



Parish Newsletter

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



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Always try to be a little
Kinder than is necessary.

Try to exercise gentleness,
Kindness and humour,
And you cannot go far wrong.

The most truly generous persons are
Those Who give silently without
hope of Praise and reward.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

November 26, 2023

DEADLINE for News:

Monday November 20, 2023

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

**Get your articles to Sheila Albers
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TAKE TIME TO PRAY

There are those times I stumble,
... Times I fear I've lost my way.
It is then I seek the Master
It is then I stop to pray.
I know our Father guides us;
If we listen He'll convey
His comfort and compassion,
If we take the time to pray.
Look around you, see the beauty
And the love that fills each day —
Then if trouble comes, look upward,
Find a little time to pray.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

November 5, 2023
10:00 a.m. Mass

Please keep in your prayers
The following from St. Wendelin

**Dave Volkmuth
Leon Kieke
John Harren
Michael Guenette
Karen Weber
Richard Kuschel
Othmar Rohe
Janet Kieke**

May They Rest in Peace

BREAKFAST TODAY

October 29, 2023

MARY HALL

8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Come Enjoy a Great Breakfast!!!

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Unapproved Minutes

St. Wendelin's Finance Council held its meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Wendelin's School, Luxemburg.

Opened with a prayer lead by Lisa Lichte.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Lommel, Lisa Lichte, Kelly Knier, Todd Hurrle, trustees Joe Watrin and Erin Lommel. Guest: Tracy Dombrovski

REVIEW OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Lisa and carried unanimously to approve said agenda.

Tracy went over a few things that were discussed at the Parish Life Committee meeting the previous week. A few Parish activities were talked about including the following: Parish liturgy meetings, Funeral greeter/ guider and possibly updating the Parish Directory. Tracy will work with her committee on these.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The members reviewed the minutes from May. A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Todd, and carried unanimously to approve said minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The council reviewed all the financial reports including collection trends, actual vs budget, and balance sheet. Discussion of having contribution envelopes being sent out was had. It is cheaper to have them sent out every 2 months than every 3 months. The postage cost goes up drastically after having too many envelopes in each package. It was voted on to have them sent out every 2 months from here forward. Motion to approve said reports were made by Todd and seconded by Kelly and carried unanimously to approve said reports.

OLD BUSINESS

A review of the Long-Range plan was done. Update was done on the current school situation. We are now separated from the CCS and looking good so far. We are still looking to fill one more teaching spot, a Music and Computer teacher. We have 51 students Preschool thru 5th grade. Looking to possibly add another Pre-school classroom.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Parish Bazaar results are in and they are very positive. We had a very good year.

Parish Soft software is being updated so each Parish in the cluster has its own login.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. with a closing prayer lead by Todd.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Nov 16, 2023, at St. Wendelin's School at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: **Lisa P Lichte**

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LET US TAKE TIME

Let us take time every morning
To turn to our God and say
Thanks for another restful night
And the dawn of a brand-new day.

Thank You for the blessings and gifts
You've given us all these years,
And for the times You helped us through
Life's many heartaches and tears.

Thank You for this beautiful world -
For the flowers, the birds, and the trees,
And for so many precious children.
We thank You for all of these.

Your blessings and gifts outnumber, by far,
The stars that shine above,
But the one we treasure the most of all
Is Your overwhelming love!

SCHOOL NEWS

Members of the Fire Department visited the school today to talk to the children about fire safety. The older students (grades 2-5) participated in a special activity. The fire fighters blocked off a section of the hallway between Mary Hall and the main school section. They filled this hallway with artificial smoke and had the children find their way to the gym. They also visited classrooms of the younger students to talk about the fire truck and the equipment they use. Ask your children about the "homework" fire department staff gave all the children.

Students throughout the school have been spending some time learning more about saints and how they can be role models for us.

Bonnie Massmann, Principal

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

This week we have our parent teacher conferences, and I'm looking forward to sharing with parents all the learning that has taken place since school started!

We have been learning about pumpkin life cycles and got to enjoy our annual visit from our firefighters to learn about fire safety and prevention. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't real cooperative for touring the fire truck, but the children always enjoy this fun and valuable experience.

Coming up, we will be learning about some saints for All Saints Day! We welcome back Mrs. Rebstock this week after she and her fiance got married last Thursday. Please keep her and her husband in your prayers as they begin their married life together.

Mrs. Matchinsky

2ND & 3RD GRADE NEWS

Happy October! The students and I cannot believe November is almost here. We had a beautiful fall in the classroom. We enjoyed

listening to read alouds about natural disasters (such as earthquakes) and learning new math concepts such as solving two-step word problems.

Our handwriting has improved so much! We use our time after church to write a reflection, this has benefited our writing and listening skills tremendously

. Last week I got married! The children showered me with marriage advice full of "gives lots of hugs and kisses" and one even reminded my husband to bring me coffee every morning. ;)

While I was away, the children practiced fire safety. The St. Augusta FD did an outstanding job teaching the students how to get out of a fire safely.

We are so blessed with a community that loves and cares for us!

Mrs. Rebstock

4TH & 5TH GRADE NEWS

Our class has been working hard this month! We are almost finished with our first novel *Because of Winn Dixie* In Math both grades have a chapter test under their belt! In Social Studies we began learning about Indigenous tribes of America.

Science has been extra exciting as our bird identification project started. (see picture) They have books and websites to study which birds come to our class feeders!

In Computer they are excitedly working on their "Saint Project" Our 5th graders are thrilled to get the opportunity to present their saint to the parishioners and school Thursday Nov 2nd. (more details to come on time and location)

God Bless,

Mrs Hules

FEATURED PRESCHOOLERS

In October the Preschoolers listened to stories about Saints. The preschoolers were assigned a Saint and they made a life sized drawing of this Saint using the outline of their bodies. These are now hung in the School hallway.

They spent October learning and praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Students were asked "What are you going to be for Halloween?"

Here are their responses...

Acrher P- ninja turtle

Henry K- ghost

Atlee W- Anna

Eli V- Mr. Incredible

Jackson V- Shark

Caleb H- Spiderman

Case E- crocodile

Jordyn M- mermaid

Nina G- mermaid

Clark M- Spiderman

Brody B.-Astronaut

Max G.- St. Blaise

Devan Haselkamp

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Most gracious Lord, our Father,
Whose great creative hand
Has generously blessed us
With plenty in our land,
We thank Thee for Thy bounty -
For gorgeous, fruitful earth,
Fine churches, schools, and houses,
The country of our birth.
We give thanks for the people -
Fine leaders who know Thee,
Dear neighbors, friends, and kinfolk,
Our closest family.
But most of all we thank Thee
For God becoming man,
A kindly, earthly Teacher
Made human for a span;
A humble, Suffering Servant
Who gave His life that we
May dwell in life abundant
Now and eternally!

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**For beautiful eyes,
Look for the good in others;
For beautiful lips,
Speak only words of kindness;
And for poise,
Walk with the knowledge
That you are never alone.**

You cannot do a kindness too soon,
For you never know how soon it
Will be too late.

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Mistakes are a fact of life.
It is the response to the
error that counts.

Each person must live their life
As a model for others.

The pessimist complains about the wind;
The optimist expects it to change;
The realist adjusts the sails.

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

St. Anne's Christian Women met Tuesday, October 10, 2023 in Mary Hall, beginning with social time/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 one members were present. Minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting were approved as read; also approved was the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,499.49 in checking and \$2,446.32 in savings for a total of \$3,945.81.

Old Business

West Central Deanery Board Meeting...which we hosted here on September 19th in the Mary Hall entrance area went well with 12 deanery members in attendance gratefully acknowledging our accommodations and hospitality.

Remembrance Mass...Plans are moving along nicely for our November 5th Remembrance Mass. Letters of invitation have gone out to the families of the 8 parishioners who will be remembered. Volunteers are in place to help with the liturgy and the reception which will follow.

October Rosary...Thanks to Lisa Lichte for putting out the sign up sheet; also to those who have lead the rosary prior to our October Sunday Masses. Other are urged to lead (alone or with others) for the remaining Sundays not yet taken.

November 19 Breakfast...Plans were finalized as follows:

Workers List: Pat Salzbrun circulated the list among attendees asking them to make any needed changes. After this, she finalized the list which will be available for pick up, along with raffle tickets, on Sunday, November 5th. List will include a dues reminder.

Food Ordering and Pickup...Motion made and passed that the amount of Pep's Pork ordered by Char be cut back from 170 to 120 lbs. due to a great overage last year. Pick up will be done Saturday morning, November 18th, by Steve and Jolene Brang who will also pick up the Cold Spring Bakery rolls ordered by Vicky Kohorst.

Raffle...Char reported, per bulletin request, donations are coming in and are due by October 28th. Per discussion and motion, quilt from Hildegard Rohe will go on the main raffle; quilt from parish quilters and a Christmas sleigh from Jean Schabel will go on a special Christmas raffle with chances at \$5.00 for each item. There will be a container for the quilt and a separate container for the Christmas sleigh. People contributing to this raffle will decide which item they are purchasing a ticket for (or both items). Besides selling at our breakfast, chances for this special raffle will also be sold Friday evening, November 17th, at the Lux Lions Bingo in Mary Hall (permission from Lions granted post meeting).

Advertising...President Karen reported that our breakfast will be in the November issue of the Central Minnesota Catholic magazine and that both Tri-County News and Cold Spring Record agreed to put in their publications a free announcement. Local parish offices will be sent a notice of our breakfast on October 30th for inclusion in their bulletins.

Eucharistic Revival... Members were shown a short video, "The Veil Removed", depicting prayerfully and powerfully the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Following this, members were given a "Thought Sheet" to take home and ponder privately questions relative to one's response to the Consecration during Mass.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN MINUTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE

New Business:

Sharing Tree... Kelly Knier and family will again be in charge of the Sharing Tree this Advent season. Motion made and approved that we will cover up to \$200.00 for any tags not taken.

Serve Meal for Faith Formation... Members responded in the affirmative to a request to help serve a meal at Faith Formation. Volunteers were recruited; with the date chosen being Wednesday, April 17th, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m..

Invitation to Host ACC Craft Sale... We were asked to consider having a Craft Sale at the Wednesday, December 13th, ACC Confesstival in St. Augusta; Christian Women from SMHOC already do this. Those present discussed this craft sale and respectfully declined since it would come so soon after our own November 19th Breakfast/Craft Sale event.

Pro Life Notes... Char reported "40 Days for Life" is going well with much positivity both locally and worldwide. She distributed a recent, very well done publication on abortion entitled, "What If?" encouraging members to take it home to read and share with others. She reminded members of Elevate's Evening for Life annual fundraiser event on October 27th, also about the "Save the 12,000" meeting for the St. Cloud area on Monday, October 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Cloud Library.

Guest Speaker... During the course of the meeting, Linda Allen, Director for the past 8 years of nearby Quiet Oaks Hospice, spoke on "Advanced Care Planning". Her focus was on the importance of having a Health Care Directive, saying "It's the best gift you can give your family should the time come when you cannot speak for yourself", adding she has seen firsthand the turmoil families can have when no such plan is in place. She urged finding the right person to be your spokesperson (does not have to be a family member) making sure they know what you want and that they will carry it out. It's also important to have an alternate should your first choice become unable to do the task. Throughout her talk she referred to items in a Health Care Directive plan which she brought along and sent a copy of this directive home with each member. Following time for questions/answers, she concluded, noting how much Quiet Oaks appreciates the community support shown them and left us with a standing invitation for our group to come to Quiet Oaks sometime for a tour and possibly even hold our meeting there.

Adjournment at 8:05 p.m....with closing prayer and Prayer Partner Exchange; daily prayer this month is to pray for our prayer partner and for religious vocations. Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th, in Mary Hall, fellowship at 6:30 pm and meeting at 6:45 pm. Door prize (drawing post meeting) was won by Mary Neidermeier, a homemade apple pie graciously made and donated by Stacey Watrin.

Respectfully Submitted,
Char Volkmuth, Secretary

**CHURCH CLEANING
NOVEMBER 2023
GROUP 3
(Cleaning time is 8:30 a.m.)**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

***Mary Broda
Jolene & Steve Brang
Laurie & Steve Opatz
Sue Eckerman & Larry Mohs
Marie & Ron Kotzer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

***Judy & Dan Walters
Sheila & Ron Albers
Erin & Paul Koshiol
Geraldyn & Todd Hurrle
Clara Witte

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

*** Ruth & Paul Roufs
Marla & John Honer
Jayne & Keith Thole
Sharon & Ray Gohman
Margie & Dale Koshiol

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

***Sandi & Mike Weber
Gina & Joe Bartell
Julie & Dale Kraemer
Nancy & Jeff Albers
Sue & Paul Koshiol

*** **If you have an asterisk in front of your name, please call the other members the week prior to remind them of church cleaning. If you are unable to work your shift, please find your own replacement or switch with someone else. Thank you all so much!!!**

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

**SKILLET CHICKEN WITH
APPLES AND ONIONS**

4 boneless skinless chicken cutlets (6 oz each)
½ cup all purpose flour, for dredging
Kosher salt and pepper, to taste
1 Tbsp, olive oil
2 Tbsp. butter
½ of a sweet onion, thinly sliced
2 medium apples, sliced
2 cloves garlic, pressed or minced
1 Tbsp. minced fresh rosemary
1 cup chicken broth
1/4 - ½ cup heavy whipping cream, at room temperature
2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
1 tsp. brown sugar (or sub with maple syrup)

1. Pat chicken dry and season on all sides with salt and pepper.
2. Place the flour in a shallow dish and season with salt and pepper. Dredge each chicken cutlet in the seasoned flour, shaking off any excess flour.
3. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Stir in butter
4. When the butter is foamy, add the chicken cutlets to the pan. Cook until chicken is browned on both sides and the meat reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees, about 3-4 minutes per side. Do not over crowd the pan, so brown the chicken in batches if necessary..
5. Remove the chicken to a plate and set aside while you make the sauce.
6. Add the sliced onions and apples to the skillet and cook over medium-high heat until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and rosemary, cook, stirring constantly, for 30 seconds.
7. Add the chicken broth to the skillet; use a wooden spoon to scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Simmer for 3-4 minutes, so that the liquid reduces by about half.
8. Reduce heat to low gradually whisk in the cream, Dijon and brown sugar. Start with a bout ¼ cup cream, and then slowly add more, if desired. Cook for a few more minutes to let the sauce thicken (do not boil). Taste and season with salt and pepper.
9. Return chicken to the skillet; garnish with additional fresh herbs. Serve immediately.

**St. Anne's Christian Women's
Breakfast Announcement
Sunday, November 19, 2023
8:30 a.m. to Noon**

Breakfast Menu Includes:

***All You Care to Eat Pep's Pork Sausage,
Ham, Pancakes with Toppings,
Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit, Toast, Rolls,
Juice, Milk and Coffee***

Adults: \$10.00

Children (ages 5 thru 10) \$5.00

Children (under 5) Free

***This event includes a Craft Sale,
Bake Sale and a Raffle!***

***Sunday's Mass at St. Wendelin's is
scheduled at 10:00 A.M.***



NOVEMBER!

Thank God Always


Count Your Blessings

Give Service to Others

Enjoy Family Time

Honor Our Veterans

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Welcome!
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