

# St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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## *Welcome!*

Our 2009 newest members to our faith community

Rich & Elizabeth Hebl

Katie & Adam Spear

Jake & Nikki Remus

Brett & Mandy McLean

Dave Smisek

Florence Treuer

Kyle & Megan Zellner

Stephen & Kimberly Pettinelli

Eugene & Ordelle Schmid

Kelly & Jason Ashley

Julie Klonne

John & Marcia Prokepe

Martin & Anne Lauer

Paul & Dawn Newberg

Julie Taylor

Chris Yarolimek

Tim & Kelly O'Brien

Matt & Emily Dalsin

Greg & Nicole Ahlers

Corey & Theresa Day

Patty & Mike Perfetti

Brian & Kelli Sontag

Irene Weiers

Ray & Julia Zweber

John & Pat Kenny

Vincent & Judy Dragone

Rebecca Pieper

Sara & Dominic McConnell

Jason & Julie Hull

Stacy Romero

Glenn & Kristin Nemanic

Nick & Jill Tikalsky

Dave & Jackie Bort

Amber Mahowald

Joe & Erika Weber

Daniel & Laura Dias

Dan & Steph LaBelle

Mark & Andria Reiland

Tammy Thomason

Shane & Kelly VanderVoort

Garrett & Gretchen Ykema

Barb & Chuck Nickolay

Jesse & Joleen Westall

Lisa & Matt Glebe

Clinton & Denise Stocker

Matthew Bundy & Angie Ryan

Chris Jones & Cyndi Turri

Alenuma Sidoma & Nimoh Sarfo

Jason & Theresa Schmitt

Nancy & John Hertzog

Peter & Erica Scheffler

**We like to think of this Church as a Family, and believe that God is pleased with that analogy. We welcome you and your families to be part of ours.**

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father Elgar Bockenfeld, O.F.M.

September 22, 1916--January 26, 2010

Last week the two parishes to the immediate west of New Prague lost their Pastor of 43 years at the age of 93 years. Fr. Elgar Bockenfeld was a Franciscan Friar for 73 years and a priest for 66 years. He died of complications associated with heart failure. His funeral, held in St. Wenceslaus Church last Saturday, filled the church with people--about 900 peoples as well as two bishops, Franciscan Friars and local clergy. Fr. Elgar was a native to Quincy, Illinois. After ordination he served the church as a priest in St. Louis, Washington, Indianapolis, Chicago, Omaha, Nashville, Columbus, Jordan (MN), Chaska (MN) and Union Hill & St. Benedict. In his 43 years of serving the parishes of St. John the Evangelist (Union Hill) and St. Benedict, his love and pastoral care for his people became well known and the love for him was mutual. His presence and involvement with area communities, especially the New Prague Knights of Columbus, touched many people.

It was an honor for St. Wenceslaus Parish to welcome and accommodate the large funeral crowd that gathered to commend Fr. Elgar to God's care and eternal life. Please join me in extending condolences to the parishioners of Union Hill and St. Benedict. Fr. Elgar, in accord with his wishes, is buried with other past parishioners of Union Hill in St. John the Evangelist Church Cemetery. May he and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in God's peace and enjoy the gift of eternal life.

Fr. Kevin

**“Insanity is defined as doing the same thing over, and over again, expecting different results.”**

This is a common saying used in 12 Step programs and reveals real wisdom. It can be a good reflection as we examine our choices in the days ahead. Jesus is calling us to a “change of heart.” Everyone knows from our own experience, that nothing will change, unless we change our patterns. To expect different results is insanity. So what needs changing? We start to know when we ask for help. “*Lord, help me to know what needs changing.*” We then have to listen! Perhaps spend some time in a couple upcoming retreat opportunities where you can spend time asking and listening to what God has to tell you.

### What Is A Retreat?

*A Retreat is a time apart, to keep from coming apart.*

*A Retreat is a way to love yourself out of fear.*

*A Retreat is a time to love and experience being loved.*

**Emmaus retreat February 19-21.** If you haven't registered yet, you still have time call Ann Doyle at 507-364-8906 or Becky Wolf at 758-2874.

**Silent Retreat for Women- February 16-18** at the Buffalo Retreat Center. The retreat begins at 2pm and will conclude on Thursday February 18 at 12:45pm.

**Other opportunities for Lenten Renewal can be found in the next weekends bulletin.**

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Feb 08: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Feb 09: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Feb 10: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Feb 11: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Feb 12: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Feb 13: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 12:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

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## PASTORAL MINISTRY

**The Primetimer Committee would like to attend** a Curtain Call Theater production of “*Monday Always Leads to Murder*”, a mystery comedy, playing at the Hilltop Historic Hall in Montgomery. There is a matinee on Sunday, Feb 28th. Dinner is at 12:15 pm with the play following at 1:30 pm. The cost for just the play is \$10, and the cost for the dinner and play is \$25. If interested, please call Maggie McKnight at 758-3158 to make your reservation. Please indicate if you would like to have dinner & see the show, or just see the show. We will need to make reservations by Feb 19th.

~**Baptism Prep Class**- There will not be a Baptism Prep class on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

## PARISH NEWS

### **Our Act of Faith** **Weekly Financial Gifts**

Actual for the week of 1/24.....	\$ 14,348
Under Budget.....	-\$ 2,056
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$ 495,799
Budgeted for Next Week.....	\$ 16,235
Collected for Haiti so far.....	\$ 9,431

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



### **Dinner & Comedy Show, Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>**

(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 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

Mark your calendars for the Soup Supper coming Monday evening, February 15th. Informational flyers will be in next week's bulletin. Please help us make this fundraiser a success by your support

### Calendar Corner

*Thank you to Odenthal Meats., for being this week's calendar sponsor.*

2/1 #1347 Judy Cephlecha 2/2 #1926 Dorothy Jirik-Moore

2/3 #1208 Tom Seminara 2/4 #3250 Curt Sticha

2/5 #2095 J & A Kratochvil 2/6 #1166 Cyril Bisek

2/7 #3016 Russ & Katie Seurer



### The Sewing & Craft Festival Boutique

is in need of two co-chairs for our festival. If you enjoy sewing, knitting, embroidering and or other crafts, we need you to share your talents.

Please call Dorothy Orr if you are interested at 758-3452.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**CHURCH CLEANING CREW**

Rosemary Franek  
 Pat & Amy Fridges  
 Rich & Joanne Foust

Paul & Rosanne Flick  
 Rob & Kristin Frerk  
 Katie & Bob Forberg

**Chocolate and Chuckles for Couples** –



A night out with your spouse and friends, tools for a good marriage, a chocolate/caramel dipping buffet, and a friendly welcome from the New Prague Area Marriage Encounter Community. Our video presenter Mark Gungor is a minister, counselor, and comedian. Saturday, February 27, 7-10 pm in the Parish Activity Center. Please register by February 12<sup>th</sup> by calling Lisa at 461-2614 to register. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted.

**We welcome our year 2 Confirmation candidates** at 10:30 Mass as part of their retreat this Sunday. They are being challenged to let God be a part of their life journeys. Please pray for them as they prepare for full initiation into our faith community.

**The Sunday Night Discussion Group** will meet during the season of Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House (enter at the back door) every Sunday beginning February 14 through and including March 28. The topic will be “The Gospel of Luke.” Please bring your Bible. All are welcome! If you would like the Lenten reading material, call Dave or Susan at 461-3067.

**FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK YOUTH MEMBERS**  
 Minnesota District #15 of the FCSLA will again this year award two \$500.00 scholarships to students currently attending a college or technical school. If you are a member of the FCSLA organization please contact Milton A. Trnka for an application at 507-744-2655 or contact him by email – Milton@fcsla.com. Please note completed applications must be received by February 10th.

**Character Building Crafts**



Working together on these crafts is a great way to increase a child’s understanding of their faith and create lasting memories of these precious early childhood years. Join us for “*Be My Valentine.*” Wednesday evening, February 10, at 6:30pm. Advance registration is required to ensure adequate supplies are available. A parent must accompany children. Please call the school at 758-3133.



**March is Minnesota Food Share Month -**

The Social Justice Group will be taking food donations for the Peace Center. Please put your items in the boxes in the back of church. Of course the Peace Center is happy to receive any donation but there are some items where the need is greater they are: dish soap, laundry soap, diapers (any size), paper towels, salad dressings, jell-o, pudding, mayonnaise.



**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

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Are you looking for a new hair style?**

Join us on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 for a special benefit for Luke Schoenbauer’s birthday! Luke is a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. Call Gail Hunt to sign up or if you have questions.

**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Monday, Feb 8:**

Fatima Prayer Cell after am service, Chapel

**Tuesday, Feb 9:**

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel  
 Befrienders, 7-9 pm, Parish House Dining Room  
 BB Games

**Wednesday, Feb 10:**

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

**Thursday, Feb 11:**

Fundraiser for Luke Schoenbauer 5-9:30 pm, PAC

**Friday, Feb 12:**

Adoration 9 am-11 pm, Chapel

**Saturday Feb 13:**

Fr. Kevin’s Bible Study, 9:30-11:00 am, Pius X Room,  
 Soup Supper Prep  
 30 Hour Famine

**Sunday Feb 14:**

RCIA meets in Parish House Dining Room  
 Sunday School

Korean Lunar Moon Party, 5-8pm, PAC  
 Adult Discussion Group, 6-8 pm, Parish House

**PARISH LITURGY**

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

Monday, February 8 & Tuesday, February 9  
 8 AM ..... Word & Communion Service (*Chapel*)  
 Wednesday, February 10..... (*Church*)  
 8 AM..... Mass prepared by the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
 ..... Luke Schoenbauer, Jake Kartak  
 ..... Judy & Anna Ruzicka, Billy Tupy  
 Thursday, February 11  
 8:00 AM..... *Mass (Chapel)*  
 Friday, February 12  
 8:00 AM..... *Mass (Chapel)*  
 Saturday, February 13  
 4 PM..... (*Church*)  
 ..... Ralph Rynda, Lloyd Svoboda  
 Sunday, February 14  
 8:30AM..... Helen Schoenecker  
 10:30 AM..... LeRoy Svoboda, John & Jean Gehlen