

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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January 31, 2010

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Catholic Schools Week began in 1974 and is an annual national celebration of the important role that Catholic schools across the country play in providing a values-added education for America's young people. Catholic schools are proud of their educational network that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical, and social values in their students.

Catholic Schools week celebrates education that goes beyond preparation for a secular life – it is education that prepares students for a Christian life. CSW also celebrates the high standards of excellence and the quality of the education available to all students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the U.S.

There will be many events taking place throughout the week celebrating “Dividends for Life.”

Sun- Jan 31- Dividends for Life: In Our Community - Cinnamon Roll Sunday, School Diversity Fair

Mon Feb 1- The Dividend of Faith-9:20 prayer service-Each class will study a specific group in the community that makes a difference in the world. (Wacky Tacky Day, Medallion Hunt)

Tues Feb 2-The Dividend of Knowledge Authentic Native American Dancer/Storyteller program, 8am Knowledge Bingo, Jersey Day, Class Bowling the rest of the week.

Wed Feb 3- The Dividend of Discipline –All classes will have the chance to earn an extra reward based on their self-discipline that day. Student Council kickball game against the teachers, Twins Fan Day.

Thur Feb 4-The Dividend of Morals- Religion lessons will focus on our Morals. Dress like your favorite story book or movie character.

Fri- Feb 5 –The Dividend of Love – Letters will be written to various organizations stating our appreciation for helping our school community. We will also have a special appreciation day for our Pastor, Fr. Kevin. Join us for our “Fun with Father” activity in the PAC 1pm. Staff appreciation luncheon by Home/School. Pajama Day, School Sweepstakes Dance 6-8:30 pm.

We recognize and are grateful for our wonderful staff.

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| Sherry Hartman | Serene Bachman | Karry Helgestad | Rhonda Pauly |
| Gail Hunt | Lisa Kaczor | Joan May | Marcia Pleiss |
| Theresa Rademacher | Linda Smisek | Emma Tikalsky | Diane Barrier |
| Traci Schoenbauer | Jolene Busch | Ann Christy | Jodi Chromy |
| Elaine Harty | John Harty | Jane Jeffrey | Ann Kreger |
| Mike Madison | Becky Malecha | Kathy McNamera | Elise Lundeen-Detisch |
| Ellen O'Neill | Jennifer Rosen | Jamie Schoenbauer | Becky Smisek |
| Annette Stavos | Toby Thietje | Mike Tschimperle | Jennifer Wetschka |
| Leah Zvanovec | Becky Zwirner | Margie Pexa | Lu Tupy |
| Mary Wick | Steve Schmitz | Pete Kartak | Ann Marie Witt |
| Kim Doyle | Fr. Kevin Clinton | | |

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
From the Desk of the Principal

January 31, 2010

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most important roles of families is preparing young people for fulfilling lives of love and service to their own families, to their community, and to the Lord. That is why the 2010 Catholic Schools Week theme is particularly fitting. "Catholic School: Dividends for Life" underscores the long-standing tradition of Catholic education to instill in students the faith, knowledge, morals, discipline and love that will enable them to fulfill their future roles in life. Now, more than ever, a Catholic education is truly an investment in the future that is worth the consideration of every family. Our Catholic community once again celebrates the accomplishments and dreams of our school. We exist because we are committed to teaching as Jesus did, faithfully, lovingly, and uncompromisingly in the morals and values of our life. St. Wenceslaus School is a school that has paid great dividends back to the community for more than 131 years. Today, our mission remains unchanged, but our work is challenged by the pace of society. Setting high standards calls out the best in our students. Knowing right from wrong, having self-control, and choosing to do good, enables young people to serve with integrity not only as students but as leaders in the future. Indeed, our school does provide dividends for life.
Kim Doyle-school principal

Attention parents of children ready for kindergarten and preschool next fall..

Mark your calendars for our Kindergarten round-up on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:00 pm sharp. We have a fun program planned for all of the potential kindergarten students. Preschool Open House and Registration will take place on March 2nd 5:30-7:00 pm. Watch for invitations in the mail, and local papers to come out this month. All of the area schools and preschools will be registering children at this time of year. We encourage you to check us out on these evenings. The value that you will find at St. Wenceslaus School must be seen for yourself. Please feel free to set up a tour of the school during regular operational hours as well if you would like to see a typical day. Contact the school office at 758-3133 for more information and to make sure you are on our school invitation list

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Feb 1: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Feb 2: Mi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40
Feb 3: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Feb 4: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Feb 5: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Feb 6: 1Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

The Catholic Services Appeal supports the work of the Catholic Church by responding to the human needs in our diocese. Your gift to the Appeal provides much needed help.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Members of the Area Separated/Divorce support group meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be February 2nd at 7pm in the Pius X room, located in the church basement. This group is open to people of all faiths. If you have questions call Deacon Bob Wagner, 758-0463.

~**Baptism Prep Class**- has been changed to Feb. 1st this month, Not Feb. 8th at 7:00 pm in the Pius X room in the church basement.

~**Primetimers** will meet following the Word/Communion service on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd in the parish house. All are welcome!

~**Birthday Club**- Join us for coffee and donuts in the church basement following 8:00 am Mass Thursday, Feb. 4th, as we honor all those celebrating their birthdays during the month of February.

~**Welcome Committee**-Due to inclement weather, the welcome Committee Meeting is rescheduled for Thursday Feb. 4th at 7:00 pm in Deacon Bob's office in the parish house. All are welcome!

PARISH NEWS

Our Act of Faith
Weekly Financial Gifts

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| Actual for the week of 1/24..... | \$ 11,503 |
| Under Budget..... | -\$ 4,732 |
| Actual Collections YTD..... | \$ 481,451 |
| Budgeted for Next Week..... | \$ 16,235 |
| Collected for Haiti so far..... | \$ 9,396.44 |

Please remember St. Wenceslaus Endowment Fund in your wills and other estate planning.



Dinner & Comedy Show, Friday February 12th

(A Fundraiser for the Washington DC Trip.)

at Ridges Sand Creek Golf Course in Jordan. A Steak & Chicken dinner will be served at 6:30 pm,

followed at 8 pm with a 60-minute show featuring Scott Novotny. Scott has been doing stand up for over 25 years. He has a long list of credentials, including writing for SNL. Scott prides himself in being able to make people laugh without being vulgar or using profanity. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Mon. February 8th, from the school office. The dinner show cost is \$25 per ticket. **St. Wenceslaus School will receive \$5.00 from every ticket sold.**



Soup Kitchen Update:

Workers are needed for the 17th Annual Soup Supper. For those interested in helping prepare the soup on Saturday, February 13th, setting up, or serving on Monday, February 15th, please sign up by calling Norb Sticha at 758-3888. Please consider helping again even if you have worked in years past. Young and old are encouraged to consider lend a hand. We invite new parishioners to be part of this very casual function that offers an opportunity to meet new people and affect the lives of many.

Breads and desserts are needed for the February 15th Soup Supper fundraiser. Please call Al or Mary Sticha at 758-2753 by Friday, February 5th for information on types and quantity of breads and desserts that are needed.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioners:

It has been one month since my father, George Voracek died and in this one month, I have received tremendous support, generosity and understanding from this community. I am especially grateful to those who stepped in and continued the ministry work, through leadership in my absence. They not only did a fabulous job, but did it without any hesitation. And I am grateful to be surrounded by such talented and giving music ministers in all our groups. Thank you for sharing your gifts so generously. Thank you to the St. Wenceslaus. staff, especially Fr. Kevin for his support and understanding. I am grateful.

I have also received many, many cards from you. Receiving your kind words, your thoughts, prayers, seeing your presence at the wake and funeral, has brought me (and my family) great comfort during this time. As part of my morning prayer, I have begun to read each card over, one day at a time. Your words bring me comfort and peace. They encourage me to remember the many great memories with my Dad. They remind me of the hope of the resurrection, when we too may see our loved ones again. I close my morning prayer thanking God for you and asking for blessings upon your own lives.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness, for your prayers and your kindness. You are truly a Christ-filled community.

In Peace, Donna Mae Kadrlík

Calendar Corner

Thank you to Strike Force Bowl & Pro shop., for being this week's calendar sponsor.

1/25 #3775 Gilbert & Susan Sticha 1/26 # 2240 Jean Lim
1/27 #3482 Thomas R. Vlasak 1/28 #2811 Jackie Ruehling
1/29 #1125 John Terhark 1/30 #3587 Lisa Wiener
1/31 #1984 Cecila Kane



Jr. High Youth! – Forms for the 30 Hour Famine are due on February 3. The 30 Hour Famine will take place on February 12 and 13. Please remember to seek donations for World Vision's efforts in Haiti and to bring along to Feed My Starving Children.

Chillfest: We had 81 Jr.high youth, 3 High School chaperones, and 8 adults attend Chillfest at St. Huberts in Chaska. We joined over 400 youth from around the southern part of the archdiocese for an all-nighter of fun, prayer, music, and food. Thanks to all who participated.

Reminder: Faith Formation 7th & 8th grade youth will be having a Mass with Father Kevin on Wednesday, February 3. Parents of our students are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m.

Senior High Youth – About 60 people attended our gathering with a speaker from Feed My Starving Children last Wednesday. He gave a great talk with updates from Haiti and what their organization is doing to help. Our senior high youth will be going to help package food on February 10th.

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About 20 youth and adults from our parish joined the thousands of people at the March for Life on January 22. We appreciate our youth taking part in this important event.

Senior High Youth – Anyone interested in participating in the Passion Pantomime should contact Laura at 758.5131. Practices will be on Sundays, beginning February 21 from 12:30 – 3 pm. Many of you involved last year expressed an interest in being involved again – be sure to give me a call and let me know. Thank-you, Laura

Last Saturday 136 youth in Confirmation programs from nine area parishes came to St. Wenceslaus for a NET retreat with the theme of *Igniting the Fire, how to keep faith alive*. Next Sunday, February 7, our year 2 confirmation youth will have a retreat in the PAC titled, *Who's in the driver's seat?* Using GPS (God's Positioning System). Please pray for these youth preparing to complete their initiation into the faith community through Confirmation.

SCHOOL NEWS

Are you looking for a new hair style?

Join us on February 11th at 6:00 for a special benefit for Luke Schoenbauer's birthday! Luke is a 3rd grader in our school who has been diagnosed with cancer. As a special gift to him, our school secretary will shave her head! This is a community event, open to all! Come to watch, or join in for a buzz, barbers will be waiting. (\$1.00 donation is requested) Call the school office to register!

Looking to earn extra income for school tuition, mission trips, Faith Formation fees or just want to help out? There will be an orientation training for working concessions at Target Field on Wed. Feb. 17th at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. Call Gail Hunt to sign up or if you have questions.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, Feb 1:

Fatima Prayer Cell after am service, Chapel
Baptism Prep, 7 pm, Pius X Room

Tuesday, Feb 2:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Primetimers meet after W & C
Separated/Divorce support group, 6:30-9 pm, Pius X Room
BB Games

Wednesday, Feb 3:

Early AM scripture study, 6:45-7:50 am, Pius X Room
Fatima Prayer Cell after am service, Chapel
Morning Bible Study, 9-11 am, Pius X Room
Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, Feb 4:

Birthday Club, after AM Mass,
Welcome Committee, 7pm, Parish House

Friday, Feb 5:

Adoration 9 am-11 pm, Chapel

Saturday Feb 6:

Fr. Kevin's Bible Study, 9:30-11:00 am, Pius X Room,

Sunday Feb 7:

RCIA meets in Parish House Dining Room
Confirmation Retreat Year 2
Sunday School

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH LITURGY

M-F Rosary 7:30 AM Sat. at 8:00 AM

Monday, February 1 & Tuesday, February 2

8 AMWord & Communion Service (**Chapel**)

Wednesday, February 3.....(**Church**)

8 AM.....Mass for the St. Wenceslaus Teachers

.....Luke Schoenbauer, Jake Kartak

Thursday, February 4

8:00 AM.....**Mass (Chapel)**

Friday, February 5

8:00 AM.....**Mass (Chapel)**

Saturday, February 6 (Church)

8 AM.....First Saturday Devotions

4 PM.....Mass

Sunday, February 7

8:30AM.....John C, John M. & Phil Simon

.....Marcella Bartusek, Judy C., Frank & Anna Ruzicka

10:30 AM.....Mary C. & Frank Tupy, Jim Syltie,

..... Elsie Bisek