

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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Bulletin for July 15 and July 26, 2009

In our Gospel today, the apostles gathered together with Jesus & reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place & rest awhile." There were so many people and so many distractions. So they had to go away to a boat to a secluded island.

How many times do we come to church on Sunday and expect peace & quiet? We have an expectation of how we anticipate things should go. Unavoidably a baby cries, we need Eucharistic ministers, or the procession is ready to start & we realize the "Book of Gospels" is in the sacristy.

How do we react when the unexpected happens? How do we deal with interruptions? How many times have we heard people say we cannot control other people's actions only our reactions?

This week let us practice "*Mindfulness*"

Mindful of our words

Mindful of our emotions

Mindful of our reactions

Mindful of God's presence.

Welcome to St. Wenceslaus Parish

If you do not have a church home, we would be honored to have you as part of our church family.

If you have moved, or have other needs,

Please fill this out & drop it in the collection basket

or drop it off at the parish office.

_____ New Parishioner

_____ I have moved, here is my new address

_____ I have changed my phone number

_____ I am moving, please remove me from the parish

_____ I would like a visitor from the parish

_____ I am going to the hospital, please call me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

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From The Desk of the Pastor

On March 25, 2009, the Catholic Spirit published an article from Archbishop Nienstedt concerning his forming a Task Force to focus on Parish & School Planning.

He spoke about being called to *stewardship*. How structures of Parish life can & do change, i.e., demographics shift, pastoral needs are altered, resources, once abundant diminish.

Archbishop Nienstedt told of his arrival to the Diocese of New Ulm. Changes were happening; they needed to take action, so a committee was formed. A new model of parish structuring called, the “Area Faith Community”.

Archbishop Nienstedt said, “What I see are changes happening before my eyes. I believe it is time to respond. But the response should be framed within the concept of being good stewards of the gifts & resources that have been entrusted to serve the needs of the people of the Archdiocese.”

In the bulletin this weekend, you will find a summary of the current state of our Archdiocese, from the growth we are experiencing as a church, to the state of parishes, clergy & Catholic education. It is the hope of the Strategic Planning Task Force for the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Mpls that you find these facts informative as we go forward in this planning process.

Fr. Kevin Clinton

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

- July 20: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
- July 21: Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50
- July 22: Ex 16:1-5,9-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- July 23: Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
- July 24: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
- July 25: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
- July 27: Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Mt 13:31-35
- July 28: Ex 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28; Mt 13:36-43
- July 29: Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27
- July 30: Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Mt 13:47-53
- July 31: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37; Mt 13:54-58
- Aug 01: Lv 25:1,8-17; Mt 14:1-12

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Baptism Preparation class will be held on Monday, August 10, from 7- 8:30 pm in the Pius X room on the lower level of the church. The next scheduled class will be Mon. Sept.14th.

PARISH NEWS

Our Act of Faith

Weekly Financial Gifts

Actual for the week 7/5.....	\$ 13,550
Over Budget.....	+\$ 500
Actual for the week 7/12.....	\$ 17,428
Over Budget.....	\$ 4,378
Actual YTD.....	\$ 30,978

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

This year the Property and Finance Board is changing the way that we report the weekly collection information. To make the reporting more understandable to you, we are presenting the budgeted amount needed each week as an average for each quarter of the fiscal year. The first quarter of the fiscal year runs

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from July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. On average we are seeking \$13,050 each week to meet our budget for the quarter

The Cemetery Board will meet July 21st at 7 PM in the Pius X Room.

2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Thank you to Busch Bros. Machining, Steve Tupy Tire Service, Strike Force Bowl & Pro Shop for being this week's calendar sponsors.

Congratulations to the following winners:

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| 7/6 #2503 Karen Nerud | 7/7 #1970 Doreen Liebhard |
| 7/8 #2466 Deb Sirek | 7/9 #1185 Lynn Bisek |
| 7/10 #3116 Angela Shimota | 7/11 #1506 Charlotte Edberg |
| 7/12 #2347 Mary Ann Maruska | 7/13 #1617 Leroy Geiger |
| 7/14 #3429 Yvonne Brausen | 7/15 #1998 Helen Kajer |
| 7/16 #2114 Garry Korbel | 7/17 #3360 Glenn Svoboda |
| 7/18 #3340 Veronica Yearneau | 7/19 #1428 Leonard Segna |
| 7/20 #3915 Camilla Hartmann | 7/21 #2614 Bill Pieper |
| 7/22 #1651 Doris Gillen | 7/23 #3226 Roger Smisek |
| 7/24 #1802 Joyce Hertaus | 7/25 #1804 LeRoy Heyda |
| 7/26 #2694 Tonya Schneider | |

Help wanted: We are seeking a new director for our Club House extended care program. This position will begin on August 20. Full time or part time hours during the summer and on all workshop/conference days. Part-time schedule during the school year is 2:00-6:00 PM. If you have your own children, you can bring them with you to this job. It is also possible to job share with a friend. Contact Principal, Kim Doyle, at 758-3133 if you are interested.



Youth

Higher Ground Music Festival Coming up Friday & Saturday Aug 14 & 15 @ Winsted. Featuring Third Day, Mark Schultz, Jeremy Camp, Kutless & more! Family friendly, great music, food & camping available. Children 10 & under get in free. Go to www.gmusicfest.com for more details.

Summer Stretch kids have been busy kids – some of the service projects we have done or will be doing are: Mala Strana, Feed My Starving Children, Saint Wenceslaus Church, Courage Center and Bridging. Our afternoons of fun include: Brunswick Zone, Cascade Bay Waterpark, Grand Slam, and Cleary Lake. Our next outings will be the Aquatic Center, and a day at Valley Fair with Summer Stretch kids from across Minnesota and Wisconsin.

We need your help. Our summer stretch kids have decided to put their compassion into action. After touring the Bridging facility in Bloomington, they decided to host a collection drive. Bridging is an organization that provides families with items needed to turn empty houses into family homes. They help provide the basic needs; beds, one dresser, table and chairs, along with smaller items like bedding, towels, housewares, toys, books, etc. – anything a family would need to set up a household.

If it is in good enough condition to pass on to someone you know, it will be accepted. A listing of what they do/do not accept can be found on pamphlets in the back of church. You may also check out

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their website at www.bridging.org. Their goal is to bridge the gap between the “haves” and the “have nots.”

Our kids have set bathroom towels as their main focus. When they heard that Bridging only distributes one towel for every two people in a household, they were shocked. We hope to be able to take 100 towels along to Bridging when we return on July 29.

Please check around your house, you may be surprised at the bowls, silverware, towels, etc... that aren't being used. We will be collecting smaller, gently used, items in the back of church through July 28. Furniture can be dropped off at the parish garage on Friday, July 24 from 4-8 p.m., and on Saturday, July 25 from 10-2. Thank you for helping our Junior High Summer Stretch kids with this worthy cause.

I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me. Matthew 25:40
God's Blessings – Laura, 952.758.5131



Do you have your partner for the Euchre Tournament on Sat. Aug 8? A donation of \$30 per team (2 people on a team) guarantees at least 5

games plus a grilled brat or hot dog, chips, and pop! Registration forms are available in the back of church. If you have questions regarding the tournament please call Doug Schoenecker (758-3435) or Al Dietz (758-3291.)

Saturday evening also includes DJ entertainment and video game competitions! All ages are invited to compete head to head in a video game battle. Get a group of friends together (either 2 or 4) and register FREE at 6:00. You will be competing against other teams in Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers or Wii Sports. You have a chance to win the grand prize of a Nintendo Wii along with other prizes!!

Sunday the tradition of the grilled chicken dinner, hot pork bar, and wonderful musical entertainment for all ages will be available. Children's games, teen games, Bingo, the cake walk, the country store, beer garden, baking booth, candy booth, float stand, mission sewing, pull tabs, sewing and crafts are ALL available on Sunday! Come and check it out!!

Fall Splendor is the theme for the craft & sewing booth this year. If you have homemade or unused items for our booth or silent auction we would be most grateful. Please bring items to the Parish Activity Center on Friday, Aug, 7th and Sat. Aug 8th. If you have any questions call Dorothy Orr at 758-3452.

HELP! We are still in need of Kitchen Co-chairs for the Festival. Please consider calling Stef Tupy (758-5912) to discuss the possibility. You could share the position with a friend!

GAMES: We are still looking for Toy donations for the Children's Games. **NEW Toy Donations** can be valued at any dollar amount. Please place your New Toy Donations in the box in the back of church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

FESTIVAL COUNTRY STORE: How is your garden growing? Once again, we will be gratefully accepting any

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donations of home grown veggies, honey, jam, and houseplants. Items may be dropped off at the church basement anytime on Saturday August 8.

Thank you, Kim Schmitz

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, July 20

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel

Tuesday, July 21:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Cemetery Board Meeting, 7-8 PM, Pius X Room

Wednesday, July 22:

Early AM scripture study, 6:45-7:50 AM, Pius X Room
Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Summer Stretch Program

Friday, July 24:

Adoration, 9AM-11PM, Chapel

Saturday July 25:

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

Monday, July 27 & Tuesday July 28

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel

Wednesday, July 29:

Early AM scripture study, 6:45-7:50 AM, Pius X Room
Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Summer Stretch Program

Friday, July 31:

Adoration, 9AM-11PM, Chapel

Saturday July 18:

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

PARISH LITURGY

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

Monday, July 20 & Tuesday, July 21
8 AM.....Word & Communion Service
Wednesday, July 22
8 AM.....Leonard Lopic
Thursday, July 23 & Friday, July 24
8 AM.....Mass
Saturday, July 25
5 PM.....Elsie Novak, Francis Bradash
.....Nancy Linberg, Clifford Smith
Sunday, July 26
8:30 AM.....Geraldine Dohmen, Julia & E.T. Schoenbauer
10:30 AM.....Les Svihel, Robert & Emma Rech, Richard Kubes
Monday, July 27 & Tuesday, July 28
8 AM.....Word & Communion Service
Wednesday, July 29
8AM.....Mass
Thursday, July 30
8AM.....E.T. & Julia Schoenbauer
Friday, July 31
8AM.....Art & Eleanor Simon
Saturday, August 1
8 AM.....First Saturday Devotions
5 PM.....Phil Bartusek Family
.....Don & Veda Sirek 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, August 2.....
8:30 AM.....Les Svihel
10:30AM.....Francis Bradash, Nancy Linberg, Julia Novotny

Key Facts from the Archdiocesan Planning Process

The Archdiocese is undergoing an extensive study to determine how the archdiocese and its parishes can best serve the Catholic population of our region in future years with the available resources of personnel and finances. All Catholics of the archdiocese will be invited to participate in this study in upcoming meetings.

The Archdiocese is Growing

- Current number of registered households: 215,000 Estimated number of registered households in 2014: 248,000
- Current registered Catholics: 650,000 Estimated number of registered Catholics in the Archdiocese in 2014: 695,000
- Estimated average weekly Mass attendance: 223,275 (34% of registered Catholics)
- Growth is being fueled primarily by immigration
- Immigrant Catholics now live in all parishes of the archdiocese, not just the core metropolitan area.
- The socio-economic distribution is growing at each end of the scale (richest and poorest) while the middle is declining.
- The fastest growing age group within the Twin Cities is 55 to 69 years of age.
- The number and percentage of people over 65 years of age will dramatically rise between 2009 and 2020

Parishes

- The Archdiocese currently has 217 parishes (10 less parishes than in 2000, mainly from merging parishes together)
- There are 51 parishes in 23 cluster groups
- Parish membership is less defined by geography than in the past. The average number of zip codes per parish is 36.
- Parishes serving and celebrating Mass for immigrant populations: 23 Hispanic (about 16,500 in attendance each weekend), 1 Korean, 2 Vietnamese, 1 Hmong, 1 French (West African), 2 Filipino

Clergy

- Currently 182 priests are eligible to be pastors (not including retired, special ministries, less than three years experience)
- By 2020 this number is estimated to decrease to 163.
- The number of parochial vicars (associate pastors) is expected to decline from the current 44 to 37
- Priests in special ministries (hospital and jail chaplains, seminary and school staff) will decline from 34 to about 27

Parish Finances

- The average parish debt per registered household in 2006 was approximately \$1,000.
- Many parishes are not able to pay the annual archdiocesan subsidy. There are currently 55 parishes being monitored by the Archdiocese due to debt and operational budget issues, an increase from 33 such parishes in 2003.

Catholic Schools Have Been Changing...

- There are 93 Catholic elementary schools and 14 Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese
- 10 of those elementary schools are consolidated, sponsored on the average by four parishes.
- Eight new Catholic schools have opened since 2000: 4 elementary, 1 middle school, 2 high schools.
- Since 2000 four elementary schools have closed.

...in the Last Five Years

- Total enrollment in Catholic schools decreased from 38,186 to 35,335. This 5% decrease is consistent with public school enrollment changes and reflects changes in age demographics for the Twin Cities area.
- Catholic high school enrollment increased 5.4% from 7,420 to 7,820.
- Catholic elementary school enrollment declined 11.4% from 28,704 to 25,418.
- Catholic pre-school enrollment increased from 2,063 to 2,907.
- Enrollment in 60 Catholic elementary schools decreased by 5% or more.
- Enrollment in 32 of those Catholic elementary schools decreased by 20% or more.
- The percentage of Latino students increased from 3.2% to 4.6% of the elementary student enrollment.
- The percentage of African-American students increased from 1.8% to 3.8%.
- Students eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunch increased from 6% to 9% of the elementary school enrollment.
- The percentage of non-Catholic students in Catholic elementary schools has increased slightly from 7.3% to 8.2%.
- The average Catholic elementary school tuition has increased 36% from \$2,251 to \$3,063

Decrease in Students Attending Faith Formation

- The number of children reported as enrolled in parish Faith Formation programs decreased from 52,451 in 2004-2005 to 47,523 in 2008-09.
- Roughly 38% of baptized Catholic children of school age do not attend Catholic school or Faith Formation programming.