



Parish Newsletter

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



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MARKETPLACE

**Recipe for Making the
Market Place Stand a SUCCESS...**

- 1 basket for the Silent Auction**
- 6 Embroidered Dish Towel sets (x infinity)**
- 100 Dozen Baked Goods (Cookies, Bars, Cakes, Breads, ect.)**
- 1 Gallon of Homemade Jellies**
- 1 Bushel of Garden Produce**
- 1 Chord of Wood Working**
- Endless Dedication of the Parishioners (No substitutions!)**
- A Pinch of Talent.**
- Add All Ingredients Together With a Little Prayer!**

Mary and Marla

THE FOUR LETTER WORD

Things getting you down?
Too tired to pray?
Let me suggest one of a few
Four-letter words
God loves to hear us use...HELP!

LOVING CAN BE DIFFICULT

The greatest sacrifice we make is
choosing to love those who are
not easy to love.

Be joyful in hope,
Patient in affliction,
Faithful in prayers.

Prayer is the answer
To every problem there is.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

March 29, 2026

DEADLINE for News:

Monday March 23, 2026

**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

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



ST. WENDELIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 20, 2026
Advisory Committee
Unapproved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.
Prayer led by Bonnie Massmann

ROLL CALL: Bonnie Massmann, Jason Salzbrun, Cassandra Deering, Leanne Donnay, Amber Laudenbach, Todd Hurrle, Lance Watrin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ROUTINE MATTERS PRINCIPAL REPORT

1. Donations
 - a. St. Augusta Legion
 - b. Knights of Columbus
 - c. Knights of Columbus-Keep Christ in Christmas Posters
 - d. Hayloft
 - e. St. Augusta Firefighters Auxiliary
 - f. Annual Campaign-Pat will share when totaled

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- a. December Financials-will be sent out when Terese gets back.
- b. St. Mary's HOC tuition subsidy
- c. Christian Brothers Retirement Changes-Bishop Neary formed a committee and starting Jan 1st, have frozen sending payments to Christian Brothers at this time. Committee is planning a potential 401K for employees which would be controlled by a third party. It will be decided by July how funds which have previously been paid in would be taken care of. This is a work in progress and updates can be found on diocesan website on "Christian Brothers" tab.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS LUNCH PROGRAM INSPECTION

- 4 components
- a. Procurement-completed
 - b. Financial Response due Feb 5. Terese is helping Bonnie with this.
 - c. On-Site Response-sent Jan. 20
 - d. County safety inspection was completed and passed

LONG TERM SUB

Long Term Sub for Mrs. Rebstock for maternity leave in March-continuing the search for this position

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reregistration of current families-will be sent home soon
2. Open House Thursday, Jan. 29th. Teachers will be present
3. Tuition-Board discussed and suggested tuition rates for 2026/27.

ST. WENDELIN ADVISORY MEETING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. "Saints in Training"-t-shirts will be given to all students from anonymous donor on the Friday of Catholic Schools Week.
- 5. Revised Mission Statement-discussed and made suggestions.

QUESTIONS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Fundraising committee would like to purchase table linens and was suggested to ask for donations for this need.

Discussed details about keeping this big event at the school as well as silent auction style (virtual vs. in-person vs. hybrid)

Jason is waiting on call back for active threat training for staff.

Door/floor bolts have been installed.

Morning entry door monitor volunteers have been covering every day. Grateful for this.

MEETING GUESTS-none

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

NEXT MEETINGS: February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Donnay



LENT

Lent is a 40 day sacred season to renew our hearts and lives to the Lord with **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.**

Prayer opens ourselves to the Lord and praying daily develops trust in the Lord.

"When the time comes to save you, I will show you favor and answer your cries for help." Isaiah 49: 8

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man, who built his house on rock." Matthew 7:24

Fasting teaches us that we are not ruled by our appetites but created for something greater - communion with God himself. (All Saints Press)

"True fasting lies in rejecting sin." ~St. Basil

Almsgiving changes our focus to others in need and love of our neighbor.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least of my brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 7: 24

God is near us and leading us during these 40 days of Lent.

Submitted by: **Mary Neidermeier and Geralyn Hurrle**

SCHOOL NEWS

PRESCHOOL NEWS

This month we have been working on following the beads while praying the rosary. This is a tricky yet important skill for them to have. We are learning about the Sorrowful mysteries of the rosary to get us ready for the season of Lent.

In class all of the preschoolers are really starting to get their letter sounds memorized. We are working on sounding out three letter words and blending the sounds to read the word.

We were very excited because the weather warmed up a bit so we could get outside.

Mrs. Haselkamp

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We are heading into Lent which is one of my favorite times of the year to teach because there is so much to share with the children! We will be focusing a lot on fasting, almsgiving and ways to incorporate more prayer. There is a children's Lent challenge on the Hallow app called, "Miracle Finders" that I'm excited about, and I found a resource called "40 Ways for 40 Days" that I plan on using to help the children prepare for a fruitful Lent.

We have been enjoying fun activities during "I Love to Read Month." Our older students created an awesome tree for the hallway where students get to add leaves every time they finish reading a book. It has gotten them so excited about reading more books! The featured author for the month is Beverly Cleary, and since she was a favorite of mine as a child, I have been loving sharing this author with the children.

I will be having a hip replacement on March 2 and would appreciate any prayers you could offer for a smooth and quick recovery so I can get back into the classroom as quickly as possible.

Mrs. Matchinsky

1ST & 2ND GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Mehr's class has started a new science activity. Instead of doing botany, we have switched over to anatomy. Each week we learn about a new organ in the human body. So far we have done the brain and the heart! With each organ we do some fun activities for students to become aware of their own body. For example, to help them understand the heart, they felt for their pulse in their wrist and neck. We also measured heart rates on an exercise watch. Then the students did a brief workout before we measured heart rates again to see how they changed. We also listened to what a human heart beat sounds like. The students are VERY curious about the organs and have so many amazing questions like "so what is a heart attack?" and "if that is what the heart sounds like, does the brain have a sound?". They are looking forward to learning about the rest of the organs!

Luci Mehr

3RD & 4TH GRADE NEWS

February we celebrated I Love to Read month with book bingo, extra reading challenges, and dress up like your favorite book character day.

We studied Saint Valentine and how he stood up for the Church's teaching even in the face of death. We also prepared for lent by talking about alms giving, fasting, and prayer. The entire school will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Monday during lent at 2pm. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us! In Social Studies students continue to learn new States and Capitals and Science has been focused on different types of habitats.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we journey through this Lenten Season together.

Mrs. Deering

SCHOOL NEWS

5TH & 6TH GRADE NEWS

The 5/6 class has been reading the autobiography, "Through My Eyes" by Ruby Bridges in honor of Black History Month. February is also I Love to Read Month. Students had the opportunity to participate in a book swap and read a favorite children's book to the younger students. In religion class, we have wrapped up our first unit on the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and are now exploring 1st Communion and Eucharist. We look forward to a prayerful Lenten season!

Ms. Bauer

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

JUSTIN & HEATHER POPE

Justin and Heather Pope live at 7460 195th Street Kimball MN 55353 along with their two kids, Brynnley & Archer. They will be assigned to group 3.

WELCOME TO ST. WENDELIN'S PARISH COMMUNITY

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YOU'RE ALWAYS ON GOD'S MIND

God will never ever forget you.
Your very name is engraved
On the palm of his hand.

MEDITATE ON NATURE

Look around you,
There are hundreds of ways
In which God is telling you
How much He cares.
He says, "Be still and know
That I am God."

BIBLE QUIZ ONE-WORD ANSWERS NEW TESTAMENT

1. "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and _____ came by Jesus Christ."
2. When Jesus was baptized, the Spirit of God came down in the shape of a _____.
3. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own _____."
4. Jesus cured the blind man with clay made from dirt on the ground and _____.
5. What day was it that Jesus healed the blind man?
6. Jesus said: "The Son of man cometh at an hour when ye _____ not."
7. Jesus caused a _____ tree to wither, and then told his disciples, "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, he shall receive."
8. "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak," said Jesus, when he found the disciples _____.
9. When Jesus was asked if it was proper to pay tribute to Caesar, before he answered he asked to be brought a _____.
10. When Mary Magdalene saw the resurrected Jesus, she thought he was the _____.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 8

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APPRECIATE YOUR UNIQUENESS

God's love for you is unlimited.
If you were the only person
That needed forgiveness,
Jesus would have gone to
The cross just for you.

GROUP 3 BREAKFAST RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who braved the snow and came out to enjoy breakfast with us! With your support, as well as anonymous donations, we were able to raise \$2,911.72. To those of you who helped set up on Saturday, as well as all who showed up to work yours or someone else's shift on Sunday, we are so appreciative. Dan & Judy Walters – thank you for continuing to work side by side with us. We truly appreciate it. To Sheila & Ron Albers for the beautiful roses and table decorations, as well as designing the poster and getting the raffle tickets ready for printing. Thank you so much for all the hours you put in. Thank you to Mary Broda for advertising, as well as hours helping, along with Laurie & Steve Opatz. Many laughs were had. Thank you, also, to Emily Salzbrun and H&S Heating for kindly printing the raffle tickets. We are so thankful to you for doing that for us. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes to the raffle. We really appreciate your generosity.

NEXT YEAR'S GROUP 3 BREAKFAST WILL BE FEBRUARY 7, 2027

Thank you, again, to everyone who helped make this possible, as well as those who came to support. We are so grateful!!!

Jolene & Steve

GROUP 3 RAFFLE RESULTS

\$50.00 Cash / Anonymous - **Jeff & Nancy Albers**

\$25.00 Cash / K of C - **Al Witte**

Birdie Gift Basket / Judy Walters - **Steve & Jolene Brang**

\$25.00 Coborn's Gift Card / Marie Kotzer & Mary Broda - **Harvey Ley**

Valentine's Gift Basket / Angie Landwehr - **Paul Roufs**

\$25.00 Cash / Anonymous - **Marshia Bechtold**

Set of Embroidered Dish Towels / Carol Hunstiger - **Char Volkmuth**

\$25.00 Red Lobster Gift Card / Mary Broda & Marie Kotzer - **Sheila Albers**

Hot Chocolate Gift Basket / Sheila & Ron Albers - **Todd Hurrle**

\$25.00 Cash / Luxemburg Lions - **Julian Rice**

Noel Ponsettia Star Shpd PltsSet of 3 / Sue Eckerman - **Marshia Bechtold**

Guardian Angel Lighted Frm / Sue Eckerman - **Luke Honer**

Mary's Moo Moos Picture Frm / Sue Eckerman - **Arlene Kremers**

Box of Groceries / Group 3 - **Laura Kunkel**

Box of Groceries / Group 3 - **Cory Broda**

Box of Groceries / Group 3 - **Steve Opatz**

**CHURCH CLEANING
(Including Spring Cleaning)
MARCH, 2026
GROUP 3**

(Cleaning time is 8:30 a.m.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

**Judy & Dan Walters
Sheila & Ron Albers
Erin & Paul Koshiol
Geraldyn & Todd Hurrell
Jennifer & Damon Rice

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

**** Spring Cleaning of Church –
Everyone From any Group
Welcome! ****

*** Ruth & Paul Roufs
Marla & John Honer
Jayne & Keith Thole
Sharon & Ray Gohman
Margie & Dale Koshiol
Gene & Cassie Deering
Jolene & Steve Brang

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

***Sandi & Mike Weber
Gina & Joe Bartell
Julie & Dale Kraemer
Nancy & Jeff Albers
Sue & Paul Koshiol

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

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

**AIR FRYER CRAB SHRIMP GARLIC
BREAD BOMBS**

1/2 cup cooked shrimp, chopped
1/2 cup lump crab meat
1 cup shredded mozzarella or Monterey Jack cheese
2 tbsp cream cheese, softened
1 tbsp mayo
1 tsp Old Bay seasoning
1/2 tsp garlic powder
1 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
1 can refrigerated biscuit dough (8 count)
3 tbsp melted butter
2 cloves garlic, minced

Mix the Cheesy Seafood Filling:
In a bowl, combine shrimp, crab meat, cream cheese, shredded cheese, mayo, Old Bay, and garlic powder. This seafood snack bomb is packed with creamy, spicy goodness.

Stuff the Dough Balls:
Flatten each biscuit and spoon in the filling. Pinch the edges closed and roll into balls—these cheesy stuffed bites are ready to crisp up to golden glory.

Preheat air fryer to 375°F. Lightly grease the basket and air fry balls for 8–10 minutes until golden and cooked through. This step gives you crispy snack magic in minutes. (You also could bake in oven)

Make Garlic Butter Drizzle:
Mix melted butter with minced garlic and a sprinkle of parsley. Once the bombs are done, brush generously for that irresistible garlic bread twist.

Serve Hot & Goopy. Serves: 4

PRAYERS

Dear God Our Father,
It is my greatest desire today to
know You better.
I want to have a relationship with
You that is distinguished by
intimacy of prayer, integrity of
life, and intentionality of
commitment.
You have searched me,
and You know me.
If there is any sin in me,
forgive it and lead me to the
truth of Your absolutes for living.
Thank You for guiding all my
relationships and responsibilities.
Lead my steps today so that I may
live out Your intentions for my life.
Give me the peace of knowing and
trusting You completely.
In the grace of Your beloved Son.
Amen.

To pray is the greatest thing we
can do... True praying has the
largest results for good.

When the trials of this life
make you weary
And your troubles seem
too much to bear,
There's a wonderful
solace and comfort
In the silent communion of prayer.

LORD, HELP ME TO BE GOOD...
I fully realize that I don't have
what it takes without Your help.
Take my selfishness, impatience,
and irritability and turn them into
kindness, long-suffering, and the
willingness to hear all things.
Take my old emotional habits,
mindsets, automatic reactions,
rude assumptions, and self-
protective stance, and make me
patient, kind, good, faithful,
gentle, and self-controlled.
Take the hardness of my heart
and break down the walls with Your
battering ram of revelation.
Give me a new heart and work in
me Your love, peace, and joy.
I am not able to rise above who I
am at this moment.
Only You can transform me.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 5

1. Truth. (John 1:17)
2. Dove. (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32)
3. Soul. (Matthew 16:26)
4. Spittle. (John 9:6-7)
5. Sabbath. (John 9:14)
6. Think. (Luke 12:40)
7. Fig. (Matthew 21:19-22)
8. Sleeping. (Matthew 26:40-41)
9. Penny. (Mark 12:14-15; Luke 20:22-24)
10. Gardener. (John 20:1, 14-15)

WILD WEST



St. Wendelin Church Group 4 Dinner



Saturday – March 14, 2026

Serving from 5:00p-7:00p

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

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

Please return the bottom of this form w/ 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, 2026

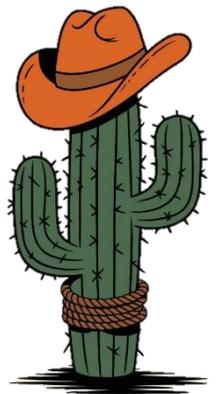
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Name: _____

Meal (please circle): **Chicken** (\$30) or **Prime Rib** (\$40)

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





Help the Lux Lions with the Trex Recycling Challenge

This challenge is to collect **1200 pounds** of plastic.

The reward.....a chance to win a Trex Bench for the community and also to help keep plastic out of the land fills!

All your collected plastic bags can be dropped off at the **Lux Feed Mill @ 21967 MN Hwy 15** or at **Gohmann Supply @ 23784 64th Ave St Augusta.**

All plastic **must** be clean, dry and free of food residue.

What can be recycled?



Grocery Bags



Bread Bags



Cereal Bags



Produce Bags



Ziplock Bags



Case Wrap Sleeves



Ice Bags



Shipping Envelopes



Bubble Wrap



Newspaper



Dry Cleaning Bags



Salt Bags



Pallet wrap & Stretch Film



Wood Pallet Bags

Lux Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 4th at 11:00 am

St. Wendelin's Elementary School Grounds

Special Prizes to be Given Out!

Take a picture with the Easter Bunny!



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



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