



# Parish Newsletter

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



**ST. WENDELIN’S - LUXEMBURG, MN \* May 26 , 2024 - 652nd Edition**

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## ST. WENDELIN’S

## PARISH FESTIVAL

Coming Up

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

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

Hello May (and all your friends)!  
It's not too late to share your best with us.  
We KNEAD you at the Bazaar Marketplace!  
Homemade breads are great sellers.

Get building, get crafty, get baking, and get handy, 'nough said! Donation bins can be found in church (in the north entrance), at the Hayloft, or by calling

**Marla @ 266-0336 or  
Mary @ 250-1650**



## **NEXT NEWSLETTER**

**June 30, 2024**

**DEADLINE for News:**

**Monday June 24, 2024**

**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](mailto:alberssheila@gmail.com)**

## **MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES!!!!**

**Sunday, June 2**

**Corpus Christi procession  
following 10 a.m. mass to outside  
chapels**

**8:00 a.m. Mass will be at St. Wendelin  
10:00 a.m. Mass will be at St. Mary  
Help of Christians**

**Sunday, June 23**

**SMHOC Festival  
following the 10 a.m. Polka Mass  
8:00 a.m. Mass will be at St. Wendelin  
10:00 a.m. Mass will be at St. Mary  
Help of Christians**

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Thank You** to everyone that supported our recent fundraiser with their donations, sponsorships, volunteering and attending the event. It was a huge success, as we surpassed the funds raised in the past, raising **\$70,072** for support of the school. We are truly blessed to have a community that supports our faith-based educational program.

As we look ahead to our next school year, we are happy to share with you the staff that will be with us. Returning are Mrs. Bonnie Massmann, Principal; Ms. Jackie Massmann, Administrative Assistant; Devon Haselkamp and Kim Gruenes job-sharing the Preschool position; Mrs. Matchinsky, Kindergarten; Mrs. Rebstock, Grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mrs. Hules 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, Amanda Vanderwerf, Custodial Services.

Joining our staff this next year is Cynthia Ruff, Music: (Cynthia previously taught music at the Catholic School in Buffalo.)

Joining us with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders is Cassandra Deering. (Cassie is a parent of two students at St. Wendelin, has a Master's degree with a Math emphasis and has been volunteering with the Faith-formation program for our area parishes. She is currently teaching for the Rocori school district.) Mrs. Hules 5/ 6 homeroom and Mrs. Deering 3/ 4 homeroom, are going to both be teaching to their strengths. Mrs. Hules will be teaching the Language Arts components for both the 3/4 and the 5/6 class, with Mrs. Deering teaching the Math and Religion components for both classes. We are still planning for how the remainder of the curriculum will be organized.

Joining as our new cook is Rose Gleason. Rose was the cook at Holy Cross before the school closed and was now a manager at a Dominos Pizza.

We have truly been blessed with a group of people that love what they do and take reward in helping the children establish a strong relationship with the Lord and helping prepare them academically. **Praise God for bringing them all to us!**

We continue to look for some additional members of our team, so if you know of someone that might be interested in one of our open positions, please encourage them to contact us, and remember to pray for us to find individuals to fill the positions. Positions yet to be filled are:

Teachers: Phy Ed and Computer (approx. 9 hrs/wk each)

Tutor: Barton (teaching certification not needed, we will train, approx. 9 hrs/wk)

Afterschool Supervisor (could work number of days that works for you, 3 hr/day) We currently have a couple of people that might be interested in 2 or 3 days a week, so we just need a couple days a week more to complete this position.

Blessings,

**Bonnie Massmann, Principal**

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

This is it, the last month of school. As we look around our room, we can see just how much these students have grown. They come in smiling and ready to work. Now when they are coloring, they're saying the Our Father instead of singing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider". All of the harder materials that we introduced at the beginning of the year seem easy for them now, with many of them moving well beyond the ones that they thought impossible at first. We have 6 students graduating to kindergarten next year, and boy are they ready! We know that they are going to fly in Mrs. Matchinsky's class next year!

Thank you for all of your support and prayers this year. This school is not run by teachers and students alone. It takes a community to make something this special happen, and that's what we have here; a very special community. We'll see you in the fall!

**Mrs. Haselkamp & Mrs. Gruenes**

## 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS

The months of April and May have been very busy for the 4th and 5th graders. We took a trip to Long Lake Conservation Camp and learned so much about our environment. They all appreciated the time we had in nature, taking in and learning more of God's creation.

They have been working hard on their science fair projects as well. Doing an experiment of their own choice has been a wonderful way for them to learn the scientific method.



## KINDERGARTEN & 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE

May is always a very busy month with lots of people to thank; volunteers, mothers, and teachers, to name a few. We also want to give a big shout out to Sheila and Ron Albers for coming to help all of our students plant a rocket lily bulb. For Mother's Day, the students made books for their mothers, and I thought I would share an excerpt from each of my students' books. The writing prompt used for this particular page was, "I love my mom because..."

She does laundry. **Audrey Massmann**

She helps me paint my nails. **Ayla VanCleve**

She helps me read. **Nora Regnier**

She does my laundry. **Brynnley Pope**

She got me a shark tooth from Hawaii.  
**Logan Salzbrun**

She lets me listen to music. **Caleb Haselkamp**

She lets me drive the four wheeler. **Isaac Watrin**

She reads me the Bible and takes me to fun places. **Teddy Gruenes**

She lets me play outside and gives me healthy snacks. **Shay Vanderwerf**

She reads to me. **Cambria Edelbrock**

She reads me stories at night. **Jayda Laudenbach**

She lets me keep the light on when I'm in bed. **Levi Haselkamp**

She tucks me into bed and helps me with the laundry. **Josie Molitor**

Blessings,

**Mrs. Matchinsky**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE NEWS

The kids and I had a beautiful last month of school together. We dedicated the month of May to our mothers, including mother Mary. The children had the privilege of planting a Lily for their mother. They also hand painted a vase and they all turned out great! The love these kids have for their family warms my heart and brings a sense of comfort and peace. Please read below all the reasons the 2nd and 3rd graders love their mom.

**Ezekiel:** She makes good food; my favorite is garlic and cheese croissants!

**Kaitlin:** She always gives me good advice and cares for me!

**Mia:** She is funny!

**Edna:** She works hard for our family, she is really nice, and fun because we can play in the garden!

**Natalie:** She takes care of my family and she loves us!

**Addison:** She lets us help in the garden!

**Rowan:** She is nice and lets me and my siblings have movie nights!

**Charlie:** She reads to me before bed every night!

**Madelyn:** She takes care of me and she is very nice!

**Lenna:** She loves me and always cares for me!

**Charlotte:** She gives me fun privileges!

**Hawkins:** She takes care of me!

**Madison:** Everything, she is the BEST!

**Levi:** She takes me and my siblings to fun places, like to restaurants!

**Willow:** She is really nice to me and she cares for me!

**Mrs. Rebecca Rebstock**  
Second & Third grade teacher

## **SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES** **JASMINE SIEBEN**

My name is Jasmine Sieben. I am the daughter of Angela and Joe Sieben. I will be graduating from ROCORI High School. My plans are to attend the University of Parkside with plans to major in Business management. I am also committed to run Cross Country and Track for Parkside.



## **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

### **LUKE JAMES HARREN**

Luke is the son of Mark & Brooke (Schendzielos) Harren. He was born February 17, 2024 and baptized on May 19, 2024. His godparents are Logan Schendzielos and Anna Kvidt.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING  
JUNE, 2024  
GROUP 3  
(Cleaning time is 8:30 a.m.)**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

\*\*\* Mary Broda  
Jolene & Steve Brang  
Laurie & Steve Opatz  
Marie & Ron Kotzer

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>**

\*\*\* Judy & Dan Walters  
Geraldyn & Todd Hurrle  
Sheila & Ron Albers  
Jennifer & Damon Rice

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>**

\*\*\* Ruth & Paul Roufs  
Margie & Dale Koshiol  
Jayne & Keith Thole  
Sharon & Ray Gohmann

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>**

\*\*\* Sandi & Mike Weber  
Marla & John Honer  
Julie & Dale Kraemer  
Nancy & Jeff Albers

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>**

\*\*\* Sue Eckerman & Larry Mohs  
Sue & Paul Koshiol  
Gina & Joe Bartel  
Erin & Paul Koshiol

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

**RECIPE CORNER**

Ron Albers

**RHUBARB COOKIES**

1 2/3 cup all purpose flour  
3/4 tsp. kosher salt  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1 1/4 sticks (10 Tbsp) unsalted butter, room temperature  
2/3 cup packed light brown sugar  
1 large egg plus 1 large egg yolk  
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract  
1 cup white chocolate chips (about 6 oz)  
1 cup walnut halves (about 4 oz) roughly chopped  
1 1/2 stalks rhubarb (about 4 oz) chopped into 1/4 inch pieces  
1 Tbsp flaky sea salt

Sift the flour, kosher salt, baking powder and baking soda together in a large bowl.

Beat the butter and brown sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium-high until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the egg and yolk, then beat in the vanilla.

Reduce the mixer speed to low. Add the dry ingredients and beat until well combined, about 1 minute. Fold in the chocolate chips and walnuts, then fold in the rhubarb. Cover the bowl with a clean dish towel and refrigerate the dough for at least 1 hour or up to overnight.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

Use a 1 oz ice cream scoop to scoop the dough onto the prepared baking sheets, spacing about 2 inches apart. Sprinkle the sea salt on top of the dough balls.

Bake, rotating the baking sheet halfway through, until the cookies are golden around the edges but still soft in the middle, 14 to 16 minutes. Let cookies cool for 10 min on the baking sheet, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely, about 30 minutes.



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

St. Anne's Christian Women met Tuesday, May 14, 2024 in Mary Hall beginning with fellowship/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. Fifteen members were present.

Minutes from the April 9, 2024 meeting were approved as read; also approved was the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,313.23 in checking and \$3,538.88 in savings for a total of \$4,852.11.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Rosary at May Sunday Masses...** Sharon Spanier and Karen Des Autels have been leading. President Karen encouraged others to also do so, whether alone or with others.

**Fun, Food and Fund Day...**our diocesan Council's annual fund raiser, will take place Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Parish in Sauk Centre. Sign up sheet for car pooling was circulated. Anyone else interested in attending should contact Karen ASAP. Registration fee will be paid for up to 10 attendees. As in the past, we will donate a gift for the silent auction.

**NCCW Province Conference...**will be Tuesday, June 25 at St. Mary's Church in Sleepy Eye, MN.

**DCCW Annual Fall Conference...**will be in September. Final details are not yet in place so please watch upcoming bulletins for details as they become available.

**Graduation Mass...** Plans for this May 19<sup>th</sup> Mass are coming together nicely thanks to Cyntia Lommel and Julie Kraemer who are working with liturgy participation with our 4 graduates who will be in attendance. Cards have been purchased and given to Cyntia who will get them to the graduates.

**50 Year Members...**We have none this year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Donation...**Motion was made by Sandie Weber to give the Decorating Committee \$250.00. Motion was seconded and passed. This is to be used for purchase of plants and fabric for making banners.

**Liturgy Committee...**Mary Neidermeier reported tentative plans are underway to celebrate St. Wendelin's 165 years as a parish. Plans are to celebrate this milestone on Sunday, October 13 with a German meal following Mass. Committee also suggests annual remembrance of our October 22<sup>nd</sup> Patronal Feast of St. Wendelin.

**Hospitality Committee...**continues formation under direction of Kathy Watrin with plans to hopefully "resurrect" a Welcome Packet from the past. For more information or to help, call Kathy at 333-2109.

## **CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONTINUED FROM PAGE**

**Election of Officers...** President Karen reminded membership that three of our four current officers, president, vice-president and secretary, are stepping down from their positions. Nominations were then asked for the treasurer position. Stacey Watrin was nominated and she accepted the nomination. A verbal vote was taken and all present voted yes. Stacey will be the group's treasurer for two years. Karen thanked Stacey for doing a good job the last two years and congratulated her on being treasurer for the upcoming two years. Karen then asked for nominations for the president, vice-president and secretary. When none came forth for any of these vacancies, membership accepted from the floor, the suggestion to form a Nominating Committee to find candidates which would be presented at our September meeting or at an earlier special meeting. Committee members include Jolene Brang, Karen Des Autels, Mary Neidermeier and Char Volkmuth.

**Commission Reports...** Members were reminded to check the "Our Catholic Voice" diocesan newsletter at [www.stcloudccw.org](http://www.stcloudccw.org) for a wealth of pertinent info or go to our parish website, [www.stwendelinschurh.org](http://www.stwendelinschurh.org) and click on the St. Anne's Christian Women tab.

**Pro Life Notes...** Char reported the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) which would deceptively "enshrine" unlimited abortion in our state Constitution, while excluding protection for conscience and faith, is now moving through the House with expectation it will be voted on within the next day or two. Should this pass, it would put the question up to the voters on the 2026 general election ballot. Even at this late hour, members were encouraged to keep praying and continue contacting legislators to vote "NO" on the proposed legislation. Char also thanked the membership for their \$500.00 donation to MCCL last month which MCCL has put to excellent use via TV commercials and newspaper ads "pushing back" against the proposed legislation.

**Miscellaneous...** Question was raised about **painting and flooring in church**, which is currently under consideration; per bulletin note, questions should be referred to Geralyn Hurrle, 266-1359 who is working with the group. **Adoration at the Capitol...** Karen Des Autels, Virginia Meyer, and Char Volkmuth attended on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They found the experience gratifying, would be ready to go again, and would heartily recommend it to anyone who might be interested. **Thank You notes**, for donations given, were acknowledged from our school and the Poor Clares. Members were reminded of the **Diocesan Eucharistic Procession** coming through our area May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Details will be in the May 19<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

**Adjournment at 7:45 pm...**with drawing for door prize, (a plant) going to Vicky Kohorst, and Prayer Partner exchange. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2024 in Mary Hall with fellowship at 6:30 p.m. followed by business meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Char Volkmuth, Secretary**

# Saint Wendelin's Parish needs YOU!

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*

**In order to continue the long, rich, vibrant culture in our St. Wendelin's parish, we are looking for volunteers and support in the following areas:**

## **Choir -**

Share your voice and instrumental talents at our Masses. We would be grateful if you joined in praising the Lord as a member of the choir. Contact Ginia Meyer at 320-558-2009 or Mary Neidermeier at 320-253-3484.

## **Decorating Committee -**

This committee is responsible for decorating the church. Whether you are great with coming up with decorating ideas or just want to help put it all together, we could really use the extra hands and feet. Contact Geralyn Hurrle at 320-266-1359.

## **Eucharistic Adoration -**

At the heart of our Thursday Adoration Program are committed volunteers who sign up for a certain hour. More volunteers are always welcome; currently, there is a need for someone in the 4:00-5:00PM time slot. Per Mother Teresa, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth." For more info, call Char Volkmuth at 320-251-5376.

## **Finance Council -**

The finance council is looking for your help to join us in keeping our church healthy and viable. This important committee is necessary to help support Father as we adapt to the ever increasing challenges of the parish. This committee meets every other month between September and May, and we are currently looking for two new members. Contact Jeanne Lommel at 320-292-3267 for more information and to join this ministry today.

## **Hospitality -**

Help us revive our Hospitality group! This important group took a pause at the onset of the Covid pandemic, but it is a great time to start up again. Be among the first to welcome newcomers to our wonderful parish community and help them learn all the great things we have to offer. Call Kathy Watrin at 320-333-2109 or 320-253-4252 to help us with this important activity today!

## **Parish Festival -**

Calling all parishioners—we are still looking for Parish Festival support. We need leaders for the Dinner, Games, Bingo co-chair, Pop Stand co-chair, as well as general help. This is one of our Parish's largest single sources of income as well as a significant evangelizing opportunity. Please help fulfill our growing need of support and volunteer for this important mission! Please contact Pat and Dan Salzbrun for more information at 320-980-1534.



# Saint Wendelin's Parish needs YOU!

## **Parish Life Committee -**

This committee was established in 2023 when our Parish Council was dissolved and our Holy Saints ACC Pastoral Council was formed. The Parish Life Committee's mission is to evangelize, support our parishioners in continued commitment to Christ and His church, and help our parish grow in spirituality and closeness to Jesus with a multifaceted approach. Volunteers are welcome to join in this important ministry which meets 6-8 times per year. We want to listen to parishioner concerns and ideas for our parish, maintain our buildings and grounds, host spiritual and social events, and continue our legacy of support and caring for our community. Call Tracy Dombrovski at 320-249-6212 or Geralyn Hurrle at 320-266-1359 for more information.

## **Prayer Line -**

We all need support through prayer, and this ministry has been helping fellow parishioners cope with many things in their everyday lives. This takes minimal effort and can be part of your daily prayers, providing you with focused intentions to help others in need. In order to join the prayer line today, please call Char Volkmuth at 320-251-5376.

## **Projector -**

We are looking for volunteers, young and old, to run the projector during our Sunday Masses. No experience needed. Contact Ginia Meyer at 320-558-2009 for more information.

## **Restoration Committee -**

Saint Wendelin's parish is forming a committee to organize and plan the process of updating the paint and flooring in the church. New ideas are welcome, along with the experience and knowledge of those who have worked on these projects in the past. If you feel you are being called to help in any way or to offer advice on this endeavor, please contact Geralyn Hurrle at 320-266-1359.

## **Servers -**

Come all ye to serve the Lord—young and old are welcome and needed at Mass each week. Our goal is to make sure servers are always scheduled to help Father serve God and spread the Word among us. Parents are welcome to serve with their children, and someone to organize the schedule is also needed. For more information, contact Geralyn Hurrle at 320-266-1359.

## **Ushers -**

We are grateful for the ushers in our parish, most of whom have been faithfully fulfilling their ministry of help and hospitality for some time, yet more help is definitely needed. Feel free to pair up with a friend or your spouse. For more information, contact Char Volkmuth at 320-251-5376.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SUSTAIN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY!  
GOD BLESS YOU!!**

# **SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES**

## **JENNA KRAEMER**

I am Jenna Kraemer, daughter of Dale and Julie Kraemer. I attended St. Wendelin's School and went on to attend Rocori High School. While there, I participated in softball. One of my favorite memories from St. Wendelin's was performing in the Christmas play every year. My future plans include attending the University of Utah in Salt Lake City to pursue a marketing degree. A few of my interests are photography and downhill skiing. I would like to thank my parents for guiding me along the way and helping on this new journey ahead.



## **KEEGAN LOMMEL**



I am Keegan Lommel. My parents are Kevin and Cyntia Lommel. I am graduating from Kimball Area High School, with honors. I will be attending Alexandria Technical and Community College for diesel mechanics. I am a third-generation alumni of St. Wendelin's. I am thankful for the education and great experiences that I received from St. Wendelin's.

# SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES



## ANDREW GILL

I am Andrew Gill, son of Terri and Dennis Gill, and brother to Courtney and Kayla Gill. I enjoy hunting, fishing, and hanging out with friends in my free time. I am graduating from Cathedral High School and I am currently welding and plan on continuing my journey in the work force.

## COURTNEY GILL

I am Courtney Gill, daughter of Terri and Dennis Gill and sister to Kayla and Andrew. I graduated from Cathedral High School in 2020 and recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Business Administration, majoring in Actuarial Science and Risk Management & Insurance. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, being at the lake, and enjoying a drink at the Hayloft. I am returning to the St. Cloud area to start my career with a Midwest insurance brokerage.





## ADORATION AT THE CAPITOL

Over the years, I have taken part in Eucharistic Adoration at various churches and chapels. But never did I dream I would ever do it at our state capitol in St. Paul. Yet, back on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, that is exactly what I did, along with Karen Des Autels and Virginia Meyer. If you've never heard of Adoration at our capitol, you are not alone. Most people have not. I, too, was totally unaware until early this year when I received a phone call from a parishioner at MIC in Rockville, telling me about this Adoration which takes place at our capitol each first Fri. of the month, 9 to 4, during the time the Legislature is in session, and that a group from MIC goes regularly. Greatly, but happily, surprised, I then shared this info at our April CW meeting and was pleased that Karen and Virginia took up my suggestion to attend the Adoration on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

So on that beautiful May Friday morning, the three of us made our way to St. Paul. All went well though upon arriving at the parking lot, we encountered a bit of uncertainty as to whether we were parked in the correct lot. Pondering our next move, we were amazed but oh so happy to see a foursome from MIC in Rockville (a God ordained moment the three of us agreed) who quickly assured us we were, indeed, parked in the right place. After that, we happily followed them to the correct entry door and thru a maze of halls/passageways and an elevator that eventually led us to the Adoration Chapel located in the capitol's lower level.

The small room (capacity 22) is actually the historic "Governor's Dining Room" built in 1936. Chosen for its intimate chapel like feel, it has simple, cream colored walls with a mural of a northern MN river on one side. Upon entering and signing in, we then seated ourselves and focused our attention on our reason for being there, the monstrance on the white covered table up front with candles on either side. **SIMPLE, YET PROFOUND! JESUS TRULY PRESENT!!!** My prayers over the next hour plus, centered on praying for enlightenment for our legislators, especially in light of the upcoming proposed legislation relative to abortion and religious liberty, as well as gratitude that we still have the freedom to hold this type of worship. Last but not least, I said a prayer of thanks for all those responsible for making it happen.

Speaking about those who make it happen, that credit goes to MCC (Minnesota Catholic Conference) which is the church's public policy voice for our state. Jason Adkins, head of this group, stated, "MCC has long wanted to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the MN capitol." He believes **MN is the only state where the Eucharistic Lord is adored regularly INSIDE its Capitol building.** In addition he stated "It's a way of asking Christ to exercise His Lordship over the state; Christ's Real Presence makes an impact, giving people the opportunity to pray for their elected officials at their place of work, while also nicely complimenting the Church's on going Eucharistic Revival movement.

As I researched more, I found there was much to learn, including, to my surprise that this was already the **2<sup>nd</sup> year** Adoration was taking place with plans to do the same come next January. MCC has had no problem reserving the space which is available for the public to rent. Nearby area priests take turns exposing and reposing the Blessed Sacrament, closing each time with Benediction. MCC staff members assist as needed with a member always present during adoration. So far, happily, there have been no negative incidents or objections; it would seem that Jesus, Himself, is watching over and blessing this adoration time.

Who actually comes? According to Adkins, the list includes legislators, staff members, senior citizens, home-school students, those attending legislative meeting/hearings, members of rural communities outside the twin cities (**that's where we come in**) and even non-Catholics. All share the belief that our work as faithful citizens must be led by prayer and that praying for our elected

## ADORATION AT THE CAPITAL CONTINUED

officials **DOES** make a difference.” Adkins’ concluding remark, “**Lord, we can only do so much. You are ultimately the one in charge!**”, hits a resounding note . It’s what ultimately brings people to adore...including the three of us!. I think Karen and Virginia would readily agree that our trip to St. Paul was well worth the time and effort, a most unique, memorable and uplifting experience!

May God continue to bless this effort which attempts to overcome evil with good by bringing the light of Jesus into a troubled world!

Blessings!  
Char Volkmuth

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## ST. WENDELIN’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS’ DAY



Grandparents were invited to spend special time with their grandchildren at St. Wendelin’s School on April 25, 2024. The day started with celebrating the Eucharist where the students participated in the Mass by reading the daily scripture, asking prayers for the petitions, bringing up the gifts and sharing their voices in song. After Mass, the grandparents enjoyed a continental breakfast, played bingo with their grandchildren and were given tours of the school’s classrooms. Grandparents’ and students’ hearts were filled with joy this day!!!

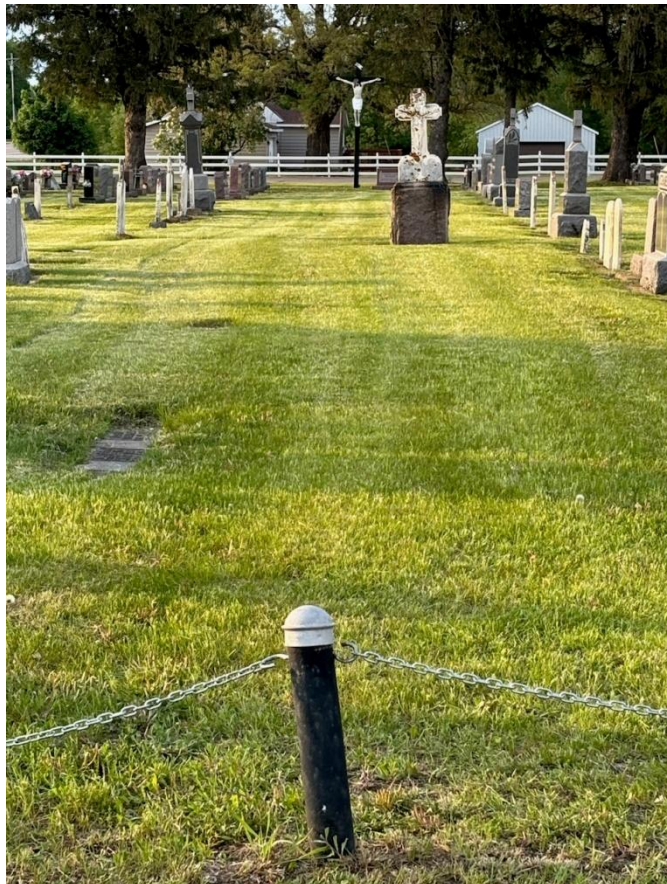
## ST. WENDELIN'S PARISHIONERS

There has been some conversation and ideas brought forth regarding possible beautification to our front and back cemeteries. We are currently looking at the possibility of making a welcoming entrance to the South side of the front cemetery, similar to the drawing. It would be directly in line with the cross, just as shown in the other picture. This would be a nice addition, plus make it a starting point to follow when trying to direct someone to a deceased's grave site or location in the cemetery.

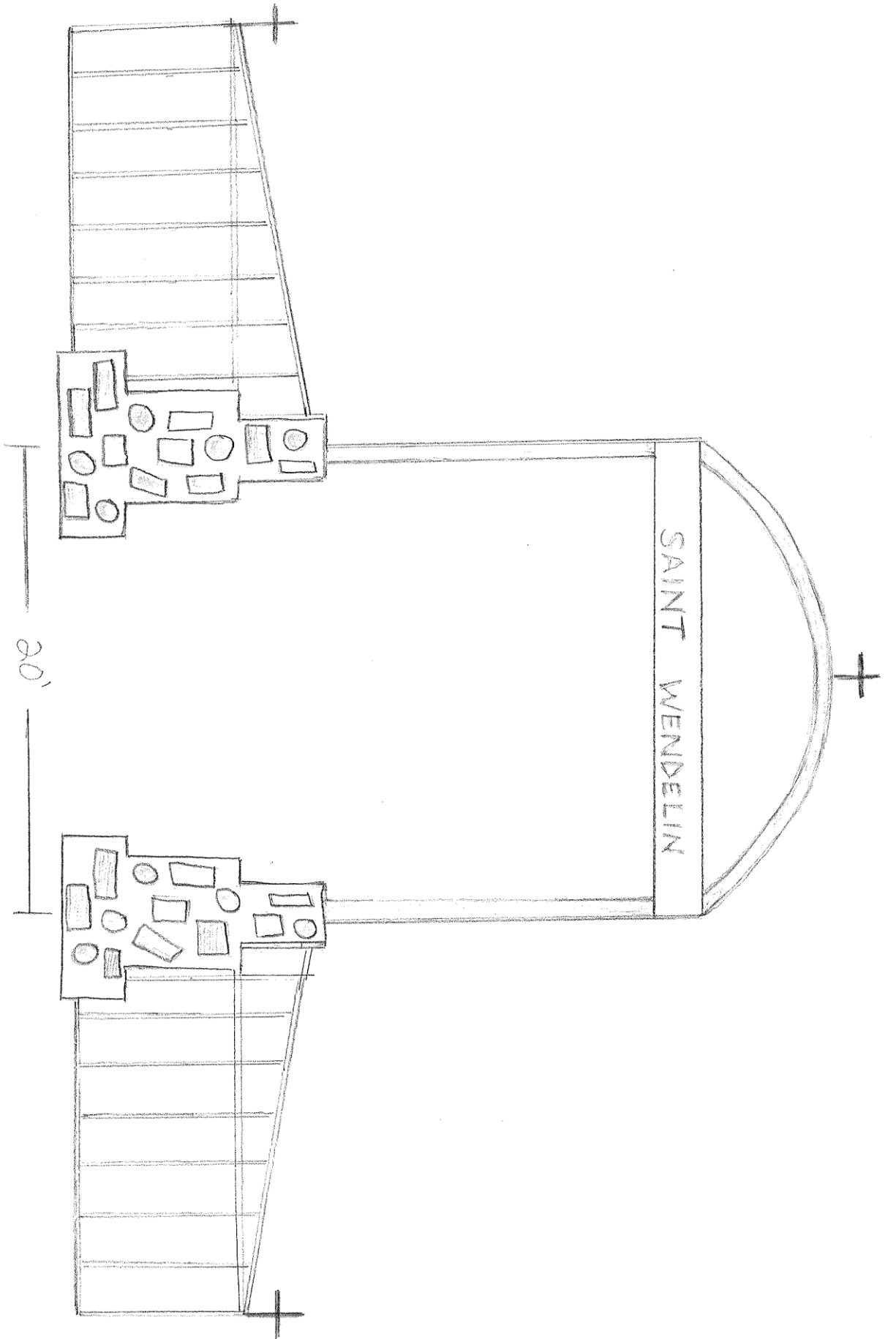
Ideas are also being discussed regarding expanding our back cemetery and making some improvements there, as well. This is all open to discussion.

If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments, please call Steve Brang at 320/247-3999 or Mike Ritzer at 320/333-5516.

With the Luxemburg Lions and your help and support, we can make this happen! Thank you so much for your continued support of St. Wendelin's Parish.







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