

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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The traditions of the Easter season teach us how to recognize God's presence among us, even in our loss, weakness, confusion, and isolation. The experience of the Triduum suggests to us that it is not our outer circumstances that dictate our happiness, but our inner state. We discover the miracle of God's presence where we least expect to find him within ourselves.

Easter is a time of change. It is a time to re-order our priorities, to make changes that will help us become more fully human, more fully alive. First, live attentively. It means to be aware of life. Pay attention to every single moment. Second, learn to let go. Start to simplify your life. Simplify your possessions, your thoughts, your desires, and your expectations. When you let go, your arms are wide open to receive all the good things God longs to give you. Third, develop intimacy with God.

God our Father, by raising Christ your Son, you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

We Give Thanks  *And Praise to God*  *We Give Thanks*  *And Praise to God*

Sr. Ginny our Pastoral Minister will be leaving our parish community next week to assume responsibilities as Vocation Director for her religious community in Dubuque, Iowa. Sr. Ginny has been a powerful pastoral presence for many people. She has had an effect on many people.

All who have been changed by her example are invited to a Parish Appreciation Reception after all Masses on April 18th & 19th in the Parish Activity Center.

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Happy Easter 2009

I love Holy Week....this year especially! I get in touch with the desperateness of our human condition both in our own personal lives and the life of any human community. I also become a little more aware of the saving love of God for me and all of us. In the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus the truth of God's love for us and the power of how God reaches into our human situation becomes clearer.

This Holy Week we have expanded our awareness of God's love as a parish. On Good Friday, the Christian community of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and the Christian community of St. Wenceslaus Church gathered in common worship to remember the saving death of Christ. It has always been the teaching of the Catholic Church that all baptized people share a common relationship with Christ. Roman Catholics and Lutherans are "in Christ" together—of course most often we use slightly different traditions, places and means of celebrating and nurturing our common relationship with Christ. This past Good Friday we were able, because of the work of the Lutheran/Catholic Covenant Commission and other ecumenical efforts over the years, to worship together on the common ground of relationship with our crucified and risen Lord. We need to support one another in our Christian journey. The joy of Easter has grown deeper as we realize our Lutheran friends are with us in saying "He is Risen, indeed!"

Jesus did more than teach others with words. He also taught us using his body and blood. His very life was given up so that God would breathe new life into us —everlasting life! The miming of the Passion of our Lord from the gospels of Mark and John put "Word" & "Sacrament" together: the scripture gave us the Word and the bodies of the mime actors provided the Sacrament. That is how Christ is present in our world throughout the year: we welcome Christ, the Word of God, into our lives and God touches the world through how our lives are lived. May this Holy Week awaken your awareness that the Risen Lord is indeed alive within our own lives and among us in our faith communities?

Happy Easter, Fr. Kevin

The adult mime members held rehearsals for 2 hours every Sunday since March 1st. We thank them for giving their time and by sharing their talents with us we were able to experience Good Friday in a more meaningful way. The members included: Audrey Austin, Betz Erickson, Terry McCullough, Angie Musil, Marlys Johnson, Brett Wegner, Julie Bower, Virgil Pint, Dan O'Neill, Jean Sticha, Lisa Velishek, Don Yackley, Emma Tikalsky, Ann Marie Witt, and Jennifer McDonough. Directed by Dwayne Anderson in collaboration with Kathleen Pomije Ebnat and Fr. Kevin. Thank you again!!!

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

April 13: Acts 2:14,22-23; Mt 28:8-15
April 14: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
April 15: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:35-38
April 16: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
April 17: Acts 4:1-12, Jn 21:1-14
April 18: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

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PASTORAL MINISTRY

Communion Distributors if you happen to have a pix at home that you are no longer using, please return it to the sacristy.

Communion Leader needed for the 4th Sunday of the Month at Mill Pond. The residents at Mill Pond deeply appreciate the 5-10 minute prayer service each Sunday morning. If you can help provide this to them please call Sr. Ginny at 758-0463.

Baptism Prep Class will be held Monday, April 13th 7-8:30 PM in Pius X room, located in the church basement. Parents planning a baptism need to come to one baptism class. The next class will be held on July 13th.

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! You choose which Mass to record, finalize it and drop it in BEVCOMM'S drop box on your way home. Call Sr. Ginny at 758-0463 ASAP and she can walk you through the simple process.

April 19th will be here soon! The Social Justice Committee is planning an Environment Awareness morning on April 19th. 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 the future generations in terms of environment. There is no fee to set up your booth to display your "green" ideas. (*Note this is the same weekend as Sr. Ginny's parish farewell reception.*)

Prayer Shawls: Please call Kathy at 758-3591 or Lynn at 758-3569 to join the prayer shawl ministry, to donate yarn, or to obtain a shawl to give to someone who is celebrating a birthday, going through a tough time due to unemployment, disease or grieving. The shawl is a reminder that the parishioners are praying for that person.

Mass is aired by Bevcomm, local channel 6 on Wednesdays at 4 PM, and Sunday morning at 8:30 & 11:30. PASS IT ON!!!

PARISH NEWS

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

Actual for the week 4/5/09.....	\$ 14,314
Over Budget YTD.....	\$ + 164
Next Week Budget 4/12/09.....	\$ 14,150

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

Paper Drive April 18th: This is a reminder that St. Wenceslaus School is holding a paper drive on Sat. April 18th. There will be a trailer available to fill in the Church parking lot so please bring your paper goods between 8:00am -4:00pm. If you have an unusually LARGE amount and will have trouble getting it there, or if you are elderly or know someone who is elderly that needs help, please call us at 758-5553. We are also in need of volunteers on both the 17th and 18th. If you could help out for even 1 hour

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please call us at the 758-5553. Your help would be appreciated. Thank you very much! Eric & Lisa Schmid

The Cemetery Board will meet Tuesday, April 14th at 7 PM in Pius X Room, located in the Church Basement.

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!

CCW NEWS:

Southwest Deanery CCW Open Meeting is Thursday, April 16. It will be held at the Church of Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale. If interested in going please contact Renee Brod at 758-5301.

CCW announces a change in our meeting for April. We will gather at 6:30 PM, on Monday, April 20th in the church to celebrate Mass. Following Mass we will hold our business meeting and installation of new officers. A reminder this is also a potluck. Please bring a dish to pass. All women of the parish are welcome to come and celebrate with us. As a reminder if you are able to assist at Sr. Ginny's farewell celebration please contact Renee at 758-5301.

2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Thank you to Ron Schoenecker Agency & Busch Bros. Machining for being this week's calendar sponsors.

Congratulations to the following winners:

4/6 #1767 Peter Scheffler 4/7 # 3762 Dan Van Lith
4/8 #2695 Josh Carlson 4/9 #2303 Virginia Mahowald
4/10 #2555 Arnita Novotny 4/11 #1351 Travis Chevalier
4/12 #3334 Adeline Stocker



Notice to Parents of High School Seniors: The Baccalaureate Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m. on May 31. If you are a member of St. Wenceslaus parish, but your child is graduating from a school other than NPHS, please call Laura at the Youth Ministry office; at 952.758.5131 to register your child. We would like them to be part of the Mass. Thank you.

Summer Youth Programs: A reminder to all youth grades 6-12 – if you are interested in any of the summer programs, please give the Youth Ministry office a call at 952.758.5131 by

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Monday, April 13. We need to know numbers for planning purposes. We will also be contacting you with opportunities to fundraise (if you choose) to help offset costs. Thank you. Laura

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. Please return your signed parent permission slip by Thursday, April 16. Additional forms can be picked up outside the Faith Formation Office.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

You will step on the soil of many far-away countries on
April 25, 2009.

AUCTION REGISTRATION is drawing to a close. Cost is \$40 per person. Cash, Check, Mastercard, Visa or Discover. Contact 758-9573 to secure your spot.

Announcing the following 2009 Live Auction Items:

1. Framed photograph of the stained glass windows in the church donated by Jeff Baker
2. Couple's get-away weekend to Door County, WI donated by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Rentmeester
3. Family dinner once a month for a year donated by Darlene Witt
4. Portable fish house donated by First Catholic Slovak Ladies Assoc. Branch W001
5. Youth basketball clinic hosted by Danny Geiger and other NPHS Trojans & SWS alumni
6. Summer Staycation ~ one week stay at authentic log cabin on Battle Lake donated by Dave & Jean Sticha
7. Mystery contents of the Principal's Briefcase! ~ State Bank of New Prague
8. Dinner for Two ~ Anywhere ~ with the McBroom's donated by Ron & Kathy McBroom, Ron McBroom Agency
9. Men's "Froz'n Décor & More" Package donated by FCSLA Branch W001, Mike & Julie Allar, Day Distributing, Schells Brewery & Kathy O'Neill
10. Ladies Spa Package at Hairchitects donated by Jean Becker of Hairchitects and Maureen Zeimet
11. Private Dinner Party of Six hosted by Archbishop Emeritus, Harry Flynn
12. 2009 SWS All-School Art Project

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, April 13:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
No School

Tuesday, April 14:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
No School
Befrienders, 7-9PM, Parish House

Wednesday, April 15:

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

Home & School Meeting, 7-9 PM, Parish House Dining Room

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Friday, April 17:

Adoration, 9AM-11PM, Chapel

Set up for Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon

Saturday April 18:

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

Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon

Environmental Fair Set up

Appreciation Reception for Sr. Ginny

PARISH LITURGY

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

Monday, April 13 & Tuesday, April 14

8 AM.....Word & Communion Service

Wednesday, April 15

8 AM.....Mathias Kreuster, Hilda Bruzek

.....Betty Wagner, Gloria Wagner

Thursday, April 16

8 AM..... Word & Communion Service

11 AM.....Mass at Mala Strana

Friday, April 17

8 AM.....Mass

Saturday, April 18.....

5 PM.....Alice Shaughnessy, John Fitzgerald, Jim Kocina

.....Bill Kartak, Billy Tupy & Family

.....50th Wedding Anniversary Fritz & Bella Hertaus

Sunday, April 19

8:30 AM.....Edward J. Maruska, Les Svihel, Evelyn Lang,

.....Barb Pexa

10:30 AM.....Leo, Alyce, & Michael Mamer, Emil, Helen Jirik

.....Julias Svoboda & Family