

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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November 2, 2008



All Soul's Day Memorial Service

All are invited November 2nd at 7 pm, Sunday evening in Church. We Catholics have a tradition of remembering the deceased with prayer, especially during the month of November. Parishioners who have died this past year will be named and a family member is invited to come forth to light a candle which will be provided. All parishioners who wish to remember someone (not from St. Wenceslaus) who has died recently are invited to come. Give the name of your loved one to Sr. Ginny that evening so that you too will be invited to light a candle in their honor. Refreshments in the church cafeteria will conclude the evening.

The cemetery chapel will be open from 9-4 on All Soul's Day for the praying of the rosary. Rosary leaders are:

9:00-9:30 AM	Anna Mae Witt	12:30-1:00 PM	
9:30-10:00 AM	Mary Ann Maruska	1:00-1:30 PM	Vi & Stan Chromy
10:00-10:30 AM	Jean & Leroy Geiger	1:30 -2:00 PM	Marilyn Simota
10:30-11:00 AM	Jeanette Deutsch	2:00-2:30 PM	Marie Kajer
11:00-11:30 AM	Liz & Gene Musil	2:30-3:00 PM	Evelyn Moore
11:30-Noon	Darlene & Jack Witt	3:00-3:30 PM	Karen & Fritz Tupy
Noon-12:30 PM	Kathy O'Neill	3:30-4:00 PM	JoAnn Zaun

All are invited to attend the upcoming presentations that Fr. Kevin spoke of last weekend in his homily.

Please choose one of the following town meetings to be held in the parish activity center

SATURDAY NOV 15TH AT 5 PM

SUNDAY NOV 16TH AT 9:30 AM OR 11:30 AM

MONDAY NOV 17TH AT 7 PM

THURSDAY NOV 20TH AT 8:45 AM

This presentation will address our current financial position with respect to our parish debt, and how the pressure from the current mortgage could rapidly impact our ability to maintain the present programs and services that you have come to expect. The information will provide a foundation that will help create a more informed understanding of the issues and help us all respond to the challenges that we face. This is an important step before we move forward. With a better understanding of the facts, your input, guidance, we can create a more fiscally sound parish community.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter!

Rev. Kevin Clinton
Pastor

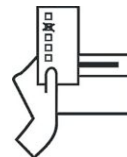
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ST. WENCESLAUS GOES HI TECH

Life is often busy and hectic, and sometimes the weekend Mass is just one more thing to cram into our day. Parents with young children often find Mass a stressful time because they need to pay attention to their children as well as participate as fully as possible in the Liturgy. We have listened to requests from young families to video the Mass into the childcare room. Provision Media has installed the system which will make it all happen. Several people have been trained to work the system. Beginning soon, parents who need to take children downstairs will be able to continue to participate in the Mass. We will be asking the person who distributes communion in the back of church to also distribute downstairs. Wait there's more!

We also now have the ability to record the Mass, as well as funerals, weddings, concerts, etc... onto a DVD. Bevcomm will play the Sunday Mass on their Channel 6 cable stations. The date starting date will be announced very soon.

Please pass the word around to all who have Bevcomm cable. Hopefully, parishioners who are not able to come to Mass will pray at home with our parish Mass. We have many communion distributors who take communion to the Senior apartments, nursing home, as well as to people in their own homes. Hopefully it will be a wonderful connection to the Sunday gathering for all who cannot be present. Most of the money used to get this project started was given by the Endowment Fund. Thank you to all who have given money to the endowment. The unpaid balance of the project will be paid for by special contributions. If you think this is a great service to provide to our community please consider giving to this cause.

"Here's looking at you Fr. Kevin!"



BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Nov 3: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14
Nov 4: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
Nov 5: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
Nov 6: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
Nov 7: Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8
Nov 8: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

PASTORAL MINISTRY

The Next Baptism Prep Session for couples having their first baby is Mon, Nov. 10th at 7PM in Pius X room in the church basement. Please call to register by noon on Nov 10th.

The December 8th session will be at 6PM rather than 7PM because of the Holy Day Mass at 7PM for Mary. The class for January will be on Monday the 12th at 7PM. There will not be a class held in the month of February.

Reminder: *Baptisms are not held during the season of Lent which begins this year on February 25th.*

Nov 2: The **WHAT MAKES US CATHOLIC** series: "Taking a Sacramental View"...how do we live the sacraments every day? Thomas Grooms does an excellent job of connecting our faith with everyday life: relationships with family, co-workers, etc... This is an opportunity to come and spend some time reflecting on your life in light of your beliefs. Stop in with a cup of coffee and donut for the 50 minute session.

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Baptismal Gowns: You are invited to bring your sewing machine, or embroidery needle and hoop, to the parish house on Monday, November 10th starting at 5 PM. We also need people to cut out the gowns and to iron. Come for as long as you are able, whether it be an hour or two. All people are needed to make the Baptismal gowns for the babies who are baptized in our parish. Last year we made almost 100 in that short time. Call Nancy 758-3746 if you have questions or concerns.

How comfortable are you with pain? What kind of medical treatment do you want? November 12th, Mary Jane McConnell will give a short presentation and respond to your questions and concerns regarding advance directives. Coffee and donuts will be served at 8:30AM in the church basement cafeteria.

Separated/Divorced Area Support Group will meet on Nov 4th from 7-8:30 PM in Pius X room. The topic will be "The Lord Stores Up Sound Wisdom For Each Of Us!" Please join others who know how you are feeling.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: You are invited to bring your knitting or crochet to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on the second Thursday of the month, from 7-9PM. We begin with prayer, share knitting, and/or crochet tips as we knit for those who will be receiving a prayer shawl. Call Kathy at 758-3591 for more details. Or if you would like a prayer shawl for someone who is celebrating a birthday, going through a tough time, or just needs extra prayers call Kathy.

PARISH NEWS

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

Actual for the Week 10/26/08	\$ 13,226
Actual Collections YTD	\$222,010
Budgeted Collections YTD	\$223,935
Under Budget YTD	\$ -1,925
Next week Budget (11-09-08)	\$ 18,652

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

Update on Church Towers: On Sunday, October 25, the east tower was damaged due to the high winds that came into the area. The damage to the tower was confined to the top part which is a dome. The effected area was not part of what was re-clad in 2006 and there was no damage done to the work that was most recently done. Lockerby's Construction is working on this repair and will have it completed in a timely way. Catholic Mutual, the parish's insurance company, has been contacted and will be reimbursing us for all but the \$1,000 deductible of the cost for the work that we will have done. Please direct any further questions to Peter Guzulaitis, in the parish office.

NOVEMBER CHURCH CLEANING CREW

Janet Ceplecha Allen & Angela Charstrom
Carrie & Mike Chapman Marwin & Judy Ceplecha
Francis & Josephine Ceplecha

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High School Choir: All students in grades 9-12. This choir is designed to work into your busy schedule. It will rehearse only 7 Wednesdays, from 4:45-5:30 PM, beginning Nov 5th-Dec 17th. If you cannot come until 5 PM, you are still welcome! St. Wenceslaus has such incredible talent, especially in our High School students. Please consider sharing your gifts with the parish for this short time commitment. If you have questions, please call Donna Mae at 758-4207. See you on Nov 5th in the Music Room- Bring A Friend!!

Family Choir: Adults & Children sing together. We begin rehearsal with pizza and conversation, then rehearse our music! No cost to you! Upcoming Schedule:

Nov 4 Pizza / rehearse	Nov 11 Pizza/ rehearse
Nov 18 Pizza / rehearse	Sing at Mass on Saturday
Nov 22-4 PM	Week off Nov 25 th

Donut Hole Sunday will be November 9th for families of All Preschoolers! Explore and have fun while having a donut with your preschooler in the Little Spirits Preschool room. Age appropriate activities will be available. Donuts & juice will be served after each Mass on Sunday, November 9th.

Do you wonder how to make this Advent season more special for yourself? Join the ministry of Eucharistic ministers! I cannot think of a better way to connect with the reason, for this very special season. New training sessions will be held on Nov 6th at 6 PM and on Nov 15th at 9 AM in the church. Please call Peggy at 758-6694 or Jen at the parish office if you would like to have an unbelievable Christmas experience.



It's Time to start thinking about Adopt-A-Family for Christmas

For nineteen years, this program has operated through St. Wenceslaus Parish with assistance from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New Prague, and other churches in Montgomery, LeCenter, LeSueur and

Kilkenny. In early October, forms were sent out from the county Department of Human Services. Parents fill out the forms listing their children's ages and gift choices. The forms are forwarded to a St. Wenceslaus Young Active Catholic group where they are numbered and names are removed to respect the privacy of the families. The gifts are distributed to the families before Christmas. Please consider helping to make Christmas brighter for a family.

Family lists may be obtained after all of the Masses November 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, Thanksgiving Day, November 29th and November 30th. If you would rather donate cash, groups of shoppers from our YAC group will shop for you. Please make all checks payable to Adopt-A-Family. For more information please call Kathy McNamara at 758-6239.

CALENDAR CORNER

Thank you, Steve Tupy Tire, & St. Wenceslaus School, our calendar sponsors.

Congratulations to these winners!

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10/19 #1424 Francis Novak	10/20 #1085 JoAnn Barta
10/21 #2473 Elaine Pavek	10/22 #3041 Arnie Korbel
10/23 #3301 Mary Hudspeth	10/24 #1275 Melvin Malecha
10/25 #2660 Anthony Timmer	



St. Wenceslaus School recently received \$420 from the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association-Branch 35. This money is for the Marathon and for School Tuition Assistance. The checks were delivered by Marie Flicek, Faternal Secretary. Thank you so much ladies! Your gift is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Ron McBroom has been one of our school's biggest Marathon supporters of all times. Ron started collecting pledges for the school marathon when he was a spry 40 something and his own children attended the school. Now his grandson is a first grader at the school and he can benefit from the hard work of his grandfather. This year Ron collected \$2,625 from 101 sponsors in the community. That's a lot of phone calls, contacts as well as valuable time and energy. Ron also walked with the students on marathon day. A very Special Thanks to Ron McBroom!

The school community wishes to thank all who supported our students with our recent Marathon for Non-Public Education. We have reached our goal of \$40,000. Marathon funds are used for important school operations and this fundraising opportunity has brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars to the St. Wenceslaus Community over time. The marathon is one of 5 major fundraising activities at St. Wenceslaus that are required for our general operating budget.



The Rake-n-Run held Saturday, October 25th was a great success. We raked 14 lawns! The kids appreciated the treats and donations to our program-thank you for your kindness. A very special thank you to the over 60 Youth Alive members and 16 Adult drivers who answered the call to serve. You truly make a difference!

Grades 7 & 8 – last chance to get registered for the NET retreat. Please take advantage of this unique faith experience. It is Wednesday, November 5, from 5-9 PM. Call Laura at 758-5131 to register.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, Nov 3:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel

Tuesday, Nov 4:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Area Separated & Divorced Group 7-9 PM, Pius X Room

Wednesday, Nov 5:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Early Scripture Study, 6:45-7:50 AM, Pius X Room
Morning Bible Study, 9-10:30 AM, Pius X Room

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Faith Formation Classes

Friday, Nov 7:

Adoration, 9 AM to 11 PM, Chapel
Rehearsal Dinner, Parish Activity Center

Saturday Nov 8:

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

Sunday, Nov 9:

Donuts and Conversation After Each Mass
Confirmation Classes
Korean Family Potluck, 4-8 PM, PAC

PARISH LITURGY

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

Monday, November 3 & Tuesday, November 4
8 AM.....Word & Communion Service
Wednesday, November 5
8 AM.....8th Grade Mass, Jane Ann Bender
Thursday, November 6
8 AM.....Mass
Friday, November 7
8 AM.....Mass
7 PM.....Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, November 8 FIRST 4 PM MASS
2 PM.....Wedding of Garrett Ykema & Gretchen Harty
4 PM.....Lorna Pease-Viney
Sunday, Nov 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
8:30 AM.....Ralph & Dorothy Seurer, Benedict Bruzek
.....Hilda Bruzek, John Hanzel, George Horejsi, Lucy Pexa
10:30 AM.....Adeline A. Busch

AREA NEWS

The New Prague Boys Hockey Team will be holding a Euchre Tournament Fundraiser on Friday, November 14 at 6:30 PM in the KC Hall. Entry fee is \$30 per team. For more information call Steve at 612-363-1408.