

**St. Wenceslaus
Catholic Church**

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September 20, 2009



Please plan to attend an important discussion on how the Archdiocese can best serve our needs in the years ahead.

**Regional Archdiocese Planning Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2009 7PM
In the Church Worship Space**

If you are unable to attend you may share your thoughts via a feedback form on the webpage, leave a message on the dedicated voicemail line at 651-291-4435 or you may send a letter to the Strategic Planning Task Force 328 Kellogg Blvd West, St. Paul, MN 55102.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Autumn

September 13, 2009

From the Desk of the Most Reverend Lee A Piché,

Special collection on Sept. 19-20 for Our Cathedral

Our beautiful Cathedral of Saint Paul requires everyone's help! Please consider a sacrificial gift for this collection to assist with the remaining \$12.7 million for the emergency exterior restoration.

The Cathedral Heritage Foundation has been established to address our Cathedral's pressing restoration needs. All gifts received in this special collection will be designated and restricted to the restoration needs of the Cathedral. Envelopes for this special collection on September 19-20 will be available in your parish and checks should be made out to the Cathedral Heritage Foundation.

Where did the Cathedral's financial problems come from?

Archbishop Ireland ran out of money in building the Cathedral. With his encouragement, the business community helped finish constructing the dome—but with a lesser thickness of copper than ideal. It was always known that the roof would eventually have to be replaced; however, we can't complain too much as it lasted for most of a century.

Besides the dome and roof replacement, why are there other pressing needs?

It took nine years to construct the exterior of the Cathedral and another forty-three to do most of the interior decoration. Like many of the great European cathedrals, there is an almost immediate move from construction to preservation/restoration. It is our goal to start a preventive maintenance program to identify the areas of the Cathedral that need attention.

Archbishop John Ireland relied on every Catholic's support to build this great monument of faith and so we need everyone's support now to preserve it for future generations.

Many thanks to all those who generously contributed to last year's collection to care for our Mother Church.

For more information please call 651-228-1766 or visit www.cathedralsaintpaul.org. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Lee A. Piché

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sept 21: Eph4:1-7; 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Sept 22: Ezr 6:7-8; 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Sept 23: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Sept 24: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Sept 25: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Sept 26: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Baptism Preparation class will be held on Monday, October 12, from 7- 8:30 pm in the Pius X room on the lower level of the church. The next scheduled class will be Monday November 9.

St. Wenceslaus Prime Timers trip to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is on October 8th. The day will include a continental breakfast at St. Wenceslaus, a Tram Tour of the Arboretum, and time to wander the grounds.

Annual Fall Conference for Separated and Divorced. All of us have had our lives affected in some way by separation and divorce. On Saturday, Oct 3, at St. John the Baptist Parish in New Brighton, Dick Obershaw, founder and director of the Grief Center, Burnsville, will present a talk entitled, "Understanding the Loss and Stress of Divorce" The conference is from 8:45 am – 12:30 pm. The conference fee is \$20, registrations taken at the door the day of the conference. The conference is open to all people regardless of their marital status or state in life.

Support Group for Children experiencing significant loss is being offered at All Saints Catholic Church in Lakeville. The Rainbow's program is for children, pre-kindergarten through 8th grade grieving a death, divorce, or any other painful life transition. They meet on Thursday evenings, 6pm - 7:15pm, beginning October 1. For more information please contact Mary Baatz, Rainbows registered director, at allsaintschurch.com under pastoral care, or call 952-469-6460. You may also call Deacon Bob for more information at 758-0463.

Welcoming Committee. Imagine moving to a new town, away from family and friends. This kind of isolation can be so overwhelming. The Welcoming Committee carries on the tradition of the early Christians of welcoming the stranger and new parishioner to our parish. We invite you to be a part of this longstanding Church Tradition. Our next meeting is Monday, Sept 21 from 7 pm to 8 pm. We will be meeting in the Parish House, upper parlor.

The Suicide Grief Support group will meet on Tues., Sept. 22nd, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Jameen Mape Conference Room (lower level) At Queen of Peace. Family, friends, neighbors and anyone affected by a suicide death is welcome. No registration required & there is no fee Call Sally Schmid at 952-758-4735 if you have any questions.

On Sunday October 4, St. Wenceslaus will hold a day of prayer For PEACE AND LIFE in the chapel with the rosary being said on the hour starting at 11:30 AM to 8:30 PM. Everyone is invited.

PARISH NEWS

Our Act of Faith *Weekly Financial Gifts*

Actual for the week 9/13.....	\$ 18,352
Over Budget.....	+\$ 5,302
Actual YTD.....	\$ 161,168
Budgeted for Next Week.....	\$ 13,050

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

2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Thank you to Chart Storage Systems for being this week's calendar sponsor.

Congratulations to the following winners:

9/14 #2062 Kathy Klein	9/15 #3270 Ruth Spinler
9/16 #3478 Mark Tupy	9/17 #2552 David Novotny
9/18 #3432 Melissa Trnka	9/19 #3206 Ross Skluzacek
9/20 #3607 Tim Warnemunde	

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CCW NEWS:

Hello and welcome back CCW ladies. We welcome speaker Renee Brod. She will give us pointers on how to protect our credit cards from fraud during the upcoming Holiday spending. I look forward to seeing all of you Sept 21st at 7pm.

And as always new members are always welcome. Any questions please call Theresa @952-758-6388. God's Blessings.

Paper Drive 2nd and 4th Saturdays

There is now paper drive trailer in the parking lot! To allow for more regular drop offs it will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 9:00am-10:30am. We are collecting newspapers, magazines, catalogs business papers, junk mail, telephone books, folding cartons (cereal, cake mix, crackers, cookies, tissue, pasta, etc.) cardboard, paper egg cartons, and paper bags. Volunteers are needed! For more info call Eric or Lisa Schmid at 758-5553.

Are you looking for a way to become involved in St. Wenceslaus? The Liturgy Board is looking for three new members this fall. This is a great way to contribute to the parish, primarily by helping prepare for the Christmas and Easter liturgies. We have a great team of people to work with and the time commitment is minimal. Please call Jill McBroom at 758-1845 if you are interested.

The Adoration Committee is looking for people to fill the following prayer hours on the 3rd & 5th Fridays at 11AM; each Friday at noon, 2 PM, 4PM or 6PM, and 1st Friday at 7PM. If you are willing to help or have questions, call Diane at 758-5688 or Ann at 758-2735. Thank you for your consideration.

The Sunday Night Adult Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, September 20th at 6PM in the Parish House, (please use the back door). Join us for an "Introduction to Islam".

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association #W001 will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday September 28 at 7PM at the home of John Bisek Sr.



Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 4, at 9 am for both first and second year youth.

Meet in the PAC. Classes will be dismissed at 10:20 AM. A complete schedule can be found on the parish website, on the Confirmation page under Faith Formation.



Attention All SWS Alumni- It is Time to Reconnect!

Please return your RSVP card as soon as possible for the upcoming All-School Reunion. This event will take place on Saturday, October 3. Young high school and college age alumni are more than welcome to attend with an adult guest. Contact Ann Marie Witt with any questions at 758-9573 or

Annmarie.Witt@saintwenceslaus.org

MasterCard, Visa, and Discover Card are accepted.

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Substitute Teachers needed

St. Wenceslaus School is gathering names of teachers of all sorts who are willing to be placed on our substitute teacher list for the school year. We are also in need of people who are willing to substitute in our extended daycare room. Please call the school office if you have time to give and can be on-call at 758-3133.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, Sept 21:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Girl Scout Sign up, 5:30-7:30PM, Parish Activity Foyer
P & F Board Meeting, 7-8PM, Parish House Dining Room
Welcome Committee, 7-8PM, Parish House Upper Parlor
CCW Meeting, 7PM, Church Basement

Tuesday, Sept 22:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Archdiocese Area Meeting, 7PM, Church

Wednesday, Sept 23:

Early AM scripture study, 6:45-7:50 AM, Pius X Room
Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
School Pictures, John XXIII
Faith Formation Meeting

Thursday, Sept 24:

School Pictures, John XXIII
H & S Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM, Church Basement, Pius X Room

Friday, Sept 25:

Adoration, 9AM-11PM, Chapel

Saturday Sept 26:

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

Sunday Sept 27:

Yr. 2 Confirmation Meeting, 9:30-10:15 AM, Multipurpose Room

PARISH LITURGY

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

Monday, September 21 & Tuesday, September 22
8 AM.....Word & Communion Service
Wednesday, September 23
8 AM.....4th Grade School Mass
.....Bill Sticha, Art & Eleanor Siemon
Thursday, September 24
8 AM.....Bill Sticha
Friday, September 25
8 AM.....Jack, Dennis & Marty Witt
Saturday, September 26
5 PM.....Hilda Bruzek, John Fitzgerald, Elsie Bisek
.....James Syltie, Elmer Studnicka, Ernie Wermerskirchen
Sunday, September 27
8:30 AM.....Evelyn Lang, Elmer Doherty
10:30 AM.....Philip & Lucille Barloon, St. Wenceslaus School

Festival of Fall Fun

Sponsored by



Little Spirits Preschool



Attention ALL parish families of preschool-aged children. You are invited to the following events in the Little Spirits Classroom-

Donut Holes Sundays



This is a great time to snack on donut holes, play with your preschool-aged children, and meet other families in the parish. Your whole family is welcome...all children must be accompanied by an adult. The preschool room will be open for one hour following both masses on the dates listed below ...

Sunday, September 20th
Sunday, October 11th
Sunday, November 8th

“YUMMY!”



Character-Building Crafts

Working together on these exciting crafts is a great way to increase a child's understanding of their faith and create lasting memories of these precious early childhood years! Advance registration is required to ensure adequate supplies are available. A parent must accompany preschool children. Please call St. Wenceslaus School at 758-3133 to register.

Fantastic Fall



Wednesday, Sept 30th
6:30 pm
(LSP classroom)

Halloween Fun

Wednesday, Oct 21st
6:30 pm
(LSP classroom)

We Are Thankful



Wednesday, Nov 18th
6:30 pm
(LSP classroom)