



Parish Newsletter

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



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VOTIVE CANDLES

Just a friendly reminder that the large votive candles are \$4.00 and the small ones are \$.50. We appreciate your contribution towards the candles.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

October 26, 2025

DEADLINE for News:

Monday October 20, 2025

**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

MARKETPLACE

Winter, spring, summer, fall,
Crafting, sewing, baking: we need it all.
Be inspired by the leaves changing to red,
And find new recipes for loaves of bread.
The Marketplace stand is already
planning for next July,
(If you have no skills start saving
so you can come buy).

Thank you,
Mary and Marla

FATHER ERIK'S BIRTHDAY...

Many blessings, prayers, and well wishes
to Father Erik
as he celebrates his birthday
Tuesday, October 7th.
If you wish to send him a card,
his address is:

**Father Erik Lundgren
24588 Co. Rd. 7**

St. Augusta, MN 56301

All are invited to Mary Hall
after Mass next Sunday, October 5th
for cake and beverage!





ST. WENDELIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 16, 2025

Advisory Committee

Unapproved Minutes

Prayer led by Father Erik Lundgren

ROLL CALL: Bonnie Massmann, Father Erik Lundgren, Joe Watrin, Jason Salzbrun, Corey Gerads, Cassandra Deering, Leanne Donnay, Amber Laudenschach, Lance Watrin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ROUTINE MATTERS

Principal Report

1. Donations

- a. St. Augusta Legion
- b. Knights of Columbus
- c. Lions
 1. Hotdogs and workers at open house
 2. Protective wraps on the basketball posts due to insurance request

2. Financial Management

- a. August report discussed
- b. CD due on Sept. 19 (funds to be added)

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

FINAL ENROLLMENT 92

NEW BUSINESS

A. WCEA Accreditation

1. Basic overview/timeline-Bonnie explained that with WCEA the Catholic faith component is built into the whole accreditation process in a six year cycle beginning now with a self-study year. This is a living document that can be adjusted as needed.
2. Accreditation committees Signup sheet was passed around for members to volunteer for 1-2 areas. Bonnie is involved in all areas. Teachers are also involved in this process.

B. BUILDING/GROUNDS SECURITY

1. Extra playground supervision (1 additional added)
2. Employee/Volunteer/Visitor Badges will be made on picture day from Lifetouch.
3. Discussion
 - a. Other school facility suggestions-discussed plastic door shields to easily lock classroom doors if needed. Bonnie will check into these. Discussed having someone at front door greeting children/families in the morning at drop-off time.
 - b. Outside building suggestions-Board member will reach out to detective/sheriff's office for possible walk through our buildings for security suggestions.
 - c. Mass time suggestions-discussed

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

C. Board Membership

1. Current members interest in continuing-all agreed to stay on
2. New members-Bonnie will put in newsletter for anyone interested to join Advisory Committee to reach out.

QUESTIONS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Candy and Pizza sales-tentative hand out on 10/2 with return date of 10/20. Keeping 40 candy bars/family to start.
2. Discussed art-possibly extending times to be able to include art concepts for older students.
3. Discussed some interest in school uniforms from some families. Will revisit.
4. New staff are all adjusting very well.

MEETING GUESTS-none

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

NEXT MEETINGS:

October 21, 2025, November 18, 2025, January 20, 2026, February 17, 2026, March 17, 2026, April 21, 2026, May 19, 2026

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leanne Donnay

PATRONAL FEAST DAY

At our 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 19th, we will remember our patron, St. Wendelin (554-617) whose feast day is October 22nd.

Born in Scotland in 554 to a royal family, Wendelin surrendered his crown and fled his homeland, going to Rome for an audience with Pope Benedict I, then eventually to Germany where he chose to live the austere life of a hermit. After several years, he became a shepherd for a nobleman near Trier. Various miracles and healings are attributed to him during these years in light of his life of simplicity and prayer. In 597, following the death of the abbot of the Benedictine monastery in Tholey, Germany, Wendelin reluctantly agreed to serve as abbot. Thus he's often depicted in Benedictine habit (miter on the ground as a sign of his humility) while also holding a sheep or shepherd's staff, (see statue in the back of our church) symbolizing both his earthly and monastic work. Another older carved wooden statue, is encased in our church front display case. This historic 16 inch figure was carried from Germany to America in the mid 1800's by Peter Maus, ancestor to generations of Maus families in our parish. History states that Peter, attributing his safe ocean crossing to St. Wendelin, promised to erect and name a church after him...thus our St. Wendelin Church.

Wendelin died in 617 and is widely venerated especially in the Diocese of Trier, Germany, as well as in Austria, Switzerland and his native Scotland.

ST. WENDELIN, PRAY FOR US!!!

Note: Info for above taken from booklet, "Religious Symbols in the Church of St. Wendelin", written by Father Tom Knoblach, Pastor here from 2005-2007.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The first few weeks of school the preschoolers have been getting used to the routine and expectations of our school day. We are working on learning the Sign of the Cross and before meal prayer. We attended our first Mass as a class. The preschoolers really enjoyed seeing the church! This month we are learning about Apples, counting to 10, and letter sounds.

Mrs. Haselkamp

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We are off and running! I have sixteen kindergarten students this year, which is the largest class size I've had since I started teaching here. It is exciting to see all the new faces and meet the new families. As is the case every new year, the first two weeks of school are about building a classroom community, forming friendships, learning expectations and routines, and establishing good habits. It is also a time for me to observe each individual child and determine which presentations and materials are appropriate to meet that child's needs, as the Montessori method we use here is very individualized. I have been teaching using this method for about 25 years, and I love it because it ensures that all students are challenged, and no student is expected to learn things they are not ready to learn yet. This approach helps eliminate the boredom and frustration that can be present in a traditional classroom. I'm looking forward to this year and all the exciting challenges and adventures it will bring!

Mrs. Matchinsky

1ST & 2ND GRADE NEWS

The first month of school has been a busy one in Mrs. Mehr's 1st and 2nd grade classroom at St. Wendelin's! Our goals for this month are to solidify routines and expectations. We have also started diving into our content. For math we are focusing on addition. Literacy practice has included practicing spelling, reading, writing, and

cursive handwriting. In science we take nature walks and find a leaf that we cannot identify. At the end of the week we color a picture of the leaf, identify it's unique characteristics, then add it to our Botany Binder. Students have also started some geography practice identifying our world, continent, country, state, county, and town. Most importantly, students have been able to grow in their faith by sharing prayer requests and things they are thankful for. We have also utilized the Hallow app for songs of praise, miracle stories, and stories of the saints. While this first month has been a busy one it is already clear that the students are willing and excited to learn. It is going to be a great year!

Thank You,

Luci Mehr

1ST & 2ND GRADE NEWS

Welcome back to school! My class of first and second graders are thrilled to enter another school year. This year, we have three new friends in our class. Our class is the definition of a "classroom family". They fit together so well, helping each other out when it is necessary, and constantly strive to be kind stewards of Christ. This month has been all about getting back into the groove of things. The class is getting familiar with Montessori materials, remembering their cursive skills, and working towards being respectful and responsible students not just in the classroom but in the hallway and out on the playground as well. On Thursday's Father Erik has been sharing great homilies about the Gospels. The students complete reflections after mass each week. So far we have reflected on how to make new people feel welcomed and how important it is to love our enemies. There is never a dull moment in these conversations. We are wishing you a great month and cannot wait to share about our next adventures.

Rebecca Rebstock

3RD & 4TH GRADE NEWS

The 3rd and 4th graders at St. Wendelin's School have had a great back to school month. We have been working on Bible navigation, how to prepare for Mass, and studied Saint Augustine of Hippo. During Rosary time we are learning about and praying the Joyful Mysteries.

The students have enjoyed raising a monarch caterpillar in our room and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. Students came up with many names and we practiced running a democracy by voting for the final name.

One of our journal prompts this year was "If the school could go on a field trip anywhere in the world, where would you go and why." The students' responses included

- Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry
- Long Lake Conservation Camp
- Alaska
- Camping
- A Waterpark

Although these all sound great, I think Long Lake Conservation Camp will be the only reality, and what a treat it will be when they are old enough to go.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our students and staff as we grow in knowledge and relationship with God this school year.

Cassie Deering

5TH & 6TH GRADE NEWS

The 5th and 6th graders have had a wonderful start of the school year! We've had fun getting to know one another through creating and sharing "heart maps" and working together on team challenges. In

Religion class, students have been learning about the Our Father prayer, various saints, and how to navigate the Bible. We are starting a new unit on the Trinity soon! In

Social Studies, students are developing their mapping skills and learning about the

Continents and Oceans. We look forward to diving deeper into content and starting projects! Thank you for your support and prayers!

Jessica Bauer

SCHOOL NEWS

In addition to the new students we have welcomed to St. Wendelin's we are also welcoming two new teachers to our staff. Luci Mehr is a recent college graduate, comes from the Kimball area, and is teaching one of our two 1st/2nd grade classes. Jessica Bauer has taught in a Catholic Schools in Wisconsin and Montana, currently resides in Cold Spring, and is teaching our 5th /6th grade class. Welcome to both of them to the St. Wendelin's Community!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

LIZ MEYER & TRAVIS HARJES

Liz Meyer & Travis Harjes live at 1435 200th St. St. Augusta MN 55320 along with their three children Gavin, June & Ryu. They have been assigned to Group 2.

JOHN & NICOLE POGANSKI

John & Nicole Poganski live at 5846 Galant Road St. Cloud MN 56301 along with their three children Brady, Blair & Cooper. They have been assigned to Group 2

WELCOME TO ST. WENDELIN'S PARISH COMMUNITY

MINUTES FROM ST ANNE'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MEETING

September 9, 2025

St. Anne's Christian Women met Tuesday, September 9, 2025 in Mary Hall beginning with fellowship at 6:30 p.m. President Karen DesAutels called the business meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Twelve members and one guest were present. With the absence of the Secretary, the rank and file agreed that the Minutes from the May 13, 2025 meeting be summarized instead of being read in complete form. The President reviewed the minutes. Motion was made to approve the minutes, motion was seconded and passed; also read was the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$3,603.87 in savings and \$1,564.41 in checking for a total of \$5,168.28. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, motion was seconded and passed.

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Vice President Jean shared thank you notes received since our last meeting.
2. An update was given on the success of the Graduates' Mass held on May 18, 2025. The Mass was well attended and very appreciated by the graduating students.
3. Food, Fun and Fund Day was, again this year, described as a great time. Fun entertainment, delicious food and wonderful fellowship shared.
4. The ACC Harvest Mass was held on August 26, 2025 with approximately sixty attendees. A lingered, outdoor reception followed the Mass which was enjoyed by all.
5. An update was given of the West Central Deanery meeting recently held. President Karen volunteered our group to make up take home bags for the DCCW September 20th meeting. She passed around a sample of the take home bags which included a Pilgrims of Hope bookmark, hand lotion and small tissue package. Our deanery is still in need of members to fill several officers and to be commission reporters.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Our guest, Cyndi Walls, gave an excellent presentation on the Faith Formation meals which are prepared and served during the Faith Formation year. She shared that approximately 100 people are served on any given night. Donations and volunteers to assist in the kitchen are needed. President Karen reminded those present that we donated \$200 and volunteered to help with one meal last year. Our group will be discussing how we will be helping out in this ministry at our next meeting. Cyndi enjoyed coming to our meeting and we, certainly, enjoyed having her.
2. President Karen informed the members that October 12, 2025 is DCCW Sunday. Father Eric will be praying a special blessing over our members at our 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please make note to attend Mass for this blessing.
3. An informational article was distributed. This article was in the DCCW Catholic Newsletter explaining the history of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help picture which is hanging in our parish above the small votive candles on Mary's side. The article details the special meaning behind how the picture was painted. After reading the article, one has a different way in looking at the picture.
4. Sharing Tree was tabled until next month.
5. It was announced that the October Rosary Sign Up will be in the back of church. Members from our group will be leading the rosary prior to our Sunday Masses. Thank you for helping with this devotion to Mary.
6. The November Breakfast to be held on November 23, 2025 will be discussed in detail at our October meeting.
7. Catholic Friday Feed was discussed. It is an online diocesan information site. Ginia Meyer will ask Shelly to put the site information in the bulletin.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN MEETING CONTINUED FROM PAGE

8. We will be hosting a reception after the Remembrance Mass on November 23, 2025. This item will be on the October agenda.
9. Hildegard Rohe requested a donation for quilting supplies. Motion was made and seconded to give Hildegard \$400. She was given a huge thank you from those present for giving so much to so many!
10. A well-deserved halo was given to our quilters for sharing their time and their "needle and thread" talent to our community.
11. The door prize was given to Cyndi Walls in appreciation for all that she does for our ACC Faith Formation program.

C. COMMISSION REPORT

Members were reminded of the September 24, 2025 Opening Rally for 40 Days for Life. Be sure to read about the details of this event in our bulletin and consider attending the rally.

D. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

E. Closing Prayer and Prayer Exchange

Members exchanged names for Prayer Partners. Please pray daily for your new prayer partner and for religious vocations!!!

F. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Schabel, Vice-President

PRAYERS CAN'T BE ANSWERED UNLESS THEY ARE PRAYED

Life without purpose is barren indeed---
There can't be a harvest unless you plant seed,
There can't be attainment unless there's a goal,
And we are but a robot unless there's a soul...
If we send no ships out, no ships will come in,
And unless there's a contest, nobody can win...
For games can't be won unless they are played,
And prayers can't be answered unless they are prayed...
So whatever is wrong with your life today,
You'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray
Not just for pleasure, enjoyment and health,
Not just for honors and prestige and wealth...
But pray for a purpose to make life worth living...
And pray for the joy of unselfish giving,
For great is your gladness and rich your reward
When you make your life's purpose the choice of the Lord.

**CHURCH CLEANING
OCTOBER, 2025
GROUP 2**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Glen & Lori Winter
Bob & Shelly Gaetz
Barry & Patty Brix
Darren & Sara Kiffmeyer

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Dan & Lucy Garding
Bob & Jeanie Massmann
Jean Schabel
Ron & Sharon Spanier

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

Tom & Cathy Bautch
Jeff & Julie Frank
Greg & Mary Schaefer
Karen Bechtold

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 24 (FALL
CLEANING)*****

Joe & Kathy Watrin
Lance & Katie Watrin
Paul & Sue Reinert
Nick & Mary Lieser

*****Anyone else from our parish**

There is a list of what needs to be done in the back of church. If you choose to clean on Friday night, please check off what you have done from the list. If you are unable to work your shift, please find a replacement or switch with someone else. Thank you!

Whatever you ask for in faith-filled prayer, you will receive. Matthew 21:22

**Heavenly Father,
Sometimes it feels hard to believe. We tell you our needs, we ask for your help; and we wait. We need to look closely for your reply. Sometimes it just requires faith to recognize that you have already answered us, and we just haven't seen it yet. Help us keep our eyes open.
Amen.**

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

PEACH DESSERT

CRUST

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp baking soda
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
1 tsp vanilla
1 egg

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

12 oz. cream cheese
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter
1 tsp. vanilla
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup powdered sugar

PEACH GLAZE

4 large ripe peaches peeled and chopped
1 cup water
1 cup sugar
3 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. butter

Make the Crust: Mix the butter, sugar, egg, and vanilla until well combined. (You can use an electric mixer or just mix with a spoon if your butter is melted.) Add flour, baking powder, and salt. Mix until combined. Chill the dough for 30 minutes.

Bake the Crust: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9x13 pan with parchment. Roll the chilled dough out in pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes. Allow it to cool.

Make the Cream Cheese Frosting: Using an electric mixer, combine the cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar and vanilla until smooth and creamy. Spread over the cooled cookie crust and chill again to firm up the frosting.

Make the glaze: In a medium-sized pot, mix together the peaches and water. Cook for 4 minutes over medium heat. Add the sugar and cornstarch and cook until clear. It will thicken up and be a nice thick glaze. Remove from heat and add the lemon juice and butter. Stir until the butter is melted and then let the mixture cool. Spread over cream cheese filling. Refrigerate until glaze is cooled.

BREAKFAST RESULTS GROUP ONE



Whoooo's saying thank you??? We are!!!

From Charlie and Tracy, our Group One Leaders to Group 1 members for the fantastic job at the September 21st breakfast. It was because of your generous giving of time and effort that our group was able to serve 240 adults and 19 children. Everyone attending the breakfast left full and happy. To a wonderful parish group that continually gives so unselfishly, THANK YOU and GOD BLESS!

We would also like to thank all of you who attended our breakfast. An event like this could not be successful without people like you who, not only attend the breakfast, but also give so generously to the raffle and bake sale. Raffle winners are listed below. May God continue to bless you with His grace!

Lucky Winners were:

Dan DesAutels = \$25 Cash – Anonymous
Madison Salzbrun = \$25 Cash – Anonymous
Angie Landwehr = \$25 Cash – Anonymous
Rebecca Ley = \$25 Cash – Knight of Columbus
Patrick Watrin = \$25 Scheel's Gift Card – Tony & Kelli Knier
Ron Greener = \$50 Cash Wise Gift Card – Char Volkmuth
Joe & Jean Harren = \$10 Central Grind Gift Card – Central Grind
Angie Landwehr = Baby Quilt – Hildegard Rohe's Quilting Group
Carmen Fuentes = Christmas Quilt – Anonymous
Sandra Harren = Apple Pie (frozen) – Stacey Watrin
Diane Koenig = Apple Pie (frozen) – Stacey Watrin
Patrick Watrin = Hayloft Sweatshirt/Tshirt/Winter Hat - Hayloft
Rose Gleason = Food Box
Mary Neidermeier = Food Box
Mary Doering = Food Box
Kurt Neidermeier = Food Box

LET GO...

Let go...

Of guilt; it's okay to make
The same mistake again.

Let go...

Of obsessions; they seldom
Turn out the way you planned.

Let go...

Of hate; it's a waste of love.

Let go...

Of fear; it's a waste of faith.

Let go...

Of blaming others; you are
responsible for your own destiny.

Let go...

Of despair; change comes from
acceptance and forgiveness.

Let go...

Of the past;
The future is here---right now.



St. Wendelin's Parish Fall Breakfast

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Serving 8:30am – 11:30am

Menu

Scrambled Eggs & Egg Bake

Sausage & Breakfast Potatoes

Applesauce

Fresh baked Cinnamon Rolls/Toast

Coffee, Milk & Juice

\$12.00 for adults

\$5.00 for kids 5-10

4 & under are free

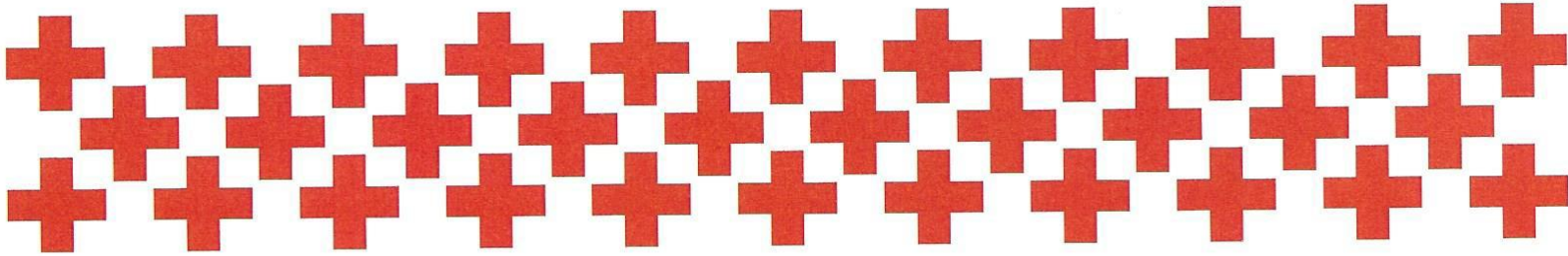
Bake Sale and Raffle

Join us at St. Wendelin for 10:00am Mass



American Red Cross

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Blood Drive
Luxemburg Lions Club

St. Wendelin Church

22714 State Highway 15 - St. Cloud

Friday, October 17, 2025
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