

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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March 29, 2009



Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Gospel according to John presents us with a very different portrayal of Jesus than is found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Jesus knows that his “hour” has come. This theme occurs three times in today’s passage. It refers to Jesus’ Passion on the cross. The Gospels told by the other evangelist’s depict Jesus in agony in the Garden of Gethsemani the night before he died, praying that he might be spared suffering, the fourth evangelist John recounts no such incident. In today’s Gospel, Jesus is “troubled” knowing that his hour has come, but resolutely says, “it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.” The seed of his death will produce a harvest of eternal life.

LENTEN & EASTER DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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Living Within Our Means –

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Luke 12:34

- Many thanks to those who have returned their commitment form to help us to fund the day-to-day operations of St. Wenceslaus Parish during the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- This weekend we wrap up the in-church phase of our campaign with the commitment packets available in the pews, as well as in the back of church, the parish, school and Faith Formation offices.
- It is vitally important that we have a generous commitment from every parish household and we need your help to achieve two very important goals of our campaign.
 - The first is to invite the full participation of all registered households.
 - The second goal is to generate financial commitments sufficient to support our operating budget for the coming fiscal year.
- If you have not returned your commitment, please take a packet home and offer a response based on your blessings and capacity. Return the card in the sealed envelope by mail, deliver it to the parish or school office, or place it in the collection basket next weekend.
- After Easter, we will begin our follow up efforts to contact and invite those parishioners that have not responded.
- **Please save us the time, energy and expense of personally contacting you by returning your commitment.**
- Thank you for your cooperation! Watch for a comprehensive report on the results of our In-Church invitation after Easter.

Rev. Kevin I. Clinton

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mar 30: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:1-11

Mar 31: Nm 21:4-9;Jn 8:21-30

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Apr:01: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Jn8:31-42

Apr 02: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Apr 03: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Apr 04: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Holy Thursday Dessert After Service. You are invited to bring a dessert (cut in small pieces since people love to taste several) to share. Please bring to the church basement cafeteria before the service. Thank you to the group who stepped forward to help with this coffee/conversation/dessert time.

A Communion distributor is needed for Mill Pond after the 8:30 AM Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please call Sr. Ginny at 758-0463 ASAP if you are able to help!

Baptism Prep Class will be held Monday, April 13th 7-8:30 PM in Pius X room, located in the church basement. **Note: There will not be another preparation class held until July 13th.**

April Birthday Coffee will be celebrated on Thursday, April 2 in the church basement after the 8 AM Mass.

Volunteers are needed to DVD the Mass on the 3rd Sunday and/or the 5th Sunday of the month. It is very easy to do! And Sr. Ginny will train you. Perhaps a parent who uses the childcare area would be willing to DVD the Mass while you are in the space. Call Sr. Ginny at 758-0463 ASAP if you are able to help. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

Our Act of Faith

Weekly Financial Gifts

Actual for the week 3/15/09.....	\$ 15,449
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$ 573,903
Budgeted Collections YTD.....	\$ 571,943
Over Budget YTD.....	\$ +1,960
Next Week Budget 3/29/09.....	\$ 13,703
720 Team Donations so far.....	\$ 35,028

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

The Faith Formation Staff would like to thank all those that contributed to the program through their Faith Formation Support envelope. The Faith Formation Program received \$803. Thank you again for your continued support!

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.

Please keep our youth preparing for Confirmation in your prayers. Year 2 youth attended an all day retreat this Saturday to help them reflect on the choices they will be making in the years ahead. They had an opportunity for reconciliation and Mass and a special dinner prepared just for them, with entertainment by the Gibbs' Youth Alive group and an invitation to join Youth Alive next year.

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Year 1 Confirmation youth will be inviting their sponsors to join them for a taco supper and to hear speaker David Rinaldi. David's talk will be open to others from the parish, from 4-5PM March 29th in the Parish Activity Center.

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.

Thank you to Lucille Nickolay and CCW for the kind donation for Easter flowers.

FLAMING SPIRITS: Congratulations to both the 7th & 8th grade boy's basketball team for bringing home the 1st & 2nd place trophies, respectively, at the Tri-County Conference basketball tournament held at St. Mary's on February 28th. Their coach, Pat Soderlund, did a great job with them! A special thank you, also to the coach's of the 5th & 6th grade boys' teams, Steve Smisek, and the 5th-8th grade girls' teams, Julie Allar. Your commitment to our athletic program is very much appreciated!

It's not too early to start thinking about our parish festival. Mark your calendars for August 8th & 9th, so that all can plan to attend. Please remember us in your spring planting this year! We always appreciate the wide variety of produce provided. We are especially in need of volunteers to plant cucumbers and cabbage. If you are willing to grow these, please call either Stef Tupy at 758-5912 or Nate Pumper at 758-9447.

Festival Favorites!

Do you like to play Bingo at the festival? We are in need of a Bingo Chairperson. Maybe you and a friend could split the duty and both contribute to this fun event at the festival? The Country Store has 3 people who share the responsibility for the festival. We are in need of 2 or more people to complete the group. Please call Stef Tupy for more information 758-5912. Volunteering is a great way to experience fellowship!

2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Thank you to Paul Skluzacek Builders Inc. for being this week's calendar sponsor.

Congratulations to the following winners:

3/23 #2705 Michael O'Rourke	3/24 #1728 Tim Hanson
3/25 #2302 Claude Mahowald	3/26 #1092 Sue Bastyr
3/27 #1163 Lorraine Bisek	3/28 #3402 Helen Tikalsky
3/29 #1513 Gladys Eilers	



Another Lenten Invitation: Senior Youth Alive members from the Mat Hodapp and Jane Meyer group invite all parishioners to church on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. They will be giving "eye-witness" accounts of those who were at Jesus' crucifixion.

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This prayerful reflection should last about 20 minutes with juice and cookies following in the cafeteria. Please join us and enrich your Lenten journey. Members of the group are: Danielle Busch, Katie Dietz, Alysha Gareis, Joey Geiger, Nathan Hodapp, Clair Kratochvil, Alli Meyer, Dylan Seurer, and Chrystal Wells.

Junior High Youth from St. Wenceslaus will be helping with the International Food Relief Campaign; Kids Against Hunger at the KC Hall on April 20. All Junior high youth are welcome. If your child is involved in Faith Formation or St. Wenceslaus School, they will receive a flyer to bring home this week with details. Any parishioner wishing to make a donation please bring it to the Faith Formation office. **A gift of only \$10 will feed 100 hungry children!**

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

A warm smile is testimony of a generous nature.

AUCTION REGISTRATION continues for A Starry Night in the Orient SWS's 5th annual spring benefit. Cost is \$40 per person. Cash, Check, MasterCard, Visa or Discover taken. Come on out and support the school.

Do not delay. The Silent & Live Auction DONATION DEADLINE is April 1st. Phone 758-9573. Both Donor and Registration Forms are available on line at the school's website saintwenceslaus.org.

Examples of 2009 Auction Items: Zamboni Ride at NPBS Hockey Game, Three Month Membership to the Fitness Center, Gas Groceries & Gotta Haves Gift Cards, American Girl Doll of the Year, Willow Tree Nativity Set, Photography Portrait by Greg Rademacher, and much, much more!

If you have any questions regarding the auction please call Ann Marie Witt at 758-9573 or email at annmarie.witt@saintwenceslaus.org

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, March 30:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
BB Practice, 6-7:30 PM, PAC, Multipurpose

Tuesday, March 31:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Confirmation conferences, 6-9PM, Parish House

Wednesday, April 1:

Early AM scripture study, 6:45-7:50 AM, Pius X Room
Morning bible study, 9:30-11 AM, Pius X Room
Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, April 2:

BB Practice, 6-7:30 PM, PAC, Multipurpose

Friday, April 3:

Adoration, 8AM-11PM, Chapel
BB Practice, 6:30-8:30 PM, PAC, Multipurpose

Saturday April 4:

Fr. Kevin's Bible Study, 9:30-11AM, Pius X Room
Pillow Cleaning, 7 AM to 2 PM, PAC Foyer

Sunday, April 5:

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Donuts, Coffee & Conversation

Adult Discussion Group, 6-8 PM, Parish House

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PARISH LITURGY

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

Monday, March 30 & Tuesday, March 31

8 AM.....Word & Communion Service

Wednesday, April 1

8 AM.....Kindergarten Mass

Thursday, April 2

8 AM.....Mass

Friday, April 3

8 AM.....Mass

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

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

Saturday, April 4.....

5 PM.....Debbie Franek Zerr, Bridget Wagner

Sunday, April 5 *Sixth Sunday of Lent*

8:30 AM.....Mardee & Pat Weldon Sr., Bohumil & Anna Pavek

.....Helen Pexa, Merlin Moore, Les Svihel, Clayton Schoenecker

10:30 AM.....Grace Simota, Emil & Thom Flicek

.....Marie Jelinek, David Ruehling