

# St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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**May 10, 2009**

*We are pleased to welcome these youth to complete initiation into the Catholic Church and our parish community on Wednesday May 13 at 7PM. Archbishop Neinstedt will be here to celebrate the liturgy with us. These youth have completed two years of formation, which has included Sunday morning classes, meetings with their sponsors, participation in parish service and youth ministry activities, two retreats and interviews with their catechists. We look forward to their continued participation in our parish. Thank you for your prayers and support.*

Zach Algren	Nolan Hodapp	Nick Novotny
Scott Allar	Matt Holden	Katie Olson
Abby Ambroz	Joe Hruby	Jacob Ouradnik
Molly Amundsen	Sara Hunt	Julie Picha
Kyle Becker	Joe Immenschuh	Rachel Priestler
Megan Blaschko	Todd Jindra	Sawyer Rademacher
Kellie Bohlke	Mason Johnson	Zach Roach
Alyssa Chromy	Brandon Johnson	Meghan Rook
Jackie Dols	Beth Kiewatt	Shannon Russell
Molly Drazan	Rochelle Koehnen	Landon Schaeffer
Scott Dvorak	Karla Korbel	Trevor Schmitz
Rebecca Enrooth	Katie Kveene	Katie Schoenbauer
Joe Forberg	Darren Lopic	Kim Skluzacek
Mitch Gareis	Annie Larson	Joe Soderlund
Brady Gratzmeyer	David Lim	Caitlin Solheid
Drew Geiger	Grant Maxwell	KatelynSticha
Melissa Hanson	James McLaughlin	Brandon Svoboda
Kelsey Hennes	Nick Minar	Stephanie Tupy
Doug Hindermann	Jennifer Natole	Andrea Wick
Zach Hinricher	Elizabeth Northrup	

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**HAPPY 130<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ST. WENCESLAUS SCHOOL!**

Back in early 1878, a committee of 12 male parishioners from the Church of St. Wenceslaus determined a school was needed to educate the local youth of our community. Construction of a brick schoolhouse began immediately with two stories that had two rooms on each floor. Each room had its own wood-burning stove. It also boasted two outdoor toilets – one for the girls and one for the boys – with a total cost of \$3,500.

The doors to St. Wenceslaus School officially opened in the fall of that same year and this present school year, '08-'09, marks its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is time to celebrate SWS's rich tradition of providing faith-based education to the youth of our community and therefore we are having a party.

All alumni, faculty & staff, family & friends of SWS are invited to attend a birthday celebration on Saturday evening, May 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 5 pm Mass in the Parish Activities Center. This informal wine and cheese reception is family friendly. Class photos, artifacts and memories will be shared.

SWS is pleased to announce that a formal SWS alumni association is forming and founding members will be present at the party to greet you and help you connect with the school for its up-coming "SWS All School Class Reunion" scheduled for Fall 2009.

- Did you know an estimated 3,560 people have graduated from SWS?
- Did you know the most common last names of SWS graduates are: Bisek, Schoenbauer, Tupy, Kubes and Sticha?
- Did you know the School Sister of St. Francis began their service at SWS in 1883 and served the community for 116 consecutive years? 186 nuns ~ more than 900 years.

.....*Ann Marie Witt, Development Director*

**The Pastoral Associate Torch Passes to  
Deacon Bob Wagner**

After celebrating and thanking Sister Ginny Heldorfer last month for her nine years of Pastoral Ministry at St. Wenceslaus, this month I am pleased to announce that Deacon Bob Wagner has been hired as the Pastoral Associate of our parish. I am grateful for the assistance of an interview committee Sr. Ginny helped me assemble during the interview and selection process. I believe we are very fortunate to have someone like Deacon Bob Wagner ready to pick up where Sr. Ginny left off.

Deacon Bob has worked continuously for the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese since September 1977. During this time he has served at four parishes: St. Wenceslaus (Director of Music), St. Hubert (in Chanhassen), St. Stephen (in south Minneapolis), and currently St. Joseph (in Waconia). He has served in a number of different positions in these parishes, including music educator, coordinator of liturgy and music, coordinator of pastoral ministry, and parish life administrator. He has served on Archdiocesan boards and associations both as a member and in leadership positions. He has a Master Degree in Pastoral Studies, is

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certified as a spiritual director, and continues language acquisition in Spanish. Deacon Bob lives in New Prague with his wife and children. While he is dedicated to his ministry and Church, his family takes first place in his life—as it should be.

Transitioning to a new Pastoral Associate after the skill and familiarity of Sr. Ginny's nine years will take openness, listening skills, communication and patience—on the part of both Deacon Bob and all the people of St. Wenceslaus. Nine years ago Sr. Ginny was very new and unknown. We said good-bye after years of relationship building and development of many ministries. Deacon Bob will engage his listening skills for a number of months as he takes in the "lay of the land" in our parish community. I have every confidence that given his skills and service experience in parish communities, he will be of great assistance to many and will do everything he can to continue the support and development of Pastoral Ministry—just as his predecessor did.

He will begin the position of Pastoral Associate on July 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Welcome Deacon Bob Wagner!

*Fr. Kevin*

**Our apologies to the following First Communicants who were omitted from the bulletin last week:** Mason John Paden, Trever James Prelesnik, Abby Elizabeth Sirek, Simon Oscar Solheid, Olivia Grace Simon, Katlyn Dee Cross

**BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

May 11: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

May 12: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

May 13: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

May 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

May 15: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

May 16: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

**PASTORAL MINISTRY**

**Prayer shawls:** Please call Kathy at 758-3591 or Lynn at 758-2115 to join the prayer shawl ministry, to donate yarn, or to obtain a shawl to give to someone who is celebrating a birthday, going thru a tough time due to unemployment, disease, or grieving. The shawl is a reminder that the parishioners are praying for that person.

**BEVCOMM UPDATE:**

The camera used for taping Sunday Mass will be getting repaired. During this time frame Bevcomm will continue to air previously taped Masses. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

**The May Birthday celebrations will be held May 21<sup>st</sup>** in the church basement following 8 AM Mass.

**PARISH NEWS**

**Paper Drive was a Success**—When school staff, school families, and a parish community work together to help a school and the earth God smiles and wonderful things happen. Through the efforts of many we collected 53,980 lbs and raised a **total of \$1,106.75** for St Wenceslaus School.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

We would like to thank The First Catholic Ladies Association branch 001 for giving us a \$500 matching grant, Ace Hardware, Mach Lumber, and Subway for their donations that came in handy on Sat the 18th. We want to extend a gigantic thank you to all the volunteers that helped out before and during the drive. We could not have done it without you. You were an answer to our prayers! A special thank you to Leonard Korbel for donating his semi and to Roger his driver. May the Lord continue to smile upon all of you!

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

Actual for the week 5/03/09.....\$ 17,333  
Over Budget YTD.....\$ +3,183  
Next Week Budget 5/10/09.....\$ 14,150

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

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE GREEN TEAM?**

We are very proud of our beautiful gardens. Fourth graders and their helpers will be planting annuals soon. We also continue to add perennials.

The Mary Garden is our focus this year. Thank you to Audrey Bendzick for her donation to purchase plants for this special garden. We welcome other donations or memorials for plants, benches, trellises, and other landscape features that will be added through the years.

We depend on individuals and families to help keep our flowers and shrubs looking good all summer.

Please consider volunteering to:

- \*Help plant flowers May 18<sup>th</sup> (one scheduled day)
- \*Volunteer for a week to help weed and water gardens as needed
- \*"Adopt" a garden or group of flowerpots for the summer.

About 50 families volunteered last year, and we would like to have even more this year. If you have any questions please contact Kathy McNamara at

[Kathy.mcnamara@saintwenceslaus.org](mailto:Kathy.mcnamara@saintwenceslaus.org)

### **FESTIVAL UPDATE:**

The 2009 TOP SIX Festival Committee consists of Stefeni Tupy, Nate Pumper, Kris Beatrez, Dan Koehnen, Mary Bartusek, and Ron Pieper. The big day is Sunday, August 9th. If you have not committed to working at the Festival, this weekend there will be sign up sheets available to volunteer for various activities in the back of church. Your help is appreciated and is an integral part in making the 2009 Festival a success. ALL ARE WELCOME! Call Stef Tupy 758-5912 or Nate Pumper 758-9447 with any questions.

### **2009 CALENDAR CORNER**

*Thank you to Odenthal Meats & Bruzek Funeral Home for being this week's calendar sponsors.*

### **Congratulations to the following winners:**

5/04 # 3473 Lu Tupy                      5/05 # 3430 Yvonne Brausen  
5/06 # 3931 Kari Kasel                    5/07 # 1874 Jean Hummel  
5/08 # 1754 Lori Hartmann                5/09 # 3387 Linda Thomas  
5/10 # 3330 Curt Sticha

**Confirmation details:** Please be at church by 6:30 to pick up your certificate and nametag and be seated. The Mass will begin at 7:00. St. Wenceslaus will be sitting in the two east sections as well as the back of the two west sections. Seating is on a first come basis. Confirmants and sponsors should be seated next to the center aisle. Each family will have only one pew in the reserved sections, with VERY limited extra seating. Only youth and sponsors will go forward for the anointing. There will be a reception following in the PAC.

**Class of 2009:** If you have not notified us if you *are* or *are not* planning to attend the Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast on May 31, please do so today. You can call Laura at 952.758.5131 or Lori at 952.758.5863. You can also e-mail me at [laura.schoenecker@saintwenceslaus.org](mailto:laura.schoenecker@saintwenceslaus.org). We need every student accounted for – so please let us know. Join your classmates and faith community as we celebrate your High School graduation. Thank you.

**Attention class of 2010** - If you are a registered, active Youth Alive member, make sure you get signed up for your Senior Retreat. Watch the mail for more details. The registration deadline is May 18.

**Vacation Bible School will be held July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.** More details will follow in the weeks to come.

### **DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**The 8th annual SWS Golf Tournament** is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for Friday, June 19th at Creeks Bend Golf Course. Sponsor a hole or get a foursome together and join us for a relaxing afternoon on the golf course. Sponsorship and Golf Registration forms can be downloaded from the school's website - [saintwenceslaus.org](http://saintwenceslaus.org). Please contact Ann Marie Witt at 952-758-9573 if you have any questions.

**Interested in getting involved with SWS's Alumni Association?** A formal group is now organizing. Contact the Development Office at 758-9573 today.

### **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

#### **Monday, May 11:**

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel

#### **Tuesday, May 12:**

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel  
Band & Choir Concert, 6:30-8:30 PM

#### **Wednesday, May 13:**

Early AM scripture study, 6:45-7:50 AM, Pius X Room  
Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel  
Morning bible study, 9:30-11 AM, Pius X Room  
Girls of Faith, 4:30-6:30PM, Parish House  
Confirmation Reception, 8:30-10PM, PAC

#### **Friday, May 15:**

Adoration, 9AM-11PM, Chapel

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Senior Retreat, 8AM-2PM, PAC

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**Saturday May 16:**

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

Alumni B-Day Blast, 7-9PM, PAC

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**Sunday May 17:**

Last Sunday of Donuts in Church Basement after All Masses

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**PARISH LITURGY**

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

Monday, May 11 & Tuesday, May 12

8 AM.....Word & Communion Service

Wednesday, May 13

8 AM.....Kindergarten Mass

7 PM.....Confirmation

Thursday, May 14

8 AM.....Lucille Kreuser, Emil & Elsie Novak

Friday, May 15

8 AM.....Bill Sticha

5:30 PM.....Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 16.....

3 PM.....Wedding of Joe Allen & Krista Sullivan

5 PM.....Eleanore Maruska, Betty Wagner, Gloria Wagner

.....Charles & Katherine Horejsi, Charles & Leona Horejsi

.....Delores Ambroz

Sunday, May 17.....

8:30 AM.....Bohumil & Anna Pavek, Helen Pexa, Fritz Novotny

.....Marcella Bartusek, Evelyn Lang

10:30 AM.....Hilda Bruzek, Fran Langer

1:30 PM..50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for Carlton & Mary Jane Miller