

# St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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**Sunday, August 30, 2009**

The Pharisees in today's Gospel have become so absorbed in their rituals that they have forgotten why they observed them in the first place, to come closer to God. Catholic's, do love rituals, and what happened to the Pharisees can also happen to us. Do we really prepare ourselves internally as well as externally for worship? Maybe try to get to Mass just 5 minutes earlier to quiet your mind. Your mind needs to be quiet, open and at peace in order to hear what God is telling us. Once we have correctly heard God's word, then we must act on it.

***When His word is planted in us, we act justly and lovingly toward our neighbor.***



Please welcome our newest members of our Catholic Community:

Brody Landon Garnass  
Son of Erik & Joy Garness

Dana Eileen Holicky  
Daughter of Nathan & Sarah Holicky

Hunter Matthew Bundy  
Son of Matthew Bundy & Angela Ryan

Isabella Grace Knox  
Daughter of Ronald & Jennifer Knox

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Please Note: To the Members of St. Wenceslaus Parish

There are five rural parishes to the west of New Prague. I have been aware since I became Pastor of St. Wenceslaus 3½ years ago that I would be playing a role in the future of these parishes. I have been involved with a great deal of consultation about these matters. One of the parishes, St. Joseph's in Lexington, no longer has Mass.

This month there was a significant development in the pastoral plan to care for these parish communities. With the recent retirement due to health of Fr. Richard Roedel, Archbishop Nienstedt on August 17, 2009 assigned me as the Pastor of St. Scholastica (Heidelberg) and St. Thomas (St. Thomas). I will remain Pastor of St. Wenceslaus, New Prague while taking on these additional responsibilities.

Some Immediate Questions you may have:

#### 1. Are there decisions and plans in the Archdiocese for either St. Thomas or St. Scholastica Parishes to close?

*For 3½ years I have been Pastor in New Prague. From everything I have seen, heard and observed, the decisions being made by the Archdiocese indicate there is no decision about closure. In fact, by a new pastor being assigned to these parishes for a term of six years with the possible renewal of another six years, it says a lot about the Archbishop's desire to keep both parishes open. Of course, the future depends on the desire and viability of each parish as it works together to continue and advance their purpose or mission.*

#### 2. Given that the new pastor of St. Thomas and St. Scholastica is also pastor of St. Wenceslaus, New Prague, does that mean that there is a merger happening among the three parishes?

*NO. Each parish maintains its own corporate identity under Minnesota state law and church law. The assets of each parish remain at the service of that parish's mission and may not be commingled with another parish. In a sense, am now wearing three hats. It will be my responsibility to serve the common good of each parish as its pastor.*

#### 3. How can one priest replace the full-time ministry of Fr. Roedel, when he has responsibility of the 1400 households of St. Wenceslaus Parish in addition to a 300 student school and 500 student Faith Formation Program in New Prague, MN?

*He, as one human being, can't replace the full-time ministry of Fr. Roedel. He will need assistance. The plan of the Archdiocese is to assign to me an Associate Pastor priest who will serve as the regular sacramental presider to the parish communities. He will be the one regularly presiding at the Eucharist in your parish communities. I, on occasion, will also celebrate the Eucharist in these parishes. I have also secured the pastoral assistance of Deacon Bob Wagner who serves as a pastoral minister at St. Wenceslaus. I am delegating Deacon Bob to expand his diaconal ministry to these two parishes. These two pastoral leaders, an Associate Pastor Priest and a Permanent Deacon, will be accountable to me as Pastor of St. Thomas and St. Scholastica and I commit to working closely with them in serving the pastoral needs of your parishes.*

#### 4. Who is the Associate Pastor Priest, who will be regularly serving St. Thomas and St. Scholastica's?

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*That is a question that can only be answered by the Archbishop and his advisors who will assign someone to this new position. I am aware, as I write this, that options are being explored at this time and decisions should be forthcoming by early September. As soon as I know who is coming and I can go public with it, I will do so.*

Rev. Kevin I. Clinton

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Aug 31: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Sept 01: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Sept 02: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Sept 03: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Sept 04: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

Sept 05: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

### PASTORAL MINISTRY

**Baptism Preparation class will be held on Monday**, September 14, from 7- 8:30 pm in the Pius X room on the lower level of the church. The next scheduled class will be Monday October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**September B-Days** will be celebrated on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> after the 8AM service in the church basement. Come and celebrate with us!

**St. Wenceslaus Prime Timers** is a group that plans social, educational, and spiritual events for people 55 years of age and older. We are currently planning our autumn outing (see flyer) and invite others from our parish to help us in the planning. The time commitment is minimal with meetings scheduled seasonally. Our next meeting is on Thursday, Sept. 3rd after the 8 am Mass. If you are interested please call Deacon Bob at 952-758-0463.

**Area Separated & Divorce Support Group** usually meets the first and third Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm in Pius X, Church lower level. The topic for **Sept 1st** is "The Easy Way & The Right Way Are Often Separate Paths". If you or a loved one is experiencing a divorce/separation, you may desire to connect with this group since they understand what you are going through at this time in your life. Call Deacon Bob Wagner, at the parish office or Mary Pieper 952-873-6781 if you have any questions or concerns.

**Graced & Gifted...Catholic Women's Day** on Saturday, September 26 at St. Johns in Savage. The keynote speaker is Kimberly Hahn, a devout Catholic, author, speaker and wife of Dr. Scott Hahn. Kimberly was raised in a Presbyterian family and became a Catholic at Easter Vigil in 1990, after a difficult struggle during the four years following Scott's entrance into the Catholic Church. Through her many books and talks she shares wisdom on topics related to women, family life and the Catholic Faith. The day begins at 7:30 w/Mass and concludes at 4 PM. Cost is \$55 it also includes breakfast and lunch. Pre-registration is required by September 16. For more information visit [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org).

### PARISH NEWS

#### Our Act of Faith

#### Weekly Financial Gifts

Actual for the week 8/23.....	\$ 12,537
Under Budget.....	\$ 513
Actual YTD.....	\$ 115,144
Budgeted for Next Week.....	\$ 13,050

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

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### 2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Thank you to St. Wenceslaus School, for being this week's calendar sponsor.

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

8/24 #2770 George Pecholt      8/25 #3280 Mrs George Stangler  
8/26 #1871 Dave Huhner      8/27 #2137 Ronny Krautkremer  
8/28 #3938 Jen McDonough    8/29 #3803 Sam Carlson  
8/30 #1001 Anita Aase



**Attn: CCW Members**, spouses and all parishoners, male and female. The Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women would like to invite you to the "Fall Institute" on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. St. Patrick of Shieldsville will be hosting. We will be informed of important legislative updates from the Capitol.

The cost is \$7.00 per person. Sign up sheet and more information is hanging on the CCW board by the elevator. Please contact Theresa Mader CCW President @952-758-6388 if you have any questions. **The DEADLINE DATE to register is AUGUST 30, 2009 (after 10:30 mass).**

#### **Green Team Update**

Thank you to the Ingebretson, Hunt, Ruehling, Seymour, Siegle, Barrier, VanderWoort, and Flicek families, Darlene Witt, Alex Litzau, and Mary Higgins for garden care for the month of August.

#### September Schedule-

August 30-September 5 – Grams and Dudley

September 6-12 – Schoenbauer and Chromy

September 13-19 – Gareis and Rynda

September 20-26 – Becker

Week of Sept. 27 – Ulschmid & Brod – begin garden clean up.

#### **Adult and youth mission trip opportunities for next summer:**

Guatemala for high school youth (date to be determined). Contact Andrea Gibbs at 612-483-1169. Red Lake Indian reservation for high school youth (date TBD) and Leech Lake Indian reservation (first week of August) for families, grandparents, other adults. Contact Mary Higgins soon if you are interested. 758-0464

#### **Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?**

If so please join members of the RCIA Team in the Parish House/Rectory after Masses on Sunday, Aug 23 & Aug 30. There the team will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the process of becoming a confirmed member of the Catholic community.

#### **Pillow Cleaning will be available in New Prague** again on Sat.,

**Sept. 12.** Please mark your calendars and let your relatives know. Look for more information in the coming bulletins.



#### **Doughnut Sundays!**

As highly anticipated as the Minnesota State Fair is the resumption of Doughnut/Hospitality Sundays! Beginning the 13th of September, those delectable treats along with coffee and juice will be offered after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. These holy indulgences not only offer us the opportunity to connect with others and build a stronger community, but to meet and welcome those who are new to our parish. Answering our baptismal call to serve, families will be contacted to assist in this ministry throughout the year. Come, eat, and meet.

## August 30, 2009

**Confirmation year 1: Orientation for youth and parents** will be held Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 7:15-9:15 PM. in the PAC. This is required for all youth in the program and their parents. Please call Mary Higgins at 758-0464 with any questions. You may also check the Confirmation page on the Faith Formation section of the parish website for the yearly schedule.



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#### **Confirmation yr. 2 youth and parents –**

update meeting on Sunday, Sept. 20, 9:30-10:15AM OR Wednesday, Sept. 23, 7:00-7:45 PM. Both meetings will be held in the PAC. You may also check the Confirmation page on the Faith Formation section of the parish website for the yearly schedule.

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#### **The MN Marathon for Nonpublic Education is coming soon!**



This year's state-wide event is scheduled for Sat. October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Marathon has raised over \$84 million dollars for nonpublic schools across our state since it began in 1974. Every year thousands of supporters including students, staff, parents, and friends participate in the event as schools walk, ride, bike or work to raise money for non public schools in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus. Watch for your opportunity to support our school on October 2<sup>nd</sup> very soon. Your support of nonpublic education and the MN Marathon is sincerely appreciated.

### **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

#### **Monday, Aug 31:**

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel

#### **Tuesday, Sept 1:**

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel

#### **Wednesday, Sept 2:**

Early AM scripture study, 6:45-7:50 AM, Pius X Room

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel

Separated/Divorced Support Group, 7-8:30 PM, Pius X Room

#### **Friday, Sept 4:**

Adoration, 9AM-11PM, Chapel

#### **Saturday Sept 5:**

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, August 31 & Tuesday, September 1  
8 AM.....Word & Communion Service  
Wednesday, September 2  
8 AM.....Mass  
Thursday, September 3  
8 AM.....Myles Bartusek  
Friday, September 4  
8 AM.....Bill Sticha  
Saturday, September 5  
8 AM.....1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotions  
5 PM.....Debbie Franek Zerr, Clifford Smith,  
.....Billy Tupy & Family, Roman & Evelyn Bisek  
Sunday, September 6  
8:30 AM.....FCSLA #W001, Les Svihel, Werner Witt  
10:30 AM.....Francis Bradash, Nancy Linberg