



Parish Newsletter

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



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THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone that joined us at the wake and funeral for our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, Jean Massmann.

The condolences were very supportive and we enjoyed hearing the many stories shared with us about Jean.

Thank you to Daniels Funeral Home, Father Bob Rolfus, and Father Erik Lundgren for assisting us with the wake and funeral mass, our parish choir, Organist Mary Neidermeier, Cantor Ginia Meyer, Servers Elenore and Edna Deering and Pat Salzbrun and the parish funeral lunch group. We were very appreciated for their assistance.

Jean Massmann Family

THANK YOU

We are so grateful for all of you that have donated to our 2023 capital campaign. We raised \$15,500.00! Your continued support lets us know you are here for the children and staff at St. Wendelin School. Knowing you are standing with us in our journey means a lot to us. We will keep all of you in our prayers when we say our weekly all school Rosary.

May God bless you and keep you in the palm of his hands.

St Wendelin Staff and Students

Prayer should be your first response,
not your last resort.

When you get what you want
that's God's direction,
When you don't get what you want,
that's God's protection.

MARKET PLACE is looking for beautiful sewn and woodworking items for our parish Festival. Please keep us in mind as you are using your creative talents.

We are also accepting donations for our **SILENT AUCTION** baskets and would appreciate any donation you are willing to make. Donations can be dropped off in the bin in the back of church, at the Hayloft, or by giving us a call to arrange a pick up time. Thank you,

Marla 320-266-0336

Mary 320-250-1650

NEXT NEWSLETTER

March 31, 2024

DEADLINE for News:

Monday March 25, 2024

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

Get your articles to Sheila Albers

7876 Ahles Road St. Cloud, MN

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Or e-mail: alberssheila@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS

During Catholic Schools' Week the students made a visit to the Sisters at St. Scholastica. They enjoyed playing cards, board games and coloring activities with the Sisters. The students enjoyed hearing stories of when the sisters were active teachers, principals and parish workers. It was fun to visit with Sister Marius, who previously taught and was principal at St. Wendelins. The photo below shows Sister Marius addressing the students. In addition to St. Scholastica, students enjoyed the afternoon at the Skatin' Place.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschoolers are still working hard on their letter sounds. Many of them have even started spelling three letter words! For even more fun, we introduced the concept of adding single digits to 10 to make up the teen numbers.

With the beginning of Lent, we are spending quite a bit of time focusing on all of the various parts that come along with it. We began with the distribution of the ashes, and what it means to fast and pray. We pray the chaplet each school day, attend the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, and in place of our weekly whole school rosary lesson, we are learning more about the events leading up to Jesus' Passion.

Mrs. Haselkamp and Mrs. Gruene

2ND & 3RD GRADE NEWS

February was a busy month for us! We kicked off I Love to Read Month with a book exchange. Every child in our class was able to exchange a book from home with a classmate. I love how excited the students were when their book was picked. We have been reading so much and enjoying every second of it.

Another thing we are celebrating is Lent. The children are enjoying activities that revolve around fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Our second graders are about to receive their sacrament of Reconciliation. Ash Wednesday was a great reminder for them to be sorry for their sins. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they embark on this new journey of faith and deepening their relationship with God.

Mrs. Rebecca Rebstock

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

Our main focus this month has been preparing for the season of Lent and focusing on fun reading activities for I Love to Read Month. For Valentine's Day, we reflected on reasons to love Jesus. The following are some awesome reasons that our kindergarten and first graders came up with!

I love Jesus because.....

He made us and the world- **Isaac Watrin**

He made Minnesota-**Ayla VanCleve**

He died on the cross so we can live-**Cambria Edelbrock**

He got baptized-**Brynnley Pope**

He made us holy-**Teddy Gruenes**

He made my family-**Josie Molitor**

He gives us love-**Nora Regnier**

He made my pets-**Shay Vanderwerf**

He made our school-**Logan Salzbrun**

He gives us food-**Jayda Laudenschach**

He is always with me-**Levi Haselkamp**

He gave us the Eucharist-**Caleb Haselkamp**

He carried the cross-**Audrey Massmann**

I think you would agree with me that these are all powerful reasons, and great things for all of us to reflect on during this season of Lent!

Mrs. Matchinsky

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The best things in life are free...
Hugs, smiles, friends, kisses, family,
Sleep, love, laughter,
and good memories.
Always be thankful!!!!

4TH & 5TH GRADE NEWS

Last week for Catholic schools week the 4th and 5th graders spent time focusing on the theme of "making a difference".

Monday we brainstormed ideas of what they could do to make a difference in our school.

Tuesday was such a special day at St. Scholastica. They visited with Sisters and heard their life stories. It was wonderful and we wish we could have stayed longer!

The rest of the week they did projects including a coupon book for members of their families. (Good for 1 Hour of Peace was a coupon given to a parent by my 4th grader)

Mrs Hules

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

JOE & ANGELA SIEBEN

Joe and Angela live at P.O. Box 681 Waite Park MN. They have four children, Shelby, Jasmine, Deyla, and Brody. They have been assigned to Group 4.

HANNAH ELINGER

Hannah lives at P.O. Box 61 Kimball MN. She has been assigned to Group 1.

WELCOME TO ST. WENDELIN'S PARISH COMMUNITY!!!

The happiest people don't have the
best of everything.
They just make the best of
everything they have.

TAPPING TREES AT ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL

St. Wendelin School children enjoyed a lesson on tapping maple trees and making maple syrup.

Ron Albers, with the help of his 3rd grade grandson, Ezekiel Salzbrun, gave a demonstration to the school children on what it takes to tap trees for maple syrup. Ezekiel has been helping his grandpa tap trees since he has been 4 years old. Ezekiel showed them how to drill holes in the trees, put in a tap, and hang a bucket to collect the sap. It took a few days before the buckets were full.

The next week Ron came back to school, brought his cooker, and demonstrated how to cook down the



sap and Ezekiel showed the children how to test the sugar in the syrup with a hydrometer and showed how to filter the syrup into a pitcher before putting it in jars.

The children were able to taste the raw sap and got to dip animal crackers in the finished product. The next day they also enjoyed having the maple syrup on their pancakes for breakfast.

Thanks Ron and Ezekiel for sharing your fun and delicious hobby with our St. Wendelin School children.



**CHURCH CLEANING
MARCH 2024
GROUP 4
8:00 A.M.**

MARCH 2ND

Dot Bartell Cynthia Lommel
Janet Lommel Pam Koshiol

MARCH 9TH

Mickie Schriml Sandy Leach
Connie Netter Eileen Kunkel
Tammy Salzbrun Boese

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15
SPRING CLEANING**

Pat Salzbrun Patti Brunner
JoAnn Massmann Vicki Kunkel
Kathy Massmann
All Group 4 men and women who are able to help clean. This is a big job and lots of hands make light work.

MARCH 23RD

Jodi Albers Angela Sieben
Sue Massmann Cindy Phillippi
Christine Greenwald Mary Backes

MARCH 30TH

Emily Salzbrun Bonnie Edelbrock
Michelle Fruth Joey Kiffmeyer
Mary Jo Klaverkamp Michelle Salzbrun

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

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

With the warm weather we have had this winter maple syrup season is in full swing. We have never tapped trees the end of January in all the years we have been tapping maple trees. Should be a great year for maple syrup.

Here is a banana bread recipe that doesn't use any granulated sugar but substitutes maple syrup instead. A lot healthier and we think it tastes great. Try using maple syrup in other recipes that call for granulated sugar.

MAPLE BANANA BREAD

½ cup butter, softened
½ cup maple syrup
1 large egg
2 ripe bananas, mashed
½ tsp. vanilla
3 Tbsp. milk
2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. baking powder
¼ cup chopped nuts (pecans or walnuts)
3 Tbsp. maple syrup

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter or grease 1 regular size bread loaf pan.

Cream together the butter, syrup and egg. Mix in the bananas, vanilla, and milk. Add the flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Mix until combined and pour into pan.

Mix together the nuts and maple syrup. Sprinkle on top of loaf. Bake about 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.

GROUP 3 BREAKFAST RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy breakfast with us! We were so grateful to see you there. As a community, we made a profit of \$2,130.63 for St. Wendelin's. We couldn't have done this without our group members who gave of their time. To Dan & Judy Walters for your guidance and leadership along with hours of helping out. We are so grateful for you. To Sheila & Ron Albers for the beautiful roses for the tables, for designing the poster and hanging them up at various places, for designing the raffle tickets and for your hours of help. Your willingness to lend a hand is so appreciated. To Mary Broda for advertising the breakfast, as well as your many hours of helping out - thank you so very much. To Sue & Paul Koshiol for donating & preparing the fresh fruit, as well as the hours put in. That is so kind To all of the Group 3 members who graciously helped in setting up the day before and also worked your shift or two shifts because we were short-handed – thank you sooooo much. To those who donated to the raffle – thank you so much for your willingness to do so. We really appreciate it. To members who could not be there but still donated to the breakfast in any way, we are very thankful. (Even someone so very kind to donate her fantastic, well known baked goods to our bake sale, that doesn't even belong to our group – what a wonderful treat! Thank you, Eileen!) To Emily Salzbrun and H&S Heating for kindly printing the raffle tickets. We are very thankful for you doing that for our group.

Thank you, again, for a wonderful time spent with neighbors and community members!!! It was a great day!!!

Jolene & Steve

GROUP 3 BREAKFAST - RAFFLE RESULTS

\$50.00 Cash – Donated by Anonymous - **Tom & Jane Henkel**

\$50.00 Target Gift Card – Donated by Mary Broda & Marie Kotzer - **Tom & Jane Henkel**

Bird House – Donated by Ron Albers & Ezekiel Salzbrun - **Julie Kraemer**

\$25.00 Menards Gift Card – Donated by Anonymous - **Cory Broda**

Apple Treat Basket – Donated by Sheila Albers - **Charlotte Volkmuth**

\$25.00 Cash – Donated by Anonymous - **John Honer**

Bird House – Donated by Ron Albers & Ezekiel Salzbrun - **Ezekiel Salzbrun**

\$20.00 Cash – Donated by Paul & Ruth Roufs - **Mya Honer**

Kitchen Essentials Basket – Donated by Judy Walters - **Mike Weber**

Table Runner – Donated by Sheila Albers - **Margie Feldhege**

Oil Change – Donated by C.A.R.S./John & Jim Honer - **Grayson Ley**

Box of Groceries – Donated by Group 3 - **Rebecca Ley**

Box of Groceries – Donated by Group 3 - **Clara Witte**

FASTING DURING LENT

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from Hurting Words.....and say Kind Words

Fast from Sadness.....and be filled with Gratitude

Fast from Anger.....and be filled with Patience

Fast from Pessimism.....and be filled with Hope

Fast from Worries.....and have Trust in God.

Fast from Complaints.....and Contemplate Simplicity

Fast from Pressures.....and be Prayerful

Fast from Bitterness.....and fill your Heart with Joy.

Fast from Selfishness.....and be Compassionate Towards Others

Fast from Grudges.....and be Reconciled

Fast from Words.....and be Silent so you can Listen

Amen

Repent, and turn from your sins.
Put all your rebellion behind you,
and find yourselves a new heart
and a new spirit!
Ezekiel 18:30-31

Oh, what joy for those whose
disobedience is forgiven,
whose sin is put out of sight!
Psalm 32:1

**Prove by the way you live
that you have repented of your sins
and turned to God!
Matthew 3:8**

**Forgive and you will be forgiven.
Luke 6:37**

Only in returning to me and resting in me
will you be saved.
In quietness and confidence is your
strength!
Isaiah 30:15

Thank you to Mary Neidermeier for these
beautiful Lenten reflections and for the
Lenten insert in the newsletter.

Lux Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 30th at 11:00 am

St. Wendelin's Elementary School Grounds

Meet the Easter Bunny!

Joah's Ark Petting Zoo From 10am - Noon!



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



MARCH

St. Wendelin Church Group 4 Spring Dinner

Saturday – March 16, 2024

Serving from 5:00p-7:00p

Social Hour starting at 4:30p (Cash Bar Available)



Dinner includes:

Prime Rib or Chicken Dinner (choose below)
Cheesy potatoes, Vegetable, Dinner roll &
Cheesecake dessert (choose below)



Please return the bottom of this form with payment to:

**St Wendelin's Church – Attn: Pat Salzbrun
22714 St Hwy 15
St. Augusta MN 56301**

-OR-

Drop off in Sunday collection basket or in parish house mail drop

Please RSVP by March 1st, 2024

Name: _____

Meal (please circle): Chicken (\$30/plate) or Prime Rib (\$35/plate)

Dessert: Lemon cheesecake or Turtle cheesecake

Name: _____

Meal (please circle): Chicken (\$30/plate) or Prime Rib (\$35/plate)

Dessert: Lemon cheesecake or Turtle cheesecake

I can't make it but would like to donate
Please make checks payable to St Wendelin Church

OLD WILD WEST



JOIN US FOR ST. WENDELIN'S SPRING FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

TICKETS \$35 PER PERSON

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Return the bottom of this form, along with payment 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 12th

Names: _____

Phone Number: _____

Dietary Requests: _____

Names: _____

Phone Number: _____

Dietary Requests: _____

Reserve a Table \$50 (for 6) or \$100 (for 12). List name you'd like on the table reservation and specify 6 or 12 top:

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OLD WILD WEST



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RESERVE A TABLE OF 6 - \$50

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- NAME IN PROGRAM
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SILVER LEVEL - \$250

- NAME IN PROGRAM
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- EVENT BANNER RECOGNITION

GOLD LEVEL - \$500

- NAME IN PROGRAM
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- EVENT BANNER RECOGNITION
- TABLE TOP EXHIBIT
- 2 DRINK TICKETS FOR EVENT

VIP LEVEL - \$1,000

- EVERYTHING IN GOLD LEVEL PACKAGE, PLUS
- 2 EVENT TICKETS
- VERBAL RECOGNITION FROM MC DURING EVENT



SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2024
4PM DOORS OPEN | SILENT AUCTION & GAMES OPEN
6:30PM - GAMES & SILENT AUCTION CLOSE
6:45PM PRAYER | 7PM DINNER SERVED
LIVE AUCTION STARTS AT 8PM

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