

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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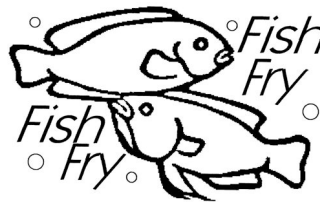
March 10, 2010

Stewardship Weekend 1

Good Stewardship Requires Practicing Our Faith.....

The very same God who blesses our lives every day calls us to be the living Body of Christ, the Church. If we understand that we are the Church, and if we accept the call to Christian discipleship, then we will support the ministries that serve God's people. This understanding helps us to set our individual and family priorities. Even in the midst of hard times, we cannot forget the very place that offers us comfort and support in good and bad times...our parish. I invite each of us to take time to reflect on the importance of St. Wenceslaus Church and School in our lives and determine how we may return a portion of our blessings for the work that continues every day, every week, year round. Offering our visible and tangible support to our parish reflects our gratitude to God and helps create a purposeful life.

Living as good stewards of God's gifts will satisfy the deepest, strongest longings of your heart. It will fill you with joy, happiness, satisfaction. Stewards know the meaning of life—and make real sacrifices to make the world a better place – making their own lives better in the process. Please make a commitment to take a step to better stewardship today.



**St. Wenceslaus Fish Fry, March 12th 4:30-7:30 pm, Church Basement,
(Takeouts are available)**

3rd Sunday of Lent

From the Desk of the Social Action Group--

Question: What is the parish group whose purpose is to share a secret?

Hint: *The group has been meeting for three years on the 4th Thurs. of the month.*

Answer: The parish social action group. But, what's the secret?

Catholic Social Teachings have been called one of the Church's best kept secrets, but the parish social action group is spreading the news. Working with well-established ministries like Dorothy Day, the soup supper and Adopt-a-Family, as well as some initiatives of their own, like recycling at the festival and Dozinky and a sustainable agriculture event at Cedar Summit Farm, the energetic members of the group are connecting Catholic Social Teachings with how we live out the Gospel in serving one another. Jesus enjoined his followers to love one another, but how do we apply his command in our complex society and economic system? In our community? In our daily lives?

The popes and bishops have been developing a body of social teachings in their writings for over 100 years. These teachings have been distilled into a list of 7 principles that make them easier to understand for the Catholic in the pew. Can you name one of the principles? If not, the parish social action group has more work to do! Watch the bulletin in the coming months to learn more. Or even better, come join the group and be a part of the action. They'd like to let you in on the secret!

Parish Social Action Group
Call Ann (758-2811) or Mary (492-3434) for more info.

Operation Rice Bowl: Rice Bowls will be collected on Passion Sunday weekend, Mar. 27/28 and during Holy Week and the week following Easter. There will be a collection box in the back of church. They can also be taken to the school or to Faith Formation. Thanks for participating in this Lenten program that serves the poor, while encouraging our prayer and sacrifice. This week the country of Bolivia is highlighted on the Rice Bowl calendar. Learn how Catholic Relief Services is helping in this impoverished country



March is Minnesota Food Share Month - The Social Justice Group will be taking food donations for the Peace Center.

Get in on the action with a donation to the Peace Center, which helps families in the New Prague area. The two most needed items right now are rice and cooking oil, but other things on the list include the following: shampoo, pineapple, instant mashed potatoes and pasta side dishes, pudding mix, Hamburger Helper, beef stew, ketchup and canned tomatoes and sauce

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

- Mar 8: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk4:24-30
- Mar 9: Dt 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35
- Mar 10: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Mar 11: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- Mar 12: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Mar 13: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

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PASTORAL MINISTRY



To join the Prayer Shawl Ministry, donate yarn, or to pick up a shawl for someone who may be going through a difficult time due to the loss of a job, health, or someone they care about. Call Kathy at 758-3591 or Lynn at 758-2115. The shawl is a reminder that we are never alone.

PARISH NEWS

Our Act of Faith Weekly Financial Gifts

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| Actual for the week of 2/28..... | \$ 14,234 |
| Under Budget..... | -\$ 2,001 |
| Actual Collections YTD..... | \$ 553,698 |
| Budgeted for Next Week..... | \$ 16,235 |

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

Calendar Corner

Thank you to the following calendar sponsor, Mach Lumber, Ruhland Landscaping & Design, LLC.

- 3/1 #1049 David Barta
- 3/2#2062 Jerry Koehnen
- 3/3#2025 Heather King
- 3/4#3475 Anna Veneziano
- 3/5#1647 Donna Giesen
- 3/6#3455 Bob Vanasek
- 3/7#1820 Carrie Hoffman

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 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.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a Our world is so noisy, to be still is difficult. This lent why not **seek out** that silence with the Lord, spend some time at the Adoration chapel, in prayer before Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The PAC Chapel is open every Friday (except Good Friday) from 9 am to 11 pm. This is quiet personal prayer time where you can read your bible, say a rosary, or just sit before the Lord in quiet meditation. Need more information? call Diane at 758-5688.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will now meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month from now until the end of May. We gather in the Pius X room around 9:30 am until 11 am. Childcare is also available. A Lenten opportunity awaits you.



Donut Hole Sunday

Join us for donut holes, some playtime with your preschool-aged children, and meet other families in the parish. Your whole family is welcome... all children must be accompanied by an adult. Come to the Little Spirits Preschool classroom after **Sunday Morning Masses on March 7th.**



CCW NEWS: St. Wenceslaus Council of Catholic Women is hosting Spiritual Day on Saturday March 13 from 8 to 1pm to all women. Check out the CCW bulletin board located next to the elevator for all details. The next CCW meeting will be Monday,

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March 15 @7pm in the church basement. If you have any questions please call Theresa Mader at 758-6388.

A Memorial Blood Centers blood drive will be held on Wednesday March 10th, from 1-7pm at Queen of Peace Hospital in the Hospital Conference center, Call 758-8190 for an appointment.

A Silent Retreat for married couples will be held at Christ the King Retreat center in Buffalo on the weekend of March 12-14. The retreat begins on Friday at 7pm and concludes at 12:45pm on Sunday March 14th. The theme is *Jesus Conquers Fear*. For more information call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com

Youth



Consider buying some delicious Fair Trade coffee after Mass on **Sunday, March 7**. It is a good way to put social justice into action. This fundraiser is co-sponsored by the corporate office of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies

Association who is generously offering a matching grant of the proceeds of this sale up to \$500.00. Proceeds will be used to help support the youth going on the Guatemalan mission trip this summer.

On Wednesday, March 17, there will be a penitential prayer service for all HS youth. This prayerful reflection will begin in the church at 7 p.m. Please join your friends and classmates. All youth grades 9-12 are invited to come.

Enrich your Lenten experience. Join us Sunday, March 7 at 7 p.m. in church. High school students from our Youth Alive groups will be dramatizing Jesus' journey through the cross to Resurrection.

Confirmation update: Classes will meet on March 14 and April 11. There will be a meeting for parents of youth being confirmed this spring on April 11 from 9:45-10:15 in the PAC. Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, May 6, 7 pm at the Church of Divine Mercy in Faribault. First year youth and their sponsors will meet for a speaker and taco supper on Sunday, Mar. 28 from 4-6 pm in the PAC

SCHOOL NEWS

Fish Fry~ Friday, March 12th. 4:30-7:30 pm in Church Basement, Baked or fried, fish sticks for kids, Au Gratin potatoes, creamy cole slaw, dinner rolls, cookie. Takeouts are available. \$10 at the door.

The focus of the third week of Lent is "Empty Plate." The empty plate is a symbol of fasting. We deny ourselves food in order to focus on the only food that can really satisfy us – Jesus, the Bread of Life. Watch as our symbols of the weeks of Lent take shape in the atrium of the Parish Activity Center. They are forming a large Cross of Christ.

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"A Starry Night in Praha," SWS's Annual Auction is just around the corner! Donations are currently being sought for this very festive fundraiser on Saturday evening April 17th. Silent Auction categories include: Art & Furniture, Certificates of Service, Children's Corner, Domestic, Unique, Night-Out on the Town, Sports & Leisure, Yard & Garden, Ladies Boutique and Mostly Men. Items may vary in shape and size and include merchandise, goods & services, gift certificates and/or cash contributions. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated. Call Ann Marie at 758-9573 with any questions.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, March 8:

Fatima Prayer Cell after am service, Chapel

Tuesday, March 9:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
SWS Alumni Meeting, 5:15-7:30 pm, PAC, John XXIII
Befrienders meeting, 7-9 pm, Parish House Dining Room

Wednesday, March 10:

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

Thursday, March 11:

Ball Practice, 6-8 pm, PAC, Multipurpose Room

Friday, March 12:

Adoration 9 am-11 pm, Chapel
CCW Set up for Spiritual Day, PAC, Multipurpose Room

Saturday March 13:

Fr. Kevin's Bible Study, 9:30-11:00 am, Pius X Room,
CCW Spiritual Day
Meal Prep for Dorothy Day Center
Paper Drive, 9-10:30 am, Parking Lot

Sunday March 14:

RCIA meets in Parish House Dining Room
Sunday School,
Passion Pantomime Practice 12:30-3 pm, Church
Adult Discussion Group, 6 pm, Parish House Dining Room

PARISH LITURGY

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

Monday, March 8 & Tuesday, March 9

8 AM Word & Communion Service

Wednesday, March 10.....

8 AM..... Luke Schoenbauer, Jake Kartak

..... Anna & Judy Ruzicka, Billy Tupy & Parents

..... Mass planned by 8th Grade

Thursday, March 11

8:00 AM..... Le Roy Svoboda

Friday, March 12

8:00 AM..... Mass

8:30 AM..... Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM..... Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 13 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

11 AM..... CCW Deanery Mass

Last 4 PM Mass..... Lloyd Svoboda

Sunday, March 14 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:30 AM..... John C. John M. & Philip Simon

..... Josephine Skluzacek, Frank, Julia & Fritz Novotny

10:30 AM..... David Wenzel Sr. & David Wenzel Jr.