



Parish Newsletter

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



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PARISH FESTIVAL 2024

Just 4 Weeks Away
SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024!!!!
 Plans are finalized; all is in place!
 Bring your family and friends!

Be sure to read the message in
 This NEWSLETTER from our leaders
 Dan Salzbrun and John Ludwig

Looking forward to seeing one and all
 at our St. Wendelin Parish Get Together
SUNDAY, JULY 28!

LUCKY STRAW STAND

Lucky Straw Stand would appreciate 50-cent to \$1 items for prizes (new or good-used) — prizes for all ages.

Think Dollar Store, clearance sales and garage sales. You can place donations in the labeled box in the main entrance of the church. Thank you!

Don't worry. God is never blind to your tears, never deaf to your prayers and never silent to your pain. He sees. He hears and He will deliver.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

August 4, 2024

DEADLINE for News:

Monday July 29, 2024

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

**Get your articles to Sheila Albers
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**CONGRATULATIONS
 FATHER MITCHELL BECHOLD
 ON YOUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY
 OF ORDINATION
 ORDAINED JUNE 21, 2014**



Yes, we rejoice with our own Father Mitchell on this milestone. We're proud of you, Father, thank God for your vocation and ask Him to richly bless your ministry. May you always be a faithful and passionate follower of Jesus bringing faith, hope and love to all in your care!

YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER!

2024 PARISH FESTIVAL UPDATE

ST. WENDELIN PARISH FESTIVAL is now only 4 weeks away and these remaining weeks will go by quickly. At this time, we are on schedule with all the venues.

GAMES are looking for cookie donations. Corey Gerads informed us that any brand cookie is good but stay away from chocolate covered cookies, as they have a tendency to melt in hot weather. Also, new to slightly used stuffed animals are always a big hit with the kids. Place donations in the designated bins in the church entry or south entrance.

LUCKY STRAW... Sue informed us that you can pick up 50 cent to one dollar items at the local Dollar Store; also Crazy Days, Clearance and garage sales. Items are needed for both kids and adults and should be new please. Place donations in the designated bin in the church entry or south entrance.

MARKETPLACE... Hope all you gardeners and crafters are keeping the Marketplace in mind. Fresh garden produce, jams and jellies along with crafts items are always great sellers.. Also keep in mind the stand's Silent Auction Baskets; deadline for baskets is July 20th. For more info, contact Marla Honer, 320-266-0336 or Mary Schaefer, 320-250-1650.

INFLATABLES... We'll have 3 inflatables to make it an exciting and fun fill day for the kids, plus the BB Gun Shoot is back.

CAKE SPIN... Don't forget this stand enjoyed so much by little and big kids alike. Hint! Kids like cupcakes topped with sprinkles or M & M candies.

RAFFLE... Have you seen the great list of items? It's time to be selling those chances for over \$15,000.00 worth of cash and prizes!

BANDS... **J J's OLD TIME BAND** from St. Stephen and the **OLD TYME COUNTRY BAND** will both be back to put on a good show that gets your foot stomping to good old Country Music.

The **CHICKEN DINNER** has been ordered and will be catered by Custom Catering by the Short Stop.

Finally, the **QUILT AUCTION** is at 3:00 pm. The ladies from our Quilting Group have once again come up with a beautiful assortment of quilts. Be there to bid on some of the nicest quilts money can buy.

Lastly, the **WEATHER** is under the guidance of Father Erik Lundgren. With that, we know it will be a wonderful day.

WORK YOUR SHIFT AND HAVE A FUN FILLED TIME AT OUR PARISH FESTIVAL!
REMEMBER, this Festival will be a success because YOU made it a success.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Dan Salzbrun, 320-980-1558, John Ludwig 320-259-8136 and Committee Members

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Unapproved Minutes

St. Wendelin's Finance Council held its meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Wendelin's school library.

Opened with a prayer lead by Lisa Lichte.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Lommel, Lisa Lichte, Kelly Knier, and Trustees Joe Watrin and Erin Lommel. Also present was guest Tracy Dombrovski.

MEMBER ABSENT and excused – Todd Hurrel.

REVIEW OF AGENDA:

The meeting agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Kelly, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of an Endowment Committee replacement.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Jeanne, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2024, meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The council briefly reviewed the financial reports; finances continue to be in a good position. A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Kelly, seconded by Lisa, and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tracy reported on things that the Parish Life Committee has been working on including an inventory of parish items, and options regarding a parish directory.

Action Item: Jeanne to contact Shelly at SMHOC about tagging St Wendelin items.

The Endowment Committee had a member step down so is looking for a replacement. This is a position that is voted on by the council. Suggestions about possible nominees were discussed.

Action Item: Jeanne to contact Father Erik about protocol and contact Bonnie about

available Education Endowment disbursement funds

OLD BUSINESS:

The new Finance Council By-Laws were reviewed and are ready to be sent to the trustees and Father Erik for signing.

The 2024/2025 proposed budget was reviewed. The school subsidy will increase by \$6,000 to help offset the hiring of an additional teacher. A few suggestions were made for some small changes within the budget.

Action Item: Jeanne will update the budget with the recommended change and the council will review and approve the budget via email.

The Rec Club Lease has been updated and is ready to be signed. Under this lease they will be responsible for part of the property and liability insurance costs. The Rec Club had previously requested approval to remove the old french fry building and to add a 240 square foot addition on to the sandwich stand. These changes will improve the space and workflow, building conditions, and appearance. This plan was postponed for over a year due to financial matters, but the Rec Club has the funds available now. This request was approved by the council and construction will begin soon. The Rec Club will oversee and fund this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was some discussion about worker's compensation annual billing. More information is needed to determine if the church or the school is responsible for this payment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a closing prayer lead by Lisa.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library.

Respectfully submitted: **Kelly Knier**

**ST. WENDELIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY, 21 2024**

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Prayer was led by Bonnie Massmann.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Massmann, Pat Salzbrun, Leanne Donnay, Corey Gerads, Cassandra Deering, Amber Laudenschach, Jason Salzburn, Erin Lommel and Lance Watrin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Todd Hurrell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Routine Matters

Principal Report Finance Report

Grants RRR Grant for 24-25 Received \$5000 to be used in training 4 teachers in Montessori this summer and teacher salary increase.

Dinner Fundraiser Report-Exceeded expectations.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

a. Discussed wage increase for After Care supervisors depending on experience and having high school helper with large groups.

b. Discussed outstanding tuition and scholarships and how to utilize them.

c. Candy sales-Discussed not selling during lent and switching as a fall fundraiser instead of spring. Made over \$4000.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

Policy Manual

Father Erik's revisions-Discussed revisions.

Final Approval of Policy Manual- motion made and passed to approve Policy Manual.

Wellness Policy to be discussed at August meeting.

A. ENROLLMENT

23-24 enrollment 51 24-25 enrollment 61 Possible +5

A. Endowment-Reviewed letter drafted by Bonnie to request funds for storage (cupboards) needed due to adding an additional classroom previously used for storage. Funds would also be used for materials needed in the new classroom. Remaining funds would be requested to be used in 10 % reduction in tuition for current parishioner family students. Discussed cupboards premade vs. custom. Will consult with Keith on this.

NEW BUSINESS

New Staffing was discussed

Questions from Advisory Committee Members

Motion was made and passed to move June meeting to August. Discussed what Barton program does to greatly improve reading fluency in students. Searching for Barton tutor.

Discussed CUF Board and wanting to connect with past members to continue obligations as new board to retain CUF raffle and continue community events. Cloth/mop washing frequency from outside source was discussed. Preschool licensing-continued discussion . Discussed aides returning next fall. Cassandra agreed to continue on the Advisory Board as a teacher rep as she is now teaching here.

Meeting Guests -none

Confidential Matters -None at this time

Next Meetings: August 6th Agenda Items: Staffing, Wellness policy

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by **Leanne Donnay**

CHURCH CLEANING

JULY 2024

GROUP 4

8:00 A.M.

JULY 6TH

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| Janet Lommel | Denise Brannan |
| Dot Bartell | Cyntia Lommel |
| Pam Koshiol | Jackie Eich |
| Emily Salzbrun | |

JULY 13TH

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| Mickie Schriml | Mary Backes |
| Connie Netter | Eileen Kunkel |
| Vickie Bartell | Sandy Leach |
| Kristy Harren | |

JULY 20TH

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| Michelle Fruth | Pat Salzbrun |
| MaryJo Klaverkamp | Patti Brunner |
| JoAnn Massmann | Bonnie Edelbrock |
| Kathy Massmann | Cindy Phillippi |

JULY 27TH

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| Sue Massmann | Vicki Kunkel |
| Tammy Salzbrun-Boese | Jody Albers |
| Christine Greenwald | Angela Sieben |
| Jacqueline Harren | Joey Kiffmeyer |

If you are unable to work your shift please find your own replacement or switch with someone else for a different Saturday.
All are needed to clean God's House.

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

PEACH CHICKEN (with Balsamic)

2 Tbsp olive oil
1/2 medium yellow onion, sliced (about 3/4 cup)
4 (5 oz) boneless skinless chicken breasts or 1 1/4 lbs chicken breast tenderloins
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
1 Tbsp honey
2 cups sliced firm but ripe peaches (about 2 medium)
1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes, drained
1/4 cup thinly sliced basil

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and saute 3 minutes then push far to the side.

Add chicken, season with salt and pepper and cook until golden, about 2 1/2 minutes per side.

Remove chicken from skillet and transfer to a plate, while leaving oil and onions in skillet (if you don't have much oil left you can add another 1/2 Tbsp). Add garlic to skillet and saute 20 seconds.

Add balsamic vinegar and cook and stir until reduced by half, about 1 minute. Stir in honey then add in peaches and tomatoes and toss, season lightly with salt and pepper.

Return chicken to skillet, nestling between peaches and tomatoes, cover skillet with lid, reduce heat to medium-low and allow to simmer until chicken has cooked through (it should register 165 degrees on an instant read thermometer), about 6 - 9 minutes.

Top with fresh basil and serve warm.

Serves 4

UPDATE TO THE BACK CEMETERY MARKERS

Updates will be made to the Luxemburg back cemetery flat markers that will allow the placing of a shepherd's hook or other cemetery arrangements by the drilling of a hole in the concrete apron that is around these markers.

The hole will be drilled all the way through the concrete to allow water to pass through. This will allow families to place their loved one's arrangements in this pre-drilled hole and keep arrangements off the grass, so the ground keepers have an easier time mowing the lawn. If the site already has a pre-drilled hole as some do, no additional hole will be drilled.

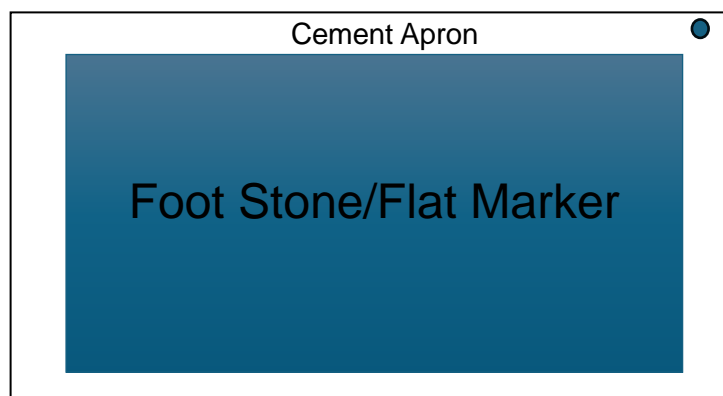
The hole will be a minimum of ½ inch diameter to accommodate most shepherd's hooks. A plastic plug will be placed after the hole is drilled to keep debris out. No holes will be drilled into the granite so if a foot stone doesn't have a concrete apron these will not be touched. Great care will be taken when placing these holes so as not to damage the granite.

SEE DIAGRAM BELOW

If you don't want this done to your footstone or your family members footstone, please let me know by July 15th.

If questions, feel free to call **Michael Ritzer at 320-333-5516** or

Email Mike at mmritzer@hotmail.com.



Luxemburg Lions Amazing 4th of July Holiday Hamburger Sale!

When: *Friday June 28th*

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