



St. Wendelin's Church Newsletter

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



ST. WENDELIN'S - LUXEMBURG, MN * September 27, 2026 - 680th Edition

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USE YOUR SECRET WEAPON

Secret prayer is your powerful tool against
life's conflicts—it provides you with divine rays
of light to strengthen and sustain you
in the dark hours of life.

Have you had kindness shown?

Pass it on, pass it on!

'Twas not giv'n for thee alone,

Pass it on, pass it on!

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears;

'Till in heaven the deed appears

Pass it on, pass it on!

PRAY



PRAY

WELCOME BACK

ST. WENDELIN'S TEACHERS, STAFF AND STUDENTS

We welcome teachers, staff and students back to St. Wendelin's Catholic School. It is so wonderful to see everyone back with happy smiling faces and eager to learn. This year we have 89 enrolled at St. Wendelin's. How great is that!!! We look forward to hearing what you are learning and doing. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful teachers and staff working with our children. We thank you and appreciate what you do.

One child, one teacher,
One book and one pen
Can change the world.

Nothing ever goes away
Until it has taught us
What we need to know.

BE STILL

The Lord will not shout to get your attention.
It's up to you to get away from the world's
distractions to quiet your soul and listen
closely to his till, small voice.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

October 25, 2026

DEADLINE for News:

Monday October 19, 2026

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

Get your articles to Sheila Albers

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FESTIVAL RESULTS 2026

Annual Profits	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Beer Stand	\$ 6,777.25	\$ 6,514.35	\$ 7,591.05	\$ 6,600.35	\$ 4,708.25	\$ 6,052.50
Bingo	\$ 1,369.00	\$ 1,602.75	\$ 1,671.75	\$ 1,177.75	\$ 982.75	\$ 849.00
Cake Spin	\$ 2,693.25	\$ 3,061.90	\$ 2,787.95	\$ 2,905.91	\$ 3,089.75	\$ 1,725.25
Dinner	\$ 3,406.76	\$ 4,804.27	\$ 5,315.80	\$ 4,993.16	\$ 2,617.94	\$ 3,884.36
Dinner Food Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Marketplace	\$ 1,863.00	\$ 2,138.00	\$ 5,447.75	\$ 6,950.13	\$ 8,723.65	\$ 17,867.40
Gambling	\$ 2,821.00	\$ 2,587.46	\$ 2,249.00	\$ 1,632.23	\$ 2,461.82	\$ 2,685.88
Games	\$ 3,149.28	\$ 4,475.01	\$ 4,420.47	\$ 3,879.70	\$ 2,433.00	\$ 2,285.21
Lucky Straw	\$ 819.10	\$ 1,231.50	\$ 1,624.03	\$ 1,456.80	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 1,368.00
Lunch Stand	\$ 3,633.78	\$ 3,877.23	\$ 6,012.93	\$ 4,734.25	\$ 5,301.02	\$ 4,691.78
Misc Expenses	\$ (3,156.10)	\$ (2,469.51)	\$ (1,959.60)	\$ (1,707.40)	\$ (1,530.00)	\$ (1,697.20)
Misc Income	\$ 1,064.96	\$ 648.85	\$ -		\$ 1,020.00	\$ 2,000.00
Pop/Ice Cream	\$ 1,935.75	\$ 1,718.08	\$ 2,863.40	\$ 2,576.83	\$ 1,864.30	\$ 1,969.77
Quilt Auction	\$ 21,690.00	\$ 26,175.00	\$ 28,020.00	\$ 24,600.00	\$ 28,155.00	\$ 23,335.00
Raffle	\$ 15,216.75	\$ 16,392.00	\$ 18,095.77	\$ 18,397.00	\$ 19,129.86	\$ 16,071.36
Dice Stand	\$ 137.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 369.00	\$ -		\$ -
Wheel of Fortune	\$ 549.50	\$ 351.50	\$ 376.00	\$ 810.00	\$ 711.00	\$ 846.00
Accounting Misc Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Net Profit	\$ 63,970.28	\$ 73,163.39	\$ 84,885.30	\$ 79,006.71	\$ 80,678.34	\$ 83,934.31

Stand Details	Gross Income	Expenses	Net Profit
Beer Stand	\$ 9,281.85	\$ 3,229.35	\$ 6,052.50
Bingo	\$ 849.00	\$ -	\$ 849.00
Cake Spin	\$ 1,725.25	\$ -	\$ 1,725.25
Dinner	\$ 13,336.02	\$ 9,451.66	\$ 3,884.36
Donations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
MarketPlace	\$ 17,867.40	\$ -	\$ 17,867.40
Gambling	\$ 3,227.00	\$ 541.12	\$ 2,685.88
Games	\$ 3,721.59	\$ 1,436.38	\$ 2,285.21
Lucky Straw	\$ 1,368.00	\$ -	\$ 1,368.00
Lunch Stand	\$ 6,256.58	\$ 1,564.80	\$ 4,691.78
Misc. Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,697.20	\$ (1,697.20)
Pop/Ice Cream	\$ 2,145.71	\$ 175.94	\$ 1,969.77
Quilt Auction & Raffle	\$ 23,335.00	\$ -	\$ 23,335.00
Raffle	\$ 16,633.50	\$ 562.14	\$ 16,071.36
Dice Stand	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Wheel of Fortune	\$ 846.00	\$ -	\$ 846.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ 102,592.90	\$ 18,658.59	\$ 83,934.31

Dinners Served

2021 Total	961
Adults	837
Children	24
Donated	100
2022 Total	1010
Adult	866
Children	39
Donated	105
2023 Total	1037
Adult	912
Kids	26
Donated	99
2024 Total	888
Adult	762
Kids	24
Donated	102
2025 Total	824
Adult	721
Kids	26
Donated	77
2026 Total	742
Adult`	655
Kids	23
Donated	64

This information is Submitted as final report.

SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We are off to a wonderful start! The students are working hard to learn lots of new names, routines, procedures and expectations. One of the things we've been discussing is what a goal is. We thought you might enjoy reading about what each kindergarten student came up with for their individual, main goal for their kindergarten year.

Catherine- I want to share with my friends.
Lily- I would like to learn to spell very, very, very hard words.

Parker- I would like to do lots of math.

Bennet- I would like to learn how to read.

Hayden- I would like to learn the letters.

James- I want to learn to be a good listener.

Michael- I would like to learn to count to 100.

Clara- I would like to be kind.

Nash- I want to learn big boy stuff.

Olivia- I would like to learn the ABC's.

Isaiah- I would like to learn to read.

Delia- I want to learn how to use the Waseca reading drawer work.

Evelyn- I would like to have pretty handwriting.

Gabriel- I would like to be a good listener.

We think these are some very achievable and well thought out goals, so please keep these students in your prayers and ask God to give them the strength, discipline, and courage to achieve their goals!

Mrs. Matchinsky

Mrs. Barthel

1ST & 2ND GRADE NEWS

School is off to a strong start!

The students are working so hard to get used to the new routines, expectations, classroom, classmates, and teacher. I am so impressed with their hard work and I know this school year will be a great one!

We are hoping to learn math, language, continents and countries, space exploration, our Catholic faith, and so much more.

Keep us in your prayers!

Luci Mehr

3RD & 4TH GRADE NEWS

The 3rd and 4th grade class has been hard at work developing routines and getting to know each other this month.

The students have been working on their Bible navigation skills as we prepare for Mass on Thursday and Sunday.

We read about Artemis II and learned a little bit about becoming an astronaut to go along with our new library theme.

The kids have begun to use the Montessori Math materials and I can't wait to see how much they grow!

Thanks to God for these children and another year I get to spend with them.

Cassie Deering

5TH & 6TH GRADE NEWS

The 5/6 class has had a wonderful beginning of the school year!

We have been studying the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love and exploring the lives of the Saints.

In science, we are participating in "Fat Bear Week" hosted by Katmai National Park and learning about bear behaviors, adaptations, and habitats.

This month, we will begin reading our class novel, "The Homework Machine".

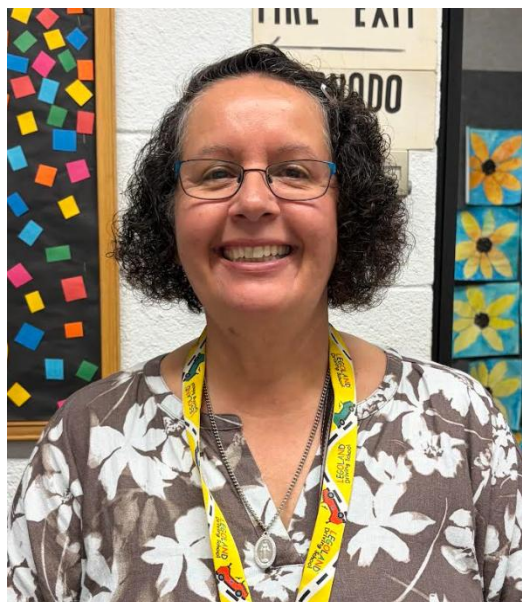
We look forward to all this school year has to offer!

Jessica Brinkman

GETTING TO KNOW

ST. WENDELIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF

Over the next couple of months in the newsletter we will get to meet the teachers and staff and volunteers from St. Wendelin's School.



ANGEL STATZ

Angel Statz teaches 1st and 2nd grade. She is married to Ben Statz and has a son, David. This is Angel's first year teaching 1st and 2nd grade. Last year she was a sub in Mrs. Rebstock's class.

What she likes best about teaching at St. Wendelin's is the Thursday Masses and the students and families.

She likes teaching the Montessori method because of hands on tools for learning.

Some of her hobbies are walking, traveling, and reading.

She also says Thank You for giving me the opportunity to teach in a Catholic School.



LUCI MEHR

Luci Mehr teaches 1st and 2nd grade. She is married to Andrew Mehr and has a baby on the way. This is Luci's second year teaching at St. Wendelin's.

What she likes best about working at St. Wendelin's is that she likes being able to teach about the faith.

Luci likes teaching the Montessori method because of the hands on materials and personalized pace.

Some of her hobbies are watching spots, drawing, and home projects.

She also says she has learned lessons from teaching here that she will take with her for life.

GETTING TO KNOW ST. WENDELIN'S TEACHERS AND STAFF



CASSIE DEERING

Cassie Deering teaches 3rd and 4th grade. She is married to Gene Deering and has two daughters Elenore and Edna who have been students at St. Wendelin's. This is her 3rd year of teaching at St. Wendelin's.

What she likes best about working at St. Wendelin's is watching the students grow and sharing her faith with them.

What she likes about teaching the Montessori method is seeing the students think for themselves and understand mathematics with the materials used in the Montessori method.

Some of Cassie's hobbies are gardening and any outdoor activity.



JESSICA BRINKMAN

Jessica Brinkman teaches 5th and 6th grade. She is married to Austin Brinkman. This is Jessica's second year teaching at St. Wendelin's.

What she likes best about working at St. Wendelin's is the small school and family like community.

What she likes about teaching the Montessori method is she really appreciates the individualized and self-directed principle of Montessori. She likes presenting to students material at their level as well as guiding students as they explore topics that interest them.

Jessica's hobbies include baking, mountain biking, down-hill skiing, knitting and spending time with family and friends.

MINUTES FROM ST ANNE'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MEETING

September 15, 2026

St. Anne's Christian Women met on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at St Mary's Help of Christian following mass. SMHOC president called the joint meeting to order followed by a prayer and comments from Father Erik. Fourteen members of St. Wendelin's Christian Women were present. Father stated that the two groups must join and should choose a new name for the newly formed group. Members requested a time line for the merging and it was decided to join in February, with some preliminary work being done by officers of each group. The groups then separated to have their own agenda meetings.

- President Karen DesAutels called the business meeting to order. Following an opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance, the president asked if any of the published meeting minutes required any corrections . As there were no corrections made, the motion to except the minutes was made and seconded; also read was the Treasurer's report with balances reported. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, motion was seconded and passed.

- President Karen called for nominations for our offices of treasurer, secretary, vice president and president. Nominated for treasurer and re-elected was Stacy Watrin; for secretary was Marla Honer; vice president Lisa Lichte; president Kathy Watrin. Following each of these nominations, each candidate accepted the nomination after which motion was made and approved to accept their candidacy. Newly elected officers were officially installed into their offices with a candle ceremony and a gift of flowers. Newly elected president Kathy Watrin took over the agenda.

- President Kathy handed out information sheets to update member contact information.

- President Kathy requested ideas for future speakers and agenda items.

- Karen DesAutel brought forward a request from St. Wendelin's School for help to purchase bibles for the students. Motion was made and approved to donate up to \$250.00.

- Request for money for a new vacuum for Church was tabled until October meeting.

- October Rosary: St Anne's Christian Women are responsible to lead the rosary in the month of October . Lisa Lichte will put a sign-up sheet for leading the rosary before October's Sunday Masses in the back of church. All were encouraged to sign up.

- Annual Fundraiser Breakfast: Scheduled for November 22, 2026. It was decided to move forward with the breakfast. President Kathy will look into advertising. We will ask members from SMHOC to join us. Details will be finalized at the October meeting.

- Remembrance Mass: Tabled until October Meeting

- 40 Days of Life: Char Volkmuth reminded everyone that the 40 Days of Life starts September 23 and runs until November 1st.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN MINUTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

St Wendelin's St. Anne's Christian women rejoined SMHOC Christian women for the joint meeting to resume.

- A motion was made to set up a committee to revamp the bylaws of each group to form one set of by laws. The Committee will consist of Ellen Zipp (SMHOC), Tracy Yarle (SMHOC), Karen DesAutel (St. Wendelin), Stacy Watrin (St. Wendelin) and Presidents Rebecca Peterson (SMHOC) and Kathy Watrin (St. Wendelin).
- Election of officers for the newly formed joint group will be held in February.
- SMHOC was invited to join in leading the rosary at St. Wendelin's October masses.
- SMHOC was invited to join at St. Wendelin's At. Anne's November breakfast.
- SMHOC invited St. Wendelin's to join their craft and bake sale on December 16, 2026. Requested was two dozen cookies, candies, or bars. Crafts were also requested. Drop off on December 15, 2026 and help assemble platters for the bake sale. Motion was made to donate leftover crafts from St. Wendelin's Christian Women's breakfast to SMHOC Christian women's bake and craft sale. Motion approved.
- NCCW and D-CCW dues were discussed and tabled to February meeting.
- Christmas gifts for Father Erik and Father Matthew: Groups will do separate gifts.
- All parish picnic discussed. All are encouraged to sign up and attend the all parish picnic at Hidden Lake Park on September 30, 2026 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. Volunteers needed.

Next Meeting October 13, 2026 6:30 p.m. social, 6:45 p.m. meeting St. Wendelin's Mary Hall entrance.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marla Honer, Secretary

ST. WENDELIN



Coming up on October 22nd we celebrate St. Wendelin, Patron Saint of St. Wendelin Catholic Church.

St. Wendelin is known as the patron saint of country people and herdsman, providing powerful intercession in times of pestilence. He is often portrayed as a bearded man with a shepherd's bag and book in one hand and a crook in the other, often with pigs, cattle and lambs grazing around him. A crown and shield are often shown at his feet representing the royalty he left to follow the Lord.

St. Wendelin Pray for Us.

**CHURCH CLEANING
OCTOBER 2026
GROUP 2**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
(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 your own replacement or switch with someone else. Thank You!

RECIPE CORNER

**FLOURLESS MONSTER
COOKIES**

3 eggs
1 cup packed brown sugar
½ cup white sugar
½ cup maple syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 teaspoons baking soda
½ cup butter
1 ½ cups peanut butter
4 ½ cups rolled oats
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup candy-coated milk chocolate pieces
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

In a very large bowl, beat the eggs.

Add the remaining ingredients in order, mixing well.

Use an ice cream scoop to put on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes.

POPOVERS

1 cup flour
½ tsp. salt
¾ cup milk
2 Tbsp. honey
1 Tbsp. melted butter
2 large eggs

Grease 8 popover cups or muffin cups. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Sift flour and salt. Add milk, honey, and butter. Blend. Beat in eggs. Fill popover or muffin cups just half full. Bake 25 to 30 minutes. Do not open oven door or popovers will fall. Serve with marmalade, honey, or honey butter.

OCTOBER



October, now just a few days away, is known in our church as the **Month of the Rosary**, with the feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7th. This simple, appealing and repetitive devotion, centering on the great mysteries of our salvation, is said to be our Blessed Mother's favorite prayer. How to foster it? Make sure you have a rosary and pray it often, daily if possible. If you cannot pray it all at one time, pray as you walk or work out or even while waiting in traffic. Also, for parents, make sure your children have a rosary and teach them how to say it by praying it with them. Tradition has it that there are 15 promises for faithful devotees including that of "special protection and great graces." Please be aware that all are welcome to our church each Tuesday morning where the rosary is prayed at 8 a.m. No need to commit to coming all the time; just come as you are able! It's an uplifting way to start your day!

Mary, Queen of the Rosary, Pray for Us!

October is also **Respect Life Month**, as designated back in 1972 by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, to promote the protection of human life from conception to natural death. The first Sunday of the month (this year October 4th) is Respect Life Sunday. To promote life, be sure to keep abreast of the political climate (currently very anti-life in MN).



Make it a top priority to exercise your civic /moral duty to get out and vote in our

upcoming November 3rd election, voting for

pro-life candidates after carefully checking out their stance on life issues. With your time, talent and treasure, support area pro- life groups such as MCCL (MN Citizens Concerned for life), 40 Days for Life (fall campaign currently going on) and local pregnancy help centers, Elevate (formerly Birthline) and Pregnancy Resource Center.

Above all, **PRAY and PRAY some more for a culture that RESPECTS LIFE!**

**Char Volkmuth
Liturgy Committee**



St. Wendelin's Church Fall Breakfast

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Serving 8:30am – 11:30am

Menu

Scrambled Eggs & Egg Bake

Sausage & Breakfast Potatoes

Applesauce / Rolls / Toast

Coffee, Milk & Juice

\$12.00 for adults

\$5.00 for kids 5-10

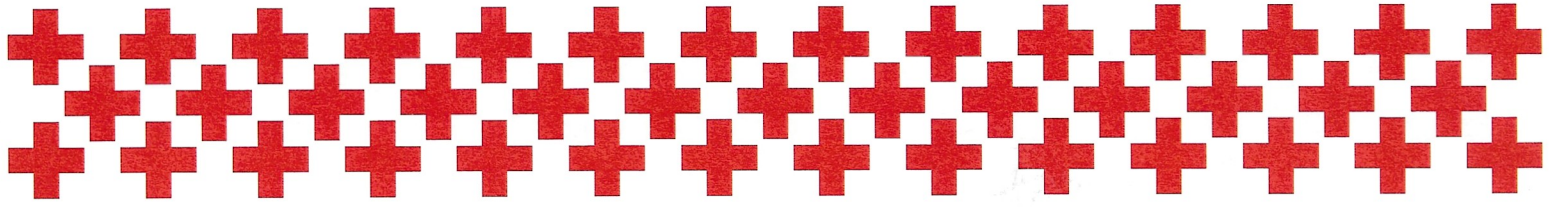
4 & under are free

Bake Sale and Raffle

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



American Red Cross



Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Help save lives.

Give blood.

Blood Drive Sponsored by Luxemburg Lions Club

Location:
St. Wendelin Church
22714 State Highway 15 - St. Cloud

Friday, October 16, 2026
10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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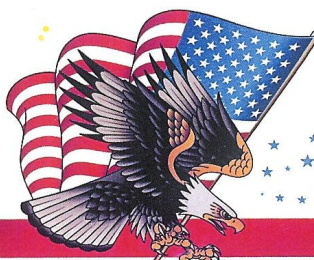
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