



# Parish Newsletter

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



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When we stand before God at the end of our lives, He won't ask to see our passports, stock portfolios, or our academic degrees. But a baptismal certificate will make him smile!

### VALUE LOVED ONES

The special people God has placed in your life today are there for a reason. Treasure them moment by moment.  
Proverbs 17:17:6

### NEXT NEWSLETTER

February 22, 2026

**DEADLINE for News:**

Monday February 16, 2026

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

Get your articles to Sheila Albers  
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Phone 320-251-7116

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## MARKETPLACE

Best recited with your Pom-poms shaking!  
(Human pyramid optional.)

Hey, hey, it's cold round here,  
there must be some crafters in the atmosphere!

Hey, hey, we're covered in snow,  
the Marketplace is saying get ready-set-go...

Sew, quilt, buy, or bake,  
think about the Marketplace,  
we'll take what you can make!

**Mary and Marla**

## OPEN HOUSE

**ST. Wendelin School**

**January 29, 2026**

**6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

Come check out our school.

Best school for your child's education!

Any questions call **320-251-9175**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

**January 25—30th**

**SUNDAY**—Mass 10:00 a.m.

Cookies & Coffee in Mary Hall

**MONDAY**—Pajama Day

Readings on the History of School/Trivia

**TUESDAY**—Class Color Day

**WEDNESDAY**—Sport/Jersey Day

Speaker at 2:00 p.m. in Gym on History  
of the School—**PUBLIC WELCOME**

**THURSDAY**—Dress Your Best Day

**FRIDAY**—School Spirit

Basketball Free Throw Contest 1:00 p.m.

**FOOD DRIVE:** Class with the highest  
weight in lbs. gets a small prize.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

This month we have been working hard getting back into our daily routines. We were shocked at how quickly the students picked right back up where they left off. We have been able to enjoy some time playing outside in all of the snow we received. We continue to work on our handwriting, letter sounds, and number recognition.

In religion we talked about Baptism. We discussed what baptism means, who John the Baptist is, and what you typically see at a baptism: the baptismal font, the pouring of water over the head 3 times, holy oils, a white garment, and a candle being lit. In Rosary we learned and prayed the five Glorious Mysteries.

**Mrs. Haselkamp**

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We have been having fun in kindergarten math practicing lots of skip counting which is a great precursor to understanding multiplication. We are also learning to identify and name polygon shapes.

I am very excited about two new collections of books that were purchased for our library. One is a collection of books about saints that is written especially for primary aged children. The other is a series of seven books in a collection that teaches children about the seven deadly sins. Each sin is represented by a dragon and gives the reader the "sword" to slay the dragon. The characters are students at a Catholic Academy. We are just finishing up the first book where the dragon of Pride is defeated with humility. I am loving it right along with the children!!

In geography, the students are enjoying the Montessori puzzle maps and a work about animals of the continents.

**Mrs. Matchinsky**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE NEWS

We have added a few more new things to our classroom at the start of the New Year. The activity students are most excited about is our lima bean project. Students analyzed and deconstructed the bean, learned the different parts of the bean, and discussed the growth process and materials needed. This past week each student planted a bean (in a plastic baggie) and placed it somewhere in the classroom. They also each created a hypothesis for how well their bean would grow in that location. They are patiently waiting and observing to determine their results!

**Luci Mehr**

## FEATURED 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADERS

For the star of the New Year students reflected on their goals and resolutions. Here are the responses!

**Nora R.** - My New Year's resolution is to spend more time with God.

**Audrey M.** - My New Year's resolution is to listen to mom and dad.

**June H.** - My New Year's resolution is to listen to my mom and dad.

**Ryder H.** - My New Year's resolution is to make more money.

**Harvey L.** - My New Year's resolution is to pray to God.

**Jayda L.** - My New Year's resolution is to be nice to siblings.

**Sophia M.** - My New Year's resolution is to be nice to my sister.

**Cambria E.** - My New Year's resolution is to listen to mom and dad.

**Hailey B.** - My New Year's resolution is to clean my room.

**Levi H.** - My New Year's resolution is to be nice to siblings.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## FEATURED 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADERS CONTINUED

**Emilia G.** - My New Year's resolution is to clean my room.

**Avery T.** - My New Year's resolution is to clean my room.

**Adriana L.** - My New Year's resolution is to clean my room.

**Luci Mehr**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE NEWS

Happy New Year to all of our parishioners.

Our class has been hard at work discovering the continents and North American countries. We are dedicating the beginning of the year to learning about geography and maps around the world.

Thanks be to God for creating a beautiful universe for us. The students are praying to learn more about God's individual will for themselves. We hope 2026 is a year of discovery and determination to achieve the goals God has set for us.

God Bless,

**Mrs. Rebecca Rebstock's First and  
Second Graders**

## 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS

To kick off the new year the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders started learning the 50 States and Capitals.

In science we built a leg that included tendons, ligaments, bones, and muscles.

We have spent time learning about St. Thomas More and talking about how we can stand up for what is right, even if it isn't the popular thing to do.

Our classroom has some new fraction materials that many students have been choosing to work with. Their understanding and love of fractions is growing!

We are looking forward to celebrating our Catholic identity during Catholic Schools Week January 25-31. Stay Warm!

**Mrs. Deering**

## 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS

5/6 has been developing their writing skills by writing a persuasive essay. Students have explored the writing process and will edit and present their essays soon.

In religion, we've begun a unit on the 7 Sacraments. We will explore each Sacrament separately, starting this month with Baptism!

Students wrapped up a unit on volcanoes and earthquakes and are now learning about the 50 states and regions of the US.

We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 26th-30th. We are so grateful for Catholic Schools! Blessings on your new year!

**Ms. Bauer**

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**CHURCH CLEANING  
FEBRUARY 2026  
GROUP 2**

**FEBRUARY 7**

Angela Moscho  
Beth Mueller  
Gary & Roxanne Plombon  
LaVerne Reinert  
Greg & Mary Schaefer

**FEBRUARY 14**

Kevin & Diane Thole  
Steve & Pam Voigt  
Dale & Jeneen Albers  
Daryl & Janet Albers

**FEBRUARY 21**

Jeff & Debbie Bechtold  
Joan Bechtold  
Deloris Heid  
Barb Kenning

**FEBRUARY 28**

Terri Gill  
John & Linda Kaiser  
Karen Kuschel  
Dan & Lisa Lichte

**If you choose to come and clean on Friday night, please leave a note with what has been completed, otherwise please come on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. There is a note hanging in the back of church with a list of what needs to be done. Thank you!**

**LAUGH AWAY**

Laughter is release and the best pick-me-up available; so let laughter have its way. Remember, "A merry heart does good like medicine."

**RECIPE CORNER**

Ron Albers

**NO BAKE PEANUT BUTTER CHEESECAKE**

25 Oreos  
1/4 cup Melted Butter  
1 2/3 cup Whipping Cream  
9oz Cream Cheese  
1 cup Powdered Sugar  
1/2 cup Smooth Peanut Butter  
1/2 cup Whipping Cream  
7oz Dark Chocolate  
Peanuts for decorating

**Prepare the Crust:** Crush the Oreos and mix them with melted butter. Press the mixture into a lined 8-inch springform pan and chill it to set.

**Whip the Cream:** In a separate bowl, whip the cream until it's softly whipped and set aside.

**Mix the Filling:** Blend the cream cheese and powdered sugar together. Then, add the peanut butter and whipped cream until everything is well combined.

**Combine and Chill:** Pour the filling into the prepared crust and chill it for at least 6 hours or overnight.

**Make the Ganache:** Heat the cream until it's close to boiling, then pour it over chopped dark chocolate. Stir until smooth and let it cool.

**Top the Cheesecake:** Pour the ganache over the cheesecake, letting it drip over the edges. Decorate with chopped peanuts.

**Final Chill:** Chill the cheesecake for a few more hours before serving.



# ST. WENDELIN CHURCH BREAKFAST

**Sunday February 1, 2026**

**8:30 a.m. – Noon**

St. Wendelin Parish in Luxemburg  
(7 miles South of St. Cloud on Hwy 15)

**Scrambled Eggs \* Pancakes with Toppings**

**Pep's Pork Sausage \* Fruit**

**Cold Spring Bakery Rolls & Pastries**

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