



# Parish Newsletter

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



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## MARKETPLACE

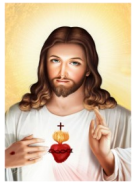
Have you heard about the New Seven Wonders of the World? They include the Great Wall of China(China), Petra(Jordan), The Colosseum(Italy), Chichen Itza(Mexico), Machu Picch(Peru), Taj Mahal(India), Christ the Redeemer(Brazil).

Breaking News! The Eighth Wonder of the World has just been added. It is the St. Wendelin Parish for all their donations and hard work for the Market Place Stand.

Congratulations for making the list!

Keep up the hard work and donations!

**Mary and Marla**



### **NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART...**

The Catholic Church traditionally recognizes June as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will conduct a **Novena to the**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus from June 3-11, 2026, culminating in the Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 12th, the feast of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. This initiative marks the 250th anniversary of our nations' founding and encourages prayer for our country as well as our own hearts being conformed to His.**

All are encouraged to take part by praying daily the Litany of the Sacred Heart or some other Sacred Heart prayer of your choice. If you wish to take part in the daily USCCB devotionals, drawn primarily from the Litany, go to USCCB Sacred Heart Novena, 2026. These devotionals reflect the wisdom of saints and pontiffs (including Popes Francis ad Leo) while offering opportunity for prayer and action to foster reparation, compassion and spiritual renewal.

**Jesus, Meek and Humble of Heart,  
Make our Hearts like unto Thine!**

## **PARISH FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE TO BE THERE!!!**

**JULY 26, 2026**

**Pick up you raffle tickets and  
workers list in back of church.**

### **BE FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS**

One source of happiness is to find time to make one small act of service each day.

Only those who love to give,  
have really learned to live life.

1 John 3:18

## **NEXT NEWSLETTER**

**June 28, 2026**

**DEADLINE for News:**

**Monday June 22, 2026**

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

**Get your articles to Sheila Albers  
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

It's crazy that we are already at the end of another school year! May was a very busy month for our school! We celebrated Grandparents' Day with mass, followed by breakfast, sang a couple of songs we learned in music, and showed off their hard work and accomplishments in the classroom. We celebrated all of the wonderful volunteers who help keep the school running, and ended the month with a graduation ceremony for the 6th graders and field day!

As the end of the school year quickly approached, the preschoolers continued working hard. Nine of them will be moving up to Kindergarten in the fall and they have been working on spelling, reading, counting, and beginning writing skills. I am confident that they are going to go far in Kindergarten next year! It's bittersweet to say goodbye to them, some of whom I have had for two years, but it's so obvious that they are ready for the next step.

I asked each of them what they are looking forward to this summer:

**Lily**-plants growing  
**Olivia**-playing with my friends  
**Bennett**-going in the pool  
**Brady**- playing outside  
**Delia**-going swimming  
**Clara**-going pool  
**Catherine**-going to grandma and grandpas  
**Michael**-playing outside with my dad  
**Nash**-going swimming in the pool  
**Natalie**-going to grandmas  
**Ava**- playing outside  
**Gloria**- playing with toys  
**Owen**-playing outside  
**Audrey**- playing with friends

Thank you for your continued prayers and support throughout the year.

**Mrs. Haselkamp**

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

For my final newsletter, I asked my wonderful kindergarten students to reflect on their year and share what they thought is the most important lesson they learned in kindergarten.

**Parker:** Always think about others.

**Atlee:** JOY means to put Jesus first, others second, and yourself last.

**Grayson:** How to spell.

**Eva:** The Ten Commandments.

**Kaydra:** Math.

**Harvey:** Always do your best work.

**Lincoln:** The things Jesus taught us.

**Amelia:** Be good and respectful.

**Jordyn:** Pay attention.

**Eleanora:** Listen to your teacher and be nice.

**Jolee:** How to write in cursive.

**Frances:** Jesus rose from the dead.

**Jackson:** How to read.

**Archer:** Be nice.

**Johnny:** Jesus wants us to have good behavior.

**Maxwell:** Jesus will help you to be kind.

I guess it's actually true; everything you really need to know you learn in kindergarten.)

Thank you St. Wendelin's Community for a great run and letting me cross the finish line of my teaching career in such a profoundly special place.

In gratitude,

**Kristin Matchinsky**

# SCHOOL NEWS

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

We have been enjoying our read-aloud time with several wonderful Catholic books. One of our favorites was *The Weight of a Mass* by Josephine Nobisso. The students especially loved listening to the author read the story herself on the Cuddle Up Podcast.

We also recently completed our bean-growing project. Using pinto beans, Ziploc baggies, wet paper towels, and lots of patience, the students observed and recorded the changes in their beans day by day as they sprouted and grew

As the end of the school year approaches, we had the opportunity to visit the 3rd grade classroom and see where some of our friends will be next year. After a year of hard work and learning, we are also enjoying fun end-of-the-year activities together as a class.

**Mrs. Rebstock and Mrs. Statz's Class**

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

This month in the 3/4 classroom we studied Saint Catherine of Siena and learned about Our Lady of Fatima and the message she had for the world.

In science we learned about black holes and rockets. The students built rockets out of two liter bottles and we launched them during the last week of school.

In Grammar we finished up learning about prepositions and many students are working on fractions in math.

It is always amazing to look back on a school year and see how much the students have grown. Their hard work and dedication to their education is inspiring. Thank you to the St. Wendelin church community for all the support you have given to our school this year. Enjoy summer and I look forward to what next year has in store for us all.

**Cassie Deering**

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

This month the fifth and sixth grade students learned about the digestive and excretory systems of the human body. We also looked at how babies develop in the womb!

In religion, students studied our last two Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Marriage.

In language arts, students learned about poetry and wrote their own limericks, haikus, alliteration, and acrostic poems.

As we round out the year, we say goodbye to our 6th grade students and wish them the best in their next school. We hope you have an amazing summer!

**Mrs. Mehr**

## LUXEMBURG 4-H

Luxemburg 4-H met on Monday May 11, 2026 for the final meeting of the school year.

We had a special guest speaker from the Extension Office who talked about summer 4-H activities like camp and the fair.

We will have a 4-H table at the Bazaar.

We talked about decorating a booth at the Stearns County Fair.

Some of our members will show projects there.

Addison and Shay gave a demonstration.  
Submitted by **Addison V.**

## GIVE IT YOUR ALL

When you know you've done your best,  
God can't ask of you anything more.  
Ecclesiastes 9:10

**CHURCH CLEANING  
JUNE, 2026  
GROUP 2**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

Wayne & Lori Albers  
Dan & Cassandra Edelbrock  
Pat Notch  
Jason Ziebarth  
Dale Hansen

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

Dave & Amy Klema  
John & Judy Ludwig  
Corey & Chelsea Gerads  
Jake & Amber Laudenbach

**SATURDAY JUNE 20**

Liz Meyer & Travis Harjes  
Ken & Bonnie Massmann  
Jerome & Pam Massmann  
Matthew & Casey Massmann  
John McDowall

**SATURDAY JUNE 27**

Michael & Sara Schultz  
Max & Myrdette Stueven  
Ginia & Ray Meyer  
John & Nicole Poganski

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!

**REMEMBER THE SABBATH**

Knowing that work and stress of life can  
Cause fatigue, God has given us a special  
day of rest. It's called the Sabbath...one  
day in seven God tells us to take time out  
for him!

Exodus 20:8

**RECIPE CORNER**

**STRAWBERRY RHUBARB  
COBBLER**

**INGREDIENTS**

4 cups (567g) rhubarb, diced  
1 quart (567g) strawberries, washed and  
sliced, or thawed if frozen  
1 cup (198g) granulated sugar  
3 Tbsp. (32g) quick-cooking tapioca or 3  
Tbsp. (21g) cornstarch

**TOPPING**

2 cups (240g) All-Purpose Flour  
3/4 cup (149g) granulated sugar  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/4 tsp. salt  
8 Tbsp. (113g) unsalted butter, melted,  
cooled  
1/4 cup (57g) milk  
1 large egg  
1 tsp. Vanilla Extract  
Coarse sparkling sugar, for garnish

**To prepare the fruit:** Preheat the oven to  
350°F. Butter a 9" x 13" pan. Spread the  
rhubarb in the pan.

Pour the sugar and tapioca over the  
strawberries; stir well and let the mixture sit  
for at least 15 minutes, so the juice from the  
berries will soften the tapioca. After this rest,  
pour the berries and sugar over the rhubarb  
in the baking dish.

**To make the topping:** Whisk together the  
flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.  
Add the milk, egg, and vanilla to the melted  
butter; whisk the mixture together and pour  
into the dry ingredients.  
Stir the batter together until it's evenly  
moistened.

Spread the batter over the fruit in the pan,  
and sprinkle it with sparkling sugar.  
Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, until the fruit  
bubbles at the edges and the top is golden  
brown. Remove from the oven and serve  
warm.

## SALUTE TO THE GRADUATE KEEGAN LOMMEL

I'm Keegan Lommel, son of Kevin and Cyntia. I am happy to say I have graduated from Alexandria Technical and Community College with a degree in Diesel Mechanics. I have been interning with Knife River, at their Sauk Rapids location, since the end of March, they have offered me the option to stay on with them, which I accepted. I am looking forward to this next chapter! I'm enjoying the job, finding the problem with a machine, and getting to correct it. I also enjoy shopping for tools because you just can't have enough of

them. 😊



## ST, CLOUD SPIN FEST & FIBER FAIR

Saturday June 6, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rocking Horse Farm, 25636 County Road 74, St. Cloud MN 56301

Vendor Marketplace, handmade goods, food booth, live demonstrations.

Open class entries accepted until 11 a.m. in categories for knitting, crochet, embroidery, quilting, weaving, and handcrafts. (Full list available by email

[knitshop.rockinghorsefarm@gmail.com](mailto:knitshop.rockinghorsefarm@gmail.com))

Entries are on display until 4 pm. Ribbons and premiums are awarded.

Classes are offered for knitting, weaving, nalbinding, felted flowers, spinning yarn.

Yvonne Cory will present two shows:

10:30 a.m. - 11:30a.m.: The Feedsack Story: Fabric of Patriotism

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Vintage Apron Art Woven Into Today's Textiles

Admission and parking are free but a donation will be accepted to cover costs for Yvonne's presentations and judging expenses.

More info: contact Jason at 320-428-8625

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## LEARN FROM YOUR PAST

Every experience you have had, from the moment you were born until now, has made you who you are today. Use these experiences to cultivate your love.

Romans 8:28

## CONSIDER YOURSELVES INVALUABLE

In God's eyes your mistakes don't make you a failure, for in Christ you are always a success.

Romans 8:38

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