

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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Minnesota Food Share March Campaign

There has been a 13% increase in visitors to the MN food shelves and a less than 3% increase in food donations. Last year our community of New Prague rallied and contributed over 7,000 pounds of food to our local food shelf, the Peace Center. The more a food shelf raises in the month of March, the more they receive from an incentive food fund from Minnesota Food Share. Please bring any food items, paper products, personal hygiene products or cleaning products and place them in the bins located in church. They will be here for the entire month of March. Thank you.

LENTEN & EASTER DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, March 14	5:00 PM	First 5 PM Mass
Sunday, March 15	7:00 PM	Live Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 20	8:30 AM & 7:30 PM 4:30 -7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross Fish Fry
Friday, March 27	8:30 AM & 7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 28	11:00 AM	Penitential Service w/o sacrament
Friday, April 3	8:30 AM & 7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Sunday, April 5	Palm Sunday –	Passion drama presented by our youth
Thursday, April 9	7:30 PM	Our Lord's Supper
Friday, April 10	3:00 PM & 7:30 PM	Good Friday –Passion drama presented by adult members of St. Wenceslaus and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, April 11	7:30PM	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 12	8:30 & 10:30 AM	Easter Sunday Mass

All of this information is also available at www.saintwenceslaus.org

Third Sunday of Lent

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mar 16: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Mar 17: Dn 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-25

Mar 18: Dn 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Mar 19: 2Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16;Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

Mar 20: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Mar 21: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Montgomery Apartment Fire Victims:

If anyone has items to donate, please e-mail a description of the item - include a picture if possible and contact information. Then the item will be posted with the information and residents will call if they need the item. This has worked well. Most residents need everything from basic household and kitchen items to furniture. Most lost everything and need the basics. The residents are very appreciative of everything that is being done for them. Email your items to Chris Goettl of Park Manor at: montgomeryhra@frontiernet.net

Area Support Group for Separated or Divorced will meet on Tuesday March 17th from 7-8:30 PM in the Pius X Room. Join others who know exactly how you are feeling.

A Retreat for Separated or Divorced people will be held on March 20th -22nd, at Christ the King retreat Center, in Buffalo MN, "Forging a Peaceful Path" is the theme. There is a suggested offering of \$125 to help with the cost of expenses. Please call 763-682-1394 for more details and to register.

"Learning to Let Go" with Ernie Larson, this short session is for everyone who needs to let go of whatever is keeping one from living a full life: loss of job, relationship, anger, etc. This session will be held on April 25, 9-noon, at St. Peter's Church in Mendota Heights. The cost is \$20 pay and you can pay at the door. Call Adaire at 651-603-0251 for more information.

The Social Justice Committee is planning an ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS morning on April 19. We are inviting all parishioners who are "going green" in your business or home to come and share what you are doing for the sake of future generations in terms of the environment. Eg. using solar power, rain barrels, etc. Please contact Mary Higgins at 758-0464 or Sr. Ginny at 758-0463 with your ideas, action, and plan. There is no fee to set up a booth to display your "green" adventure.

What are you doing during lent? You will find a purple flyer in the back of church listing many of the Lenten opportunities available during this very holy time.

For the past few years we have enjoyed desserts after the Holy Thursday Evening Mass. Is there anyone who would step up to help Sr. Ginny this year, so this tradition can be carried on next year? Maybe a book club, a card club, a neighborhood group could do this once a year event together. It takes a bout an hour to set up and another hour to clean up, about 3-4 hours total. Please call Sr. Ginny a call at 758-0463 if interested.

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PARISH NEWS

Our Act of Faith

Weekly Financial Gifts

Actual for the week 3/8/09.....	\$ 16,103
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$ 540,894
Budgeted Collections YTD.....	\$ 543,618
Under Budget YTD.....	-\$ -2,723
Next Week Budget 3/15/09.....	\$ 12,593
720 Team Donations so far.....	\$ 22,378

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

Attention Married and Engaged Couples

Has anyone ever clearly explained for you WHY the Catholic Church does not approve of unnatural birth control? For most of us, the answer is NO. Learn about your faith and discover a natural method of family planning that goes beyond the physical. For more information, call Scott or Gail Hunt 952-758-3961.

Thank you to First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch #35 who gave a generous donation for our upcoming Easter flowers.

Any non-confirmed Catholic person who would like to know more about the Catholic faith are invited to the Parish House on March 22nd at 9 AM. Members of our RCIA Team will be there to answer any and all of your questions about the process.

Pillow cleaning coming soon. Bring your feather pillows to be cleaned, fluffed, deodorized and recovered. Saturday, April 4 from 7 to 2 pm. Contact Mary at 758-0464 with questions.

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Assn. Branch W001 will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7 PM at John and Joney Coldagelli's home.

Have you been praying for a youth who will be confirmed this spring? If you have, please take a few minutes to write a short note expressing your support. Notes can be dropped off in the baskets in the back of church. These notes will be given to youth at their retreat on Mar. 28. Thank you so much for your prayers.

Paper Drive April 18th: St. Wenceslaus School has received a generous \$500 matching grant offer from the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association #W0001. So start saving all of your newspaper, cardboard boxes, phone books, magazines, egg cartons, office paper, junk mail, etc.. to help raise money for our school and help our environment. Drop off times for these items will be from 8-4 on April 18th in the church parking lot. Volunteers are needed! For more information call Eric & Lisa Schmid at 758-5553.

We Extend A Ginormous Thank You to Wendy Fadden who has completed her 3 year term on our Faith Formation Board. A New three year term will begin in September and we are currently seeking a new board member.

Thank you Christine Tupy who currently coordinates Sunday School for our children. We are in need of someone to Coordinate Sunday School for next school year. If you are interested in either one of these ministries please call the Faith Formation office at 758-2276 or 758-0486.

Third Sunday of Lent

The Adoration Committee is in need of people willing to commit to an hour of quiet prayer time in the PAC chapel. These are the hours we are trying to fill: Every Friday at 2pm or 4pm, and once a month on 1st Friday, 2 people are needed at 7PM. Please prayerfully consider taking one of these hours. Please call Diane at 758-5688 or Ann at 758-2735.

Donut Hole Sunday: Children ages 3-5 and their families are invited to enjoy Donut Holes and juice after both Masses on Sunday, March 15th in the Little Spirits Preschool Room. Games and activities will be available.

2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Thank you to the Praha Haus, for being this week's calendar sponsor.

Congratulations to the following winners:

3/09 # 1968 Joyce Johannes	3/10 #3242 Leon Snyder
3/11 #1005 Julie Allar	3/12 #2527 Brad Novak
3/13 #4063 Todd Ulschmid	3/14 #2992 Neil Schneider
3/15 #1442 James Dodge	

CCW NEWS- Spiritual Day 2009

Calling all parish women, join St. Wenceslaus CCW to see what a monthly meeting is all about. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 16th we will meet in the church at 7PM for stations. This month we will hear from two local groups that have benefited from CCW donations. Come and commit yourself to a purpose of living a meaningful and passionate life!



Our youth who are being confirmed this May will be attending a retreat here on Sat., March 28. Please keep them in your prayers as they complete their formation and discern their invitation to become a confirmed member of our parish community.

First year Confirmation candidates and their sponsors are in for a treat! David Rinaldi will be here to speak on Sunday, Mar. 29 at 4 pm in the PAC, followed by a taco supper. Those who heard David speak on Mar. 1 will want to come back for more, and those who missed him will have a second chance.

Parent meeting for youth being confirmed this May, Sunday, Mar. 22, 9:45-10:15, PAC. Please call Mary if you will be unable to make this brief meeting. 758-0464.

High School Youth Alive Challenge: Pat and Cindy Perkinson's 11th grade Youth Alive Group is stepping forward to be part of the parish's collective solution. They are taking on Fr. Kevin's request to be part of the "Team of 720" and are challenging all other high school groups (9-12) to raise a minimum of \$100 to be donated to St. Wenceslaus Parish to balance the '08-09' budget. Are you up to the challenge? Contact the Youth Ministry Office if you would like to participate.

Live Stations of the Cross- This weekend- Sunday, March 15 at 7PM in the Church. Be part of this experience as our Youth

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Alive groups portray Jesus' journey to the cross. It is a wonderful way to enhance your Lenten journey.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Ideas are like children, there are none so wonderful as your own.

The deadline for AUCTION DONATIONS for A Starry Night in the Orient! is APRIL 1st. Items can be delivered to Room C in the church basement or by phoning 758-9573 to arrange for pick-up.

EASY REGISTRATION. Beginning next weekend, March 14/15, and at weekend Masses on March 21/22 and 28/29, volunteers will be available in the back of church to take your registration. Cost is \$40 per person. Cash, Check, MasterCard, Visa or Discover taken.

While at the SWS Annual Fish Fry on Friday night, March 20th, stop by ROOM C in the church basement ~ your Starry Night in the Orient HEADQUARTERS! Donations accepted. Registrations will be taken. Volunteer Opportunities Discussed. All your questions answered.

LOOKING TO BORROW: Rickshaw, vintage suitcases, travel trunks, bird cages, Japanese umbrellas (paper parasols), old bicycles (no speed gears), three identical battery operated wall clocks, authentic kimonos. Email anmarie.witt@saintwenceslaus to discuss details.



B-I-N-G-O Fundraiser- Sunday March 15th from 2-4PM in the PAC. Profits from this event will go to help fund the 8th grade trip to Washington DC. \$5.00 will get you 16 games and lunch!

School Fish Fry March 20, 4:30-7:30 PM. Please help to make this a success so that we will meet our school operational income. Your Support is Appreciated!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, March 16:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
BB Practice, 5:30-7PM
Welcome Committee, 7-10 PM, Parish House
CCW Stations & Meeting, 7 PM Church

Tuesday, March 17:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Separated & Divorced Group 7-9PM, Pius X Room

Wednesday, March 18:

Early AM scripture study, 6:45-7:50 AM, Pius X Room
Morning bible study, 9:30-11 AM, Pius X Room
Home & School, 7-9, Parish House Dining Room

Thursday, March 19:

Mom's Gathering, 7-9, Parish House

Friday, March 20:

Adoration, 8AM-11PM, Chapel

Third Sunday of Lent

Fish Fry, 4:30-7:30 PM

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Saturday March 21:

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

First Communion Retreat

Very Senior Prom, 2-4:30 PM, Multipurpose Room

B-day Party, 1-3PM, PAC, Multipurpose Room

Sunday, March 22:

Donuts, Coffee & Conversation

Adult Discussion Group, 6-8 PM, Parish House

PARISH LITURGY

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

Monday, March 16 & Tuesday, March 17

8 AM.....Word & Communion Service

Wednesday, March 18

8 AM.....2nd Grade Mass

.....John & Beatrice Hamer, Dan, Margaret & Joe Shea

Thursday, March 19

8 AM.....Word & Communion Service

11 AM.....Reconciliation at Mala Strana

Friday, March 20

8 AM.....Mass

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

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

Saturday, March 21.....

5 PM.....John Fitzgerald, Annie & Dan Osborne

.....John & Dorothy Hamer

Sunday, March 22 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:30 AM.....Lucille Kreuser, Bill Sticha

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LIVING WITHIN OUR MEANS

What are We Inviting You to Do?

- † Take a few minutes to review Fr. Kevin Clinton's personal letter.
- † Recognize that St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church would like to be here for you on your spiritual journey, as a guide and companion.
- † Pause to reflect on God's gifts, talents and blessings given to you.
- † Determine a planned and proportionate financial commitment (weekly, monthly or annually) to help operate our church and school between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.
- † **Using the enclosed commitment form and return envelope, prepare to offer your commitment on the weekend of March 14-15, 21-22 or 28-29 when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.**
- † Join others and step forward in faith to help safeguard and secure the programs and ministries that you have come to expect.
- † Help us live within our means.
- † Eliminate the need and expense of personally contacting you to invite your support.
- † Thank you!

Our Prayer In Gratitude

Loving God, we thank You for all the blessings You have given us as a parish family.

We are thankful to all who have gone before us, who have helped create this welcoming faith community.

We recognize that we are stewards of this legacy. We pray to You in thanksgiving, for all that we have been given.

We ask for Your guidance in realizing our own obligations and opportunities, to help St. Wenceslaus Parish live within its means.

As we join together in worship, Catholic education, fellowship and service to those in need, remind us our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. Amen.