

# St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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## Bulletin for the Week of October 4, 2009

### Welcome to all of our visiting alumni!



This weekend we welcome our school alumni as we join together in celebration at our all-school reunion. We come from a long history of Catholic School graduates with our first class graduating 101 year's ago. We are proud to have 3603 graduates who all share the same education base that the children currently in our school do. This base includes our Religion, our traditions in the Catholic Church, our value system, and our beliefs.

Essentially it is the core of who we become as people living out the day-to-day journey of life. Our Catholic School has and continues to be an upstanding pillar in the New Prague Community because it is grounded in what is as basic as a model for the person who

follows the path of Christ. Our all-school reunion brings graduates together from generations and it is definitely a time worth treasuring.

Sincerely,

*Kim Doyle, Principal*

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Autumn

From Our Pastor's Desk-

### our Parish – A Place We Call Our Spiritual/Educational Home

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and School play a vital role in the lives of its members at various times and in various ways. For some, it is a constant role – attending daily Mass, volunteering for church and/or school-related projects. For others, it is an occasional role – attending Mass on a Holy Day, finding sanctuary and solace in a familiar place of worship at a vulnerable time in life. For many others, our parish plays a weekly role in our spiritual growth, and is central to our friendships and fellowship.

All of these roles are important. Our parish is here for us at all times – to provide a place for worship and wonder, consolation and celebration, forgiveness and fellowship, education and explanation, support and spiritual sustenance, contemplation and communion. Our individual and collective priority is to ensure the parish that nourishes our souls today, retains its strength in perpetuity.

**Our Challenge – Retire the Remaining Facilities Debt**  
Our parish faces financial pressures, just like all families. And the parish depends on each of our families for support. It's not enough to simply meet the ongoing ordinary needs of the parish. We need to retire our facilities mortgage with its burdensome interest payments. Accomplishing this priority will not be possible with our regular operating income through the Sunday collections. Thus, ensuring the future vitality of our parish requires supplemental funds.

**Our Solution – The Securing the Present Capital Campaign.**  
Since the parish town hall meetings last fall, we have encouraged you to reflect and pray how you can offer your financial support to help us retire the debt. Next weekend in the bulletin, I will announce the process for personally inviting your financial support in a way that I believe respects your valuable time this busy fall season. Thank you!

*Fr. Kevin Clinton*

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Oct 05: Jon 1:1-2:2,11; Lk 10:25-37

Oct 06: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Oct 07: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Oct 08: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Oct 09: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Oct 10: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

### 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.

### Area Separated & Divorced Support Group will meet

Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30PM in the Pius X room, located in the church basement.

**Parents who have experienced the loss of a baby** before or after birth are invited to the Mass of God's Children, Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The Mass will be celebrated at the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, Bishop Lee Piché, celebrant.

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Nativity of our Lord is located at 1900 Wellesley Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105. Fellowship will follow the Mass.

### PARISH NEWS

#### Our Act of Faith Weekly Financial Gifts

Actual for the week 9/27.....	\$ 11,932
Under Budget.....	-\$ 1,117
Actual YTD.....	\$ 185,040
Budgeted for Next Week.....	\$ 14,457

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

**Financial Update:** The parish has completed the first quarter of our fiscal year, July through September. You have been extraordinarily generous with your contributions this summer. The total collected for the quarter is \$185,040. The weekly Sunday collection goal for the second quarter of the fiscal year, October through December, is \$14,457. This is based on what was actually collected in the same period last year.

Thank you and know that we work hard to be good stewards of the financial gifts you give. The parish financial statement for fiscal year 2008-09 is available in the back of church starting this weekend. Please look for the envelope with your name on it and take it home with you. By doing so you save us the mailing cost. Those that are not picked up will be mailed to families. A copy is also available on the parish website [www.saintwenceslaus.org](http://www.saintwenceslaus.org) under the Administration tab.

### 2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Thank you to Strike Force Bowl & Shop for being this week's calendar sponsor.

Congratulations to the following winners:

9/28 #3460 Darleen Tupy      9/29 #3057 Ray Schoenecker

9/30 #3575 Kim Wagner      10/1 #3579 Regina Wagner

10/2 #1680 Trish Greenleaf      10/3 #1876 Karen Davison

10/4 #1763 Lisa Haugen

### Music Ministry:



Reminder: There will be **NO** Rehearsals on  
Tuesday, October 13th and Wednesday,  
October 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Green Team Update:

The Green Team is finishing up a busy summer.

Thank you to the Grams, Dudley, Schoenbauer, Chromy, Gareis, Rynda and Becker families for garden care during the month of September. St. Wenceslaus 4th graders, Al Sticha and the Brod and Ulschmid families will work together on the fall clean up.

**Sr. Ginny will be back for a visit next weekend.** Stop by for coffee and doughnuts in the PAC and say hi. Coffee from Guatemala will be served.

**Coffee, small toys and purses from Guatemala for sale** at the Mission Fair next Sunday after both Masses. There will be displays for the many outreach activities of our parish - a chance for you to see how we are living out Catholic Social Teachings. Sponsored by St. Wenceslaus Social Action group.

### October 4<sup>th</sup> Our Day Of Prayer

Join us today for a day of prayer intended for peace and life. The rosary will be said every hour starting at 11:30am until 8:30pm in our chapel. The following is our prayer schedule.

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Autumn

11:30am	Opening Prayer Monday Fatima cell members & families
12:30pm	Faith Formation teachers, students' & parents
1:30pm	CCW members & families
2:30pm	St. Wenceslaus school principal, teachers & families
3:30pm	St Wenceslaus choir's & families
4:30pm	Ann & Pat Soderlund family Diane & Greg Trettel family
5:30pm	Tuesday Fatima cell members & families
6:30pm	Amber & Brian Dudley family Angela & Joe Geiger family
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus & families
8:30pm	Wednesday Fatima cell members & families
9:30pm	Closing prayer

### FYI:

**Confirmation youth will be attending 10:30 Mass** on days when they have class. A section of pews will be reserved for them. It may be crowded in church those days, but how great to see our youth at Mass. October classes will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children** is set to start Sunday October 11 at 8:30 & 10:30 Masses. We are still in need of a few volunteers to be large group leader. Please contact the Faith Formation Office 758-2276 if you are interested.



**Welcome! Confirmation Sunday morning classes** will begin on Oct. 4 at 9 am. Year one youth will meet in

the PAC gym. Year 2 will meet their catechists in the foyer and be directed to their meeting spaces. Classes will be dismissed at 10:20, in time for 10:30 Mass.



### School Accreditation

This year our school is going through an extensive self-study process. This process will lead to a new school improvement plan. Our

school self-study and strategic plan will be reviewed in a visit by the accreditation team for the Minnesota Non-Public School Accrediting Association which is an approved agency of the State of Minnesota. The association sets high standards which the school must maintain in order to keep its accreditation status. Our visit is scheduled to take place November 3-5. During this time, a team of 8-10 teachers and principals from other schools will be in our building. They will be interviewing staff and students, school board members and parish staff.

Many long hours have been put in so far and here are the 7 main objectives for our strategic plan. Many smaller steps fall under each of these goals and each involves many activities to reach each of them.

#### OBJECTIVE 1

The school will have a comprehensive marketing plan to inform the community of school events, to increase enrollment, and to obtain donations.

#### OBJECTIVE 2

The school will secure several new sources of funding to sustain the budget allowing the school to continue and maintain the high quality educational programs for students.

#### OBJECTIVE 3

The school curriculum will be further developed to include

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cross-grade level initiatives, modifications to meet the diverse learning needs of students, consistency in curriculum among staff, and more informative processes for parents.

#### OBJECTIVE 4

The school will adopt a philosophy of school discipline and will incorporate procedures to enforce common school rules appropriate to the needs of students at each grade level

#### OBJECTIVE 5

The school will upgrade technology for use of students, teachers and school administration.

#### OBJECTIVE 6

The school building will reflect appropriate uses as the needs of the school community change.

#### OBJECTIVE 7

The school will improve relationships with various constituents and stakeholders in the community.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Monday, Oct 5:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel

### Tuesday, Oct 6:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel  
Area Separated/Divorce Support Group, 7-8:30PM, Pius X Room

### Wednesday, Oct 7:

Early AM scripture study, 6:45-7:50 AM, Pius X Room  
Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel  
Morning Bible Study, 9-11AM, Pius X Room  
Faith Formation

### Thursday, Oct 8:

B-Day Club, after AM Mass, Church Basement

### Friday, Oct 9:

Adoration, 9AM-11PM, Chapel  
SWS Jr. Hi Dance, 2:30-5:30 AM, PAC

### Saturday Oct 10:

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

### Sunday Oct 11:

RCIA, 8-12, Parish House Dining Room  
Donut Hospitality, Church Basement, 8-12PM  
Confirmation Classes  
Sunday School

## PARISH LITURGY

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

Monday, October 5 & Tuesday, October 6  
8 AM.....Word & Communion Service  
Wednesday, October 7  
8 AM.....Mass planned by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Thursday, October 8  
8 AM.....Emil & Elsie Novak, John C. Simon Sr. & Phil Simon  
Friday, October 9  
8 AM.....Mass  
Saturday, October 10  
5 PM.....Katharine Bruzek Timmer, John Fitzgerald  
.....Betty, Gloria & Bridget Wagner, Billy Tupy & Family  
.....Ted Smith, Bill Sticha  
Sunday, October 11 *Vocation Awareness Sunday*  
8:30 AM.....Bill Sticha, Francis & Adeline A. Busch  
10:30 AM.....John & Sylvia Pint