



Parish Newsletter

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



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REVIVE WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Parish Life Committee is seeking to resurrect our Welcoming/Hospitality committee to grow our parish. Any parishioners that are interested in this ministry or have questions, please call **Tracy Dombrovski at 320-255-9354** or **Kathy Watrin at 320-333-2109**.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

We need your help to improve our parish community. We are looking for more members for the Parish Life committee to help us in this great opportunity to grow as a vibrant parish and community.

Please come and join us at our next meeting on Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. We will have our parish meeting, followed by a joint meeting with other parishes in the Holy Saints ACC to plan a joint ACC event.

ATTENTION!!!!!!!!!! MASS TIMES FOR WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 23RD—25TH FOR HOLY CROSS, ST. WENDELIN AND SMHOC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

4:00 P.M.— HOLY CROSS

6:00 P.M.— ST. WENDELIN

(4th Sunday of Advent Masses
on Saturday night only)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 P.M.— HOLY CROSS

6:00 P.M.— SMHOC (Christmas Eve)

(THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES
ON DECEMBER 24TH)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:00 A.M.— SMHOC

10:00 A.M.— ST. WENDELIN

SAVE THE DATE

**ST. WENDELIN’S SCHOOL
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PLAY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023**

ST. WENDELIN’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEXT NEWSLETTER

December 31, 2023

DEADLINE for News:

Monday December 25, 2023

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

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SCHOOL NEWS

This school year the students and staff at St. Wendelin's are learning more about the Rosary. Each month they are focusing on a different mystery, gathering to pray a decade or two each week. In addition to the time spent in prayer, the students have had time to reflect on the meaning behind the mystery and how it relates to their daily lives. Thank you to Kim Gruenes, one of our Preschool teachers, for her work on making this a very memorable experience for the children.

It's never too early to begin thinking about your plan for your child's education. St. Wendelin's is a Montessori inspired faith-based school which offers a Preschool program for 3, 4 and 5 year-olds as well as grades K-5. If you are interested in learning more about our school contact us at principal@stwendelins.org or 320-291-7323.

Bonnie Massmann
Principal

PRESCHOOL NEWS

This month the Preschoolers have been learning about loving your neighbor and yourself.

In honor of Thanksgiving, we asked each student what they are thankful for and here are their responses:

Brody B.- Jesus
Case E.- My classmates
Nina G.- My family
Maxwell G.- Jesus coming to church with us
Caleb H.- My dog
Henry K.- My fishing rod
Jordyn M.- Dance class
Clark M.- The whole Earth
Archer P.- My Papi and Memaw
Eli V.- My family
Jackson V.- My mom and dad
Atlee W.- Shopping with my Grandma
Devan Haselkamp

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

In our Atrium, the students have been learning vocabulary for the priest's vestments and the meanings for the liturgical colors.

We have been discerning about blessings in preparation for Thanksgiving.

We are almost through learning the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary, and it has been very touching to observe the power of praying the rosary with all the children in our school. This week, we even got to witness a few of our students act out the fourth mystery of Jesus carrying the cross!

We are starting to prepare and plan for Advent and the Christmas program, so lots of things are happening!

Mrs. Matchinsky

2ND & 3RD GRADE NEWS

This month the second and third graders were visited by some very special saints. On All Saints Day the fifth graders came by to do presentations about the saints they chose. We were blessed to hear from St. Sebastian, St. Zita, St. Kateri, and St. Rosaline. We learned that there are amazing saints out there protecting us and guiding us towards God's light. The second and third graders also had their own Saint project to complete. Each student painted a wooden peg doll to resemble the Saint of their choosing. We put them on display at one of St. Wendelin's Church brunches.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. We have a lot of blessings this year and pray that you do as well.

Mrs. Rebecca Rebstock

4TH & 5TH GRADE NEWS

We had a wonderful time researching saints. The 4th graders did a report on a saint of their choosing, and the 5th graders had a presentation to go with it. The 5th graders dressed up as their saint and were "interviewed" by Father on Sunday Oct 29th. Then read their reports to the 3 other classes on All Saints Day and during student mass on November 2nd.

Mrs Hules

GROUP 2 OCTOBER BREAKFAST RESULTS

We want to thank the members of the New Group 2 for all their help in making our October breakfast such a success. The rewards for taking those two or more hours out of your schedule is that you meet some wonderful people as we work together for our parish!

We hesitate to mention names as all our appreciated, but there are a few who we feel we need to mention. Dale Hansen, Luxemburg Feed Mill, for all our delicious sausage, the people who graciously donated raffle prizes, we had such nice raffle prizes; **all people** who worked and those who were flexible enough to fill in wherever needed, Erin Lommel of Dombrovski Meats for her food donation, Charlie & Tracy Dombrovski, Ron and Sharon Spanier, and our grandchildren for their time in helping to set up the dining hall, the end of the day cleanup crew, Deloris Heid for her extra time putting the kitchen back in order and then most of all thank you to all who came to eat! We served a total of 180 and netted \$2,957.99 for our parish needs. Again, thank you to all who helped in any way.

We are so grateful for the commitment and generous spirit of our group members; you make our job easy! There were so many that did so much. **We are retiring from our group leader position and hope some kind people will step into this role. We would support you in any way we can.**

God Bless each of you!
Joe & Kathy

RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>DONATED BY</u>	<u>WINNER</u>
1. \$50.00 - Land O'Lakes Glenn Lori Winter	Ray & Ginia Meyer
2. Quilt - Rowe Quilting Group	Isabelle Salzbrun
3. \$50.00 - John Ludwig Insurance	Pam Massmann
4. \$50.00 - Centra Sota Jeff & Deb Bechtold	Kelli Winter
5. \$50.00 - Land O'Lakes Glenn & Lori Winter	Char Volkmuth
6. \$50.00 - Centra Sota Jeff & Deb Bechtold	Janet Albers
7. \$30.00 - Ron & Sharon Spanier	Casey Massmann
8. American Flag Pallet - Anonymous	Laren Kuschel
9. Fall Table Runner - Jeanne Schabel	Greg Schaefer
10. Baby Quilt - Jerome & Pam Massmann	Mary Schaefer
11. \$25.00 - Wayne & Lori Albers	Terri Gill
12. \$25.00 - Paul & Sue Reinert	Greg Schaefer
13. Dish Towels - Jerome & Pam Massmann	Janet Albers
14. \$25.00 - Granite Pest Control	Ralph Moscho
15. \$25.00 - Granite Pest Control	Tim Torborg

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

St. Anne's Christian Women met Tuesday, November 14, 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 pm with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Twenty members were present. Minutes from the October 10, 2023 meeting were approved as read; also approved was the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,569.49 in checking and \$1,447.24 in savings for a total of \$3,016.73.

Old Business

Remembrance Mass... All went beautifully with our November 5th Mass at which 8 parishioners who died this past year were remembered. Thirty-eight people came to the reception which followed along with Father Erik who went table to table, acknowledging each family. Favorable comments were received about both the Mass and the reception. Thanks to all who helped to make this a memorable morning for all the families who participated.

November 19th Breakfast... All is in place for our annual fundraiser. Set up will take place Saturday morning, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. Per information given when the Pep's Pork was ordered (120 pounds), our price will be the same as last year which was \$4.57 per pound.

Eucharistic Revival... Our daily exercise for the month of November, prepared by President Karen, centered around a small bag of soil, representing our soul. This bag was given to each member to take home as a reminder to daily prepare your soul. A sheet (for private use) suggesting various daily, spiritual activities such as prayer, Scripture reading, etc. that can enrich one's soil (soul) was distributed to the membership. The purpose of this exercise is to help all of us to truly prepare **DAILY** for the receiving of the true presence of Christ at Mass.

Pro Life Notes... Char reported that the fall **40 Days for Life** Campaign now completed, went well both locally and worldwide with statistics already coming in showing lives saved, abortion workers quitting and centers closing. With those statistic also showing that abortion numbers go down when and wherever 40 Days is present, (meaning less revenue) Planned Parenthood is increasingly targeting 40 Days in hopes to restrict its activities. 40 Days is prepared to push back legally if necessary. A highlight for our local campaign came on October 25th when, to the surprise and delight of those out walking, Bishop Neary, after driving by and seeing the walkers, dropped by for an impromptu visit. His brief stop to show support for life and 40 Days, along with a quick handshake and giving his blessing, was deeply appreciated.

MCCL's "Save the 12,000" Meeting... on October 23rd at the St. Cloud Library was attended by Kathy Watrin, Tracy Dombrovski and Char Volkmuth. Although only about 25 people were in attendance, the MCCL speaker presented much valuable information about the current extreme abortion laws in MN, enacted by our legislators via the "Pro Act". This act, basically stripped away all protection for the unborn, allowing abortion right to the end, and making it legal to allow to die, a newborn who survives an abortion or one born with a disability. Sad to say, this extreme mirrors those of Communist China, North Korea, NY and CA, as the worst in the world. Also presented that evening was information regarding a MN "Choose Life" license plate; an effort which supports pro-life work through a portion of the plate fee going to support our efforts.

Take home packets with valuable and detailed information on how to push back against this extremism in MN abortion laws, as well as a pamphlet entitled, "Be My Voice" regarding the license plates, were picked up by our three attendees to be shared with membership at this evening's meeting. In spite of our uphill battle, the bottom line here is to PRAY, keep informed, and check out the "What Can I Do?" list from the packet sheet entitled Minnesota's Extreme Abortion Policy.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Celebration... We will celebrate Christmas at our next meeting, Tuesday, December 12th, beginning with a 6:00 p.m. light dinner (served by our officers) followed by a brief business meeting and party. Connie Netter will be in charge of games; Virginia Meyer, music. Members should bring a plate of **Christmas cookies**, an item for a **“White Elephant” gift exchange**, also a new, **unwrapped infant item** for the “Baby Jesus Shower” (will go to Elevate) and/or personal care items for a local shelter. Members are also invited to bring to our next meeting **new or gently used winter clothing items** for men, women and children.

Priest’s Gifts... Following discussion, motion was approved to give a \$100.00 gift to both Fathers Erik and Don. Linda Kaiser and Judy Walters will work together on this.

Commission Reports... None were given but members were advised to check out our diocesan “Catholic Voice” Newsletter by going to www.stcloudccw.org for a wealth of CCW information.

Halo... will be given to **Fred Walz** for all he does for our parish especially in the area of liturgy. President Karen advised that anyone who has suggestions for halo recipients should let her know.

Upcoming Meetings... Reminder was given about the Grief Support meeting for our ACC here at St. Wendelin’s just 2 days away on Thursday evening, November 16th and the next Parish Life meeting here on January 11th, at 6:30 p.m. with a group from SMHOC joining the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment at 7:50 p.m... with closing prayer, door prize drawing going to Lisa Lichte and Prayer Partner Exchange; daily prayer this month is to pray for our prayer partner and world peace. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12th in Mary Hall, beginning with a meal at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Char Volkmuth, Secretary

ST. ANNE’S CHRISTIAN WOMEN

November 19, 2023 Breakfast Update



Thank you to everyone who helped to make our breakfast a huge success in so many ways. Our day started out with the good Lord giving us beautiful weather! We were blessed with so many of our Christian Women who gave of their time to work the breakfast. We were so very appreciative of the men who helped us with those heavy tasks needed to put on a breakfast. We pray that God’s light shines on our generous donors of raffle items, the bakers who brought in their baked goods, our very creative members who shared their craft items, and the students of St. Wendelin’s for their artwork displayed on the walls. Special thanks to those individuals who gave extra time needed in preparing for and cleaning up after the breakfast. **To our guests who attended our breakfast, we are so grateful to God that you came to eat with us!** You shared happy faces, you bought raffle tickets, you shopped at our bake sale and at our craft sale, you lingered through your breakfast enjoying fellowship with others AND you left with full stomachs. It was a delight serving breakfast to you! God Bless!

Breakfast Report: We served 255 Adults and 20 Children. The profit from the breakfast was \$5,438.02. Special thanks to Todd and Stacey for calculating our Event Worksheet so quickly! As in past years, these proceeds will be used for financially helping our parish, our school and ministering to our community!

ST. ANNE'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN BREAKFAST RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, November 19, 2023

1. \$100.00 Cash—**Jean Massmann**
2. \$ 75.00 Cash—**Karen Des Autels**
3. \$ 75.00 Cash—**Terri Brunner**
4. \$50.00 Cash from St, Wend. K of C # 17025—**Cathy Bautch**
5. \$50.00 Cash from Ron/Sharon Spanier—**Mary Jo Klaverkamp**
6. \$25.00 Kohl's Gift Card—**Isaac Vander Eyk**
7. \$25.00 Kohl's Gift Card—**Char Volkmuth**
8. \$25.00 Cash—**Sue Koshiol**
9. \$25.00 House of Pizza Gift Card from Steve/Jolene Brang—**Joan Bechtold**
10. Quilt from Hildegard Rohe Quilting Group—**Terri Jochim**
11. Set Embroidered Dish Towels from Pam Massmann—**Sue Weber**
12. Gift Basket from Judy Walters—**Pat Salzbrun**
13. Park Lane Jewelry Set—**Olivia Laudenbach**
14. Park Lane Jewelry Set—**Bernice Stang**
15. Park Lane Jewelry Set—**Karen Gill**
16. 8 Piece Pyrex Bowl Set—**Bernice Stang**
17. Bird Feeder—**Olive Janssen**
18. Baby Quilt from Pam Massmann—**Steve & Jolene Brang**
19. Christmas Wreath—**Lydia Mueller**
20. Box 24 All Occasion Greeting Cards—**Bonnie Massmann**
21. Box of Groceries—**Pam Massmann**
22. Box of Groceries—**Dave Waltzing**
23. Box of Groceries—**Randy Volkmuth**
24. Box of Groceries—**Jenny Slattery**

Add Ons

25. Emergency Kit from Alvin Weber—**Lisa Mullen**
26. Emergency Kit from Alvin Weber—**Pam Massmann**
27. Box of Groceries—**Floyd Lehnen**
28. Box of Groceries—**Jane Henkel**
29. Cookie Basket—**Julie Kraemer**
30. Christmas Basket—**Steve & Jolene Brang**

SPECIAL RAFFLE

1. Christmas Quilt—**Delores Heid**
2. Christmas Sleigh—**Josie Molitor**

**CHURCH CLEANING
DECEMBER 2023
GROUP 4
8:00 A.M.**

DECEMBER 2

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

DECEMBER 9

Mickie Schriml	Sandy Leach
Connie Netter	Eileen Kunkel
Tammy Salzbrun Boese	

DECEMBER 16

Pat Salzbrun	Patti Brunner
JoAnn Massmann	Vicki Kunkel
Christine Greenwald	Kathy Massmann

DECEMBER 23

Jodi Albers	Jim Opatz
Mary Backes	Rose Sauer
Sue Massmann	Mary Kenning

DECEMBER 30

Emily Salzbrun	Bonnie Edelbrock
Michelle Fruth	Joey Kiffmeyer
Mary Jo Klaverkamp	

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

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

will be Wednesday, December 20th starting at 6:00 p.m.

ALL Group 4 members are asked to come help. Many hands make light work. Thank You!!!!

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

5 Tbsp. butter	1 small yellow onion diced
1 cup carrots diced	2 sticks celery diced
3 cloves garlic minced	¾ cup frozen peas
4 ½ cups chicken broth	1 ½ cups half and half
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce	1/3 cup flour
1 ½ lbs leftover chicken or turkey cut into small pieces	Salt/Pepper to taste

SEASONINGS

1 tsp. onion powder	¼ tsp. ground sage
1/2 tsp. EACH: dried basil, parsley, thyme, rosemary, mustard powder	
1/8 tsp. pepper	

DUMPLINGS

2 cups flour	2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda	1 tsp. salt
½ tsp garlic powder	2 tsp sugar
¾ cup sour cream	¼ cup cold milk
4 Tbsp. butter	

MAKE THE SOUP

Combine seasonings, set aside. Melt the butter in a soup pot. Add the diced onions, carrots, and celery and cook for 5 minutes. Add the minced garlic, Worcestershire sauce, and seasonings. Cook for 1 more minute.

Add the flour and toss to coat. Cook for 2 minutes, stirring constantly.

Add the chicken broth in small splashes, stirring constantly. Add the half and half in the same manner. Add frozen peas. Bring to a gentle boil and let simmer while you make the dumplings.

MAKE DUMPLINGS

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, garlic powder and sugar in a medium bowl. Add the milk, sour cream, and melted butter. Use a folding motion to combine and form a dough, but don't over mix.

Add the leftover chicken or turkey into the soup. Stir to combine and reduce heat to low. Use a small cookie scoop and carefully place the dumplings over the soup in an even layer. Spoon a little over each one.

Cover tightly and increase heat slightly to bring to a gentle simmer. Set a timer for 15 minutes, don't lift the lid during this time, the dumplings need to steam.

Open the lid and insert a toothpick into the middle of a dumpling to check for doneness. If it comes out clean, it's ready.

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