord, Have Mercy on Me!

**Thank You for giving me
the peace of knowing that
when I feel lost and forsaken,
You will save me with daily
experiences of Your amazing grace.**

**When I cry out to You,
You will answer.**

**Thank You for Your inexhaustible
And all-sufficient grace,
Offered to me even before
I know I need it.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ,
The grace of Your heart.
Amen**

Thank You

Thank you to our graduates who took the time to write a little about themselves for our newsletter. It is truly appreciated. Thanks also to those who donated money to offset the cost of printing. You are appreciated.

Sheila Albers, Editor

NEXT NEWSLETTER

June 25, 2023

DEADLINE for News:

Monday June 19, 2023

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

Get your articles to Sheila Albers
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St. Wendelin
Catholic School

May 2, 2023

Dear St. Wendelin Catholic School and Parish Community,

Catholic Community Schools of the Diocese of St. Cloud (CCS) and St. Wendelin Catholic School in Luxemburg have reached an agreement for the school to return to being a parish parochial school. The change was announced on May 1, 2023 to the staff of St. Wendelin and CCS.

The decision for the school to separate from Catholic Community Schools was made by the CCS Board of Directors after discussion with the leadership of St. Wendelin Parish. This decision was made in the interest of the long-term visions for both CCS and St. Wendelin School.

With academic excellence being a pillar of both St. Wendelin Catholic School and CCS, this decision allows each to place greater strategic focus on their respective curricula – a thriving Montessori program in the case of St. Wendelin, and a more standardized curriculum model in the case of CCS.

The CCS Board of Directors recommended the change to the CCS Corporate Board. The change was approved and became effective May 1, 2023.

CCS and St. Wendelin will continue to work together over the coming months to assist the school in transitioning to its new status. With the well-being of students, families, and staff of the St. Wendelin community in mind, the goal is to prevent or minimize disruption to daily operations as we work together during this transitional period.

Sincerely,

Reverend Erik Lundgren
St. Wendelin Parish Pastor

Scott Hamak
Catholic Community Schools Board Chair

SCHOOL NEWS

It is hard to believe the school year will be over in less than a week. June 1st is the students last day. We have plans for a fun field day on Wednesday. Water balloons may be in the plans. It should be a fun afternoon.

I almost forgot to share with you the results from our "Just Roll With It" fundraiser. We raised \$53,035.41. That is our highest profit ever!!! A big THANK YOU to all who planned, donated, and came to the dinner! It was a great night!!

This will be my last publication for the newsletter. I have so many emotions going through me these days. It will be hard to say good-bye. I think about the 24 year old that started here, as the 4th grade teacher, in 1990. I never could have imagined she'd still be here 32 years later. I want to thank all the teachers, priests, and families I have come to know. You helped me grow as a teacher, principal, and individual. I am grateful for my years at St. Wendelin. You have made me feel welcome and a part of the community. You will always hold a special place in my heart and will be greatly missed.

The school is in good hands. Bonnie Massmann has accepted the position as principal. She is already knee deep in paperwork as she is working to reenroll the school in the state lunch program. That is no easy feat, so please send positive thoughts/prayer her way. Thank you, Bonnie, for taking on this role. I know our families will appreciate the work you do.

I will be in and out of the building through June. If you see my white van, stop in and say hi. The school is having a going away gathering for me on Monday, June 5th. It's from 5:00-7:00 at the Hayloft. There will be a taco bar and Eileen Kunkel's cupcakes. (YUM!!!) Feel free to stop in and say hi/bye.

Have a wonderful summer everyone. I look forward to seeing many of you at the parish bazaar. (You will find me at the beer tent ☺)

With much love and gratitude,

Lynn Rasmussen

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Happy Summer!!! This last month of school really flew by. We have been enjoying our time outside trying to soak up as much sunshine as possible. Some of the boys are starting baseball this summer so they have been using their morning recess time to practice batting, it is so fun to watch. The girls have been so excited to see if they are tall enough to reach the monkey bars and work hard swinging across the playground. I can't wait to see how much these children grow over the summer!

They learned more than I could have imagined and achieved huge milestones this school year. These preschoolers are going to do great things!!

Thank you for all your support this school year, we couldn't have done any of this without you. Talk to you in the Fall.

Rebecca Linscheid

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

May has been a busy month so far and shows no sign of slowing down! Some of the highlights were planning our beautiful Grandparents' Day mass and making clay prayer bowls for our mothers in honor of Mother's Day!

Tomorrow we get to celebrate all the wonderful volunteers we have in our community with mass and a breakfast.

This week we have been working on our end of year assessments in math and reading. It is always rewarding to see all the great progress and growth the students have made.

It is bittersweet to experience the end of year activities, knowing that it's almost time to say goodbye but also knowing our students are ready to move on to the next chapter and new challenges!

Mrs. Matchinsky

E1 CLASS NEWS

The E1 class is working hard to finish our school year strong. We finished our STAR testing. We are working hard to finish our end of the year reading goals. We are using our free choice time to finish end of the year goals or starting to practice new skills we will need at the next grade level.

Please keep us in your prayers.

The E1 Class

E2 CLASS NEWS

News from the E2 classroom: Students have had a busy month enjoying many new topics in all of their subject areas. In particular, students have explored several various groups of exciting creatures in their study of marine biology to include Mollusks and Crustaceans. Last month's science experiment is ongoing with the students observing their "Brittle Star" daily.

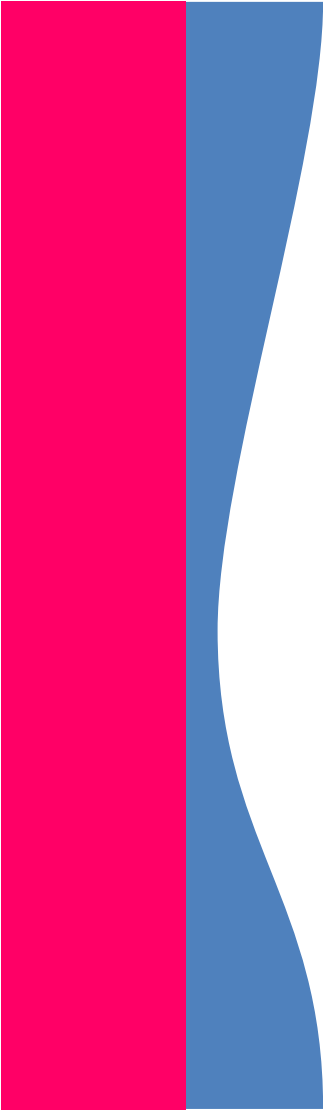
Literature Circles have been the excitement in Language Arts, and to accompany these novel studies, students are finishing the year with a short research paper.

To top the month out, students have been spent time writing notes of kindness to each of their friends realizing how wonderful it feels to give compliments as well as receive them.

Susan Kolb

Always be willing to push yourself in new and different directions. You could end up at a worthy destination you never even dreamed of.

Take time to pull the weeds and plant new seeds, and enjoy the garden you've created.




*A Farewell Gathering
For Lynn*

Date: June 5, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Place: Hayloft
22779 State Hwy 15
St. Cloud, MN**



We hope you can join us at this
Open House to wish Lynn the very best
and to thank her for her unending
dedication to St. Wendelin's School
over all these years.

Taco Buffet, Cupcakes and Coffee
Will be provided.

**CHURCH CLEANING
JUNE 2023
GROUP 2**

JUNE 3RD

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

June 10th

Dan & Lucy Garding
Bob & Jeanie Massmann
Jean Schabel
Beth Mueller
Gary & Roxanne Plombon
Joe & LaVerne Reinert
Bob & Shelly Gaetz
***Delores Heid to make reminder calls

JUNE 17TH

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

JUNE 24TH

Barry & Patti Brix
David & Amy Klema
Ken & Bonnie Massmann
Ralph & Angie Moscho
Paul & Sue Reinert
Joe & Kathy Watrin
Lance & Katie Watrin
***Patti Brix to make reminder calls

Start time is 8:00 a.m. or if you need to come Friday night to clean, please leave a note so others know what has been cleaned.. Thank you very much for helping keep God's house clean in the summer!

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

**PECAN-HERB-CRUSTED PORK
WITH PLUMS**

1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
2 plums, pitted & cut into 6 wedges each
1 small red onion, cut into 1/2" wedges
2 tsp. kosher salt, divided
2/3 cup finely chopped pecans
2 Tbsp. plain dry bread crumbs
2 Tbsp. firmly packed light brown sugar
2 Tbsp. minced fresh basil
3/4 tsp. ground black pepper, divided
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
1 large egg
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
1 (1-to 1 1/4 lbs) pork tenderloin, trimmed
Garnish: fresh basil leaves

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add plums, onion, and 1/2 tsp. salt, turning to coat with oil, and cook for 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Push plums and onions to edge of pan to make room for pork.

In a shallow dish, stir together pecans, bread crumbs, brown sugar, minced basil, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, and garlic powder. In another shallow dish, whisk together egg and mustard. Sprinkle pork with remaining 1 tsp. salt and remaining 1/2 tsp. pepper. Dip pork in egg mixture to coat, letting excess drip off. Dredge in pecan mixture, completely covering pork. Place pork in prepared pan, moving plums and onions around pork.

Bake until an instant-read thermometer inserted in thickest portion of pork registers 145 degrees, 20 to 25 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before slicing. Garnish with basil leaves, if desired.
Makes 4 to 6 servings

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

St. Anne's Christian Women met Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 in Mary Hall, beginning with social time/refreshments at 6:30 pm followed by President Karen Des Autels calling the business meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Seventeen members were present.

Minutes from the April 11th, 2023 meeting were approved as read; also approved was the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$2,133.72 in checking and \$2,443.25 in savings for a total of \$4,756.97.

Old Business

Thank You's... President Karen shared two thank you notes, one from Sister Marius for our donation to St. Scholastica's Convent and one from the Mission Office for Mass intentions sent there.

Rosary at May Masses... Several of our members have signed up for leading the rosary prior to Sunday 10:00 am Mass but a few slots remain to be filled. Members were encouraged to consider pairing up with another to do the leading.

Deanery/Diocesan Events

- **Deanery Mtg....** President Karen and Char attended our West Central Deanery meeting on April 26th at St. Rose of Lima Church in St. Rosa which included evening Mass with Pastor Father Dan Walz who was very congenial and gave a positive message about Eucharistic Revival. The deanery is much in need of officers and support as it goes through the challenges of restructuring from seven deaneries to five.
- **Fun, Food and Fund Day, Thursday, June 15th at St. Andrew's in Elk River...** President Karen passed around a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in going/carpooling. As in the past, we will provide items for the Silent Auction. Jean Schabel volunteered to make up a basket and Karen will bring a plant. Anyone attending is welcome to bring an item; baked goods always go well.
- **Annual Fall Conference, Saturday, September 16th at St. Ann's in Wadena.** Since our next meeting is just a few days before this event, sign-up sheet was also passed for anyone interested.

• **KC Reception...** Karen updated us that about 60 people are expected for the K of C reception which we will be hosting on Sunday, May 21st following 10:00 a.m. Mass; the main entrée will be egg bake. Prep work by our volunteers will be done the day before at 4:30 p.m.

Graduation Mass... Cyntia Lommel reported 8 graduates will be taking part in the May 21st graduation Mass doing both readings, intentions and carrying up the gifts. We will be remembering these graduates with congratulatory cards. Members thanked Cyntia and Gina for organizing the graduates' involvement in this Mass.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

Faith Formation Final Evening... Karen thanked all our volunteers who helped the evening of May 3rd for this spring's final Faith Formation session; the turnout was wonderful with about 90 people being served a meal and 170 people enjoying ice cream after the session.

Recognition of 50 Year Members... Because we only had one 50 year member available at this meeting, it was decided to delay the honoring of our two 50 Year members until an upcoming fall meeting.

Corporal Works of Mercy... To implement this month's Work of Mercy "Bury the Dead", sheets were distributed with spaces representing each of the 60+ beads of the rosary. As members called out names of beloved deceased to be remembered, those names were written in the spaces. Members took home the completed sheets to be remembered in their May praying of the rosary.

Also, in support of "Bury the Dead", membership voted to give a \$200.00 donation to our Grief Ministry program which is in formation and expects to launch its first meeting soon. Char explained that the purpose of the program, as stated by Tracy Zwilling of SMHOC who initiated it, is "to fill a need for our Holy Saints ACC community to connect and support the people of our parishes as they grieve and learn to live through the death of a loved one." Our donation will go towards covering the cost of packets given out to families as well as other expenses including greeting cards. Membership suggested inviting (via bulletin notes) cluster members who like to make their own cards, to share their talents by making cards for the Grief Ministry program.

New Business

Halo... will be given to our **outgoing school principal, Lynn Rasmussen**, in appreciation for her 32 years of leadership, dedication and professionalism in serving our school and parish community.

(Note: Following the meeting, our executive committee decided also to give Lynn a \$100.00 cash gift).

CUF Help Needed... Pat Salzbrun reported our school/parish is in need of someone to become part of our parish volunteer team to help coordinate Catholic United Financial efforts in our community. Over the years, CUF has assisted in our fundraising by supplying matching grants and other incentives. To learn more contact Pat at 980-1534.

School Fundraiser... Stacey reported the April 22nd "Just Roll With It" fundraiser hit the \$50,000 profit mark. She thanked all who helped to reach this phenomenal result; several thank you cards (handmade by her daughters) were also given out.

Commission Reports... none given at this meeting.

Adjournment at 7:55 p.m....with closing prayer, Prayer Partner Exchange and door prize drawing going to Cheryl Lommel. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th, with fellowship at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 6:45 p.m. Daily prayer this month is to remember our own special intentions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Char Volkmuth, Secretary

SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES



CARTER LOMMEL

I am Carter Lommel. My parents are Kevin and Cyntia. I am graduating from Kimball Area High School and will be attending North Dakota State University for mechanical engineering. I was a third-generation student at St. Wendelin's. One thing I miss about St. Wendelin's is the home-style lunches



KATELIN GROINUS

Kathryn Linn Margaret Groinus, known to all as Katelin is the daughter of Michele and James Groinus of Saint Augusta.

Katelin is a member of the 2023 graduating class of Rocori High School. Through her years at Rocori, Katelin has been a multiple year athlete participating on both the Rocori Dive Team as well as the State Championship Rocori Track Team. In addition Katelin has been a proud member, Team Captain and mentor to many on the Rocori Speech Team.

Katelin's plans after graduation are to complete her General studies with the Saint Cloud Technical College and then continuing her education at the University of Minnesota Morris pursuing Pharmaceutical Science.

SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES



BRETT BARTELL

I'm Brett Bartell, son of Joe & Gina Bartell. I have one older brother, Reed, who is in college. Both my grandparents, Paul & Sue Koshiol and Glenn & Dot Bartell are parish members as well.

I attended St. Wendelin's School through 5th grade and then middle school and high school at ROCORI. I've enjoyed participating in VEX Robotics, lacrosse and downhill skiing.

I plan to attend Montana State University in Bozeman, MT. I will be majoring in Biotechnology with a Spanish minor. I appreciate all the support my family and extended community have given me.

ANNALIESE ANNETTE MOHS

I was born at St. Cloud Hospital in Minnesota and raised in the town of Luxemburg with my parents, Larry and Susan.

I attended St. Wendelin Catholic School in Luxemburg from K-5th grade. Then on to middle school in St. Cloud at South Jr. High for 6th to 8th grade. For my last 4 years I attended the new St. Cloud Tech High School for 9th-12th grade.

While attending high school I enjoyed playing soccer, softball, and volleyball. I helped build 2 homes for Habitat for Humanity through a Tech class. I participated in a program called S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions), which promoted safe driving during Prom week. I also attended a program called SCYLA (St. Cloud Youth Leadership Academy) which is run by the St. Cloud Police Department. I spent a week at Camp Ripley learning three core areas of instruction around Respect Responsibility and Trust. The activities helped build confidence, leadership skills, better time management, teamwork, respect for others and peers, and so much more. It was a life-changing experience and well worth it. I started my working experience at age 14 at the Hayloft Bar and Grill. Now at age 18, I work at Tenvoorde Ford as a detailer and manager. After graduation I will start training to become a mechanic. In my free time I like to hang out with friends, eat out, play games/cards, take road trips, swimming, family camping and campfires, fishing, hunting, and summer fun. Looking forward to a fulfilling future.



A GRADUATE'S PRAYER

Father, I have knowledge,
So will You show me now
How to use it wisely
And find a way somehow
To make the world I live in
A little better place,
And make life with its problems
A bit easier to face.
Grant me faith and courage
And put purpose in my days,
And show me how to serve Thee
In the most effective ways
So all my education,
My knowledge and my skill,
May find their true fulfillment
As I learn to do Thy Will.
And may I ever be aware
In everything I do
That knowledge comes from learning
And wisdom comes from You.

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Sat. June 3

10-4

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-live animals: llamas and baby sheep
-food trucks
-classes: spinning, knitting, youth crafts

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LOVE

Seeks the highest good of others.

JOY

Gladness that is not based on circumstances.

PEACE

Contentment, unity between people.

PATIENCE

Slow to speak and slow to anger.

SELF-CONTROL

Behaving well.

KINDNESS

Merciful, sweet, and tender.

GOODNESS

Generous and open hearted.

FAITHFULNESS

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