

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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Bulletin for the Week of November 22, 2009



The Bible is the most sacred text, which associated man to God through love, faith, forgiveness and Thanksgiving. There is a special relevance of Thanksgiving in the Bible. Thanksgiving Day also is the day to express gratitude towards each person who is connected with our lives. The Bible says that each day we should be thankful to feel the love of God. There are several Bible verses for Thanksgiving that open our hearts to the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 106:1-“Praise ye the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.”

This means we should thank God everyday and for everything because he is merciful. By giving thanks to Him you will never feel away from God.

Phil 4:6- “We tell God our problems, making our requests known to Him with thanksgiving.”

This means that through Thanksgiving we can offer our prayers to God who will know what our problems are.

Col 3:17- “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

This verse shows the strength and power that Jesus provides to all the people who believe Him and thus, it is said that whatever we do, we do it through Jesus. So, we should thank him for loving us.

Thanksgiving not only brings us closer to God but to other people as well. Please remember at our 8:30 AM Thanksgiving Mass the collection of monies taken will go into our Emergency Financial Need account. This is how we are able to help people when they call or stop by and request help with their rent or utilities.

2009 Holiday Schedule

Advent Lunch & Reflection – All are Welcome

Sun. Dec. 6th, 11:30am – Lunch in Church Basement followed by program in PAC

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tues, Dec 8th, 7pm Mass - SWS All School Mass, 8:00am

***Advent Penitential Celebration** *without sacramental absolution*

Thurs. Dec 10th, 7PM & Sat. Dec 12th, 11AM—Church

Reconciliation for Residents of Mala Strana

Thurs. Dec 17th, 11am

St. Wenceslaus School Program

Mon, Dec 21st, 6:30pm - Church

Christmas Eve Thursday, Dec 24th

4pm Mass, 6:00pm Mass, 9:30PM Mass

(Sing carols with the Adult Choir starting at 9:00pm)

Christmas Day-Friday, Dec 25th

10:30 AM Mass

Word & Communion at Mala Strana – 11am

New Year's Day-Friday Jan 1st

10:30 AM Mass

***Advent Penitential Celebration** [without sacramental absolution] invites a gathering of the people of God to foster conversion and renewal of life. The celebration announces our freedom from sin through the death and resurrection of Christ.

continued support. If you have any questions please call Norb Sticha at 758-3888.

**SECURING THE PRESENT
Capital Campaign**

Still Reaching Your Decision?

If you have not returned your completed letter of intent, please take time this week to offer your response based on your blessings and capacity. Return the commitment form to me in the sealed envelope. Please mail it, deliver it to the church or school office, or place it in the collection basket next weekend. Save us time, energy and resources to personally contact you by returning your commitment form as soon as possible. Thank you!

Fr. Kevin

Thank you to Fr. Roach & Fr. Barrett for fulfilling my priestly duties while I was away on retreat. It was much appreciated! It is good to be back. *Fr. Kevin*

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

- Nov 23: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
- Nov 24: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
- Nov 25: Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Lk 21:12-19
- Nov 26: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
- Nov 27: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
- Nov 28: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Baptism Preparation class will be held on Monday, December 14th at 7 pm in Pius X room, church basement. If you are first time parents you will need to attend this quick preparation class. Please call Deacon Bob if you have any questions at 758-0463.

The Separated and Divorced Area Support Group, meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, from 7-8:30 pm. The Holiday Season can be a difficult time for families who are separated, or estranged for any reason. Come and join others who understand what it is you are feeling. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 1. Our topic will be "Holiday Treasures...Solid Traditions...Reminding Your Family Of What We Value". Please note we will not meet again until after the start of the new year. We will resume Tuesday, January 5th.

The Suicide Grief Support Group will hold a Memorial Prayer Service on Tues., Nov. 24th, at 7:00 p.m., at Queen of Peace Hospital in New Prague. It will held in the Jameen Mape Conference Room on the lower level. Please enter through the Emergency room doors (southwest entrance), & proceed to the southeast #2 elevator. Family, friends and anyone who has been affected by a suicide death is welcome. Please bring a photo of your loved one. No registration is needed. Call Sally Schmid at 952-758-4735 if you have any questions.

Soup Kitchen Update: Many from St. Wenceslaus on the second Saturday of the month continue to staff the Dorothy Day Center kitchen in St. Paul as they prepare and serve meals for at least 200 people in need. Desserts are also provided by many from St. Wenceslaus which gives the meal more of a personal touch. This is a wonderful outreach. Thank you for your

PARISH NEWS

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

Actual for the week 11/15.....	\$ 20,269
Over Budget.....	+\$ 5,812
Actual YTD.....	\$ 301,645
Budgeted for Next Week.....	\$ 14,457

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

2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Thank you Braith Excavating for being this week's calendar sponsor. Congratulations to the following winners:

- 11/16 #2119 Sharon Korbel
- 11/17 #3555 Bill Vollmar
- 11/18 #1625 Geno Tappei Sr.
- 11/19 #2269 R & D Lipinski
- 11/20 #2225 Mike Lannon
- 11/21 #2077 Dorothy Kocina
- 11/22 #2002 Kevin Kajer

Dad's Belgian Waffles are coming to St. Wenceslaus on Sunday, Dec. 13th. Delicious waffles with flavored syrups, sausage and juice will be served. CCW will sponsor this event. Tickets will be presold Sunday, Dec. 6th after Masses. Hope you can make it!

Adoration Needs Your Help! Is your life too busy to go on a weekend retreat? Could you squeeze in an hour of prayer? Adoration is held in the Chapel every Friday from 9am-11pm. All are welcome! We are in need of people to sit during the following hours: 11am, noon, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 6pm, and 7pm. Please call Diane at 758-5688 or Ann at 758-2735 if you can help. Thank you for your consideration.

Thanks to the CCW Fall Fundraiser 2009 Group for their participation on Fri/Sat Nov 13/14. You were much appreciated. Laura, Janet, Joyce and Theresa



Looking for a quick gift for someone this holiday season? Shower gift, college gift etc... St. Wenceslaus cookbooks are available for \$20 and contain many of your favorite holiday meals.

You may purchase them at the parish office, office etc., and Mosaic Alley.

Another easy and great gift idea for someone would be our 2010 St. Wenceslaus Calendars. The person has a chance to win money on every single day of the year. Also available at the parish office for \$20.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Especially during the Christmas season the Church of St. Wenceslaus is such a beautifully, decorated sacred place. If you would like to help with the costs associated with that you may send money to the Altar Flower Fund and we will mention and thank you publically in the bulletin. Thank you so much for your past support.

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Autumn



Please remember our Military men and women along with their families this holiday season.

November 22, 2009



Season of Advent

A time of Watching and Waiting

The season of Advent is set aside by the Church for reflection and expectation for the coming of Jesus Christ. Come join us on Sunday, Dec. 6th as adults, youth, and children of the parish gather to pray, share faith, and learn more about the meaning of Advent and ways to keep the season holy. We will start after Mass with a lunch of soup and other heartwarming dishes. Please RSVP by Dec. 2nd by calling the FF office at 758-2276 or 758-0486.

7 & 8 grade NET Retreat update. 56 youth from our parish attended the retreat held on Tuesday evening. Our youth were shown that their faith is not just one more subject to be studied. It is a lifestyle choice to turn away from sin and enter into relationship with God. We thank all the youth who participated in this Great Adventure. We also thank Vicky, Peggy, Shannon and Cindy, who help served the pizza. Please continue to pray for our youth as they continue their journey.

No Faith Formation class on Wednesday, November 25. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!



LITTLE SPIRITS PRESCHOOL

Attention All parish families of preschool-aged children. You are invited to Donut Hole Sunday, December 6th, after morning Masses in the preschool classroom.



All children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your whole family as there will be a special visit from St. Nick!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, Nov 23:

Fatima Prayer Cell after am service, Chapel
Prepare meeting, 6:30-7:30, Parish Office, Upper Parlor

Tuesday, Nov 24:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel

Wednesday, Nov 25:

Early AM scripture study, 6:45-7:50 am, Pius X Room
Fatima Prayer Cell after am service, Chapel
BB Practice

Friday, Nov 27:

Adoration, 9 pm-11 pm, Chapel

Saturday Nov 28:

Fr. Kevin's Bible Study, 9:30-11:00am Pius X Room,

Sunday Nov 29:

RCIA Rite of Welcome Brunch 9:30-11:30 am, PAC
Donut Hospitality, Church Basement, 8-12pm



A SNOWMAN CELEBRATION

Invited are children ages 6 and under, along with your parents for an evening of fun, games, and prizes. Thursday, January 14th 6-7:30pm in the Parish Activity Center.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS LeSueur County

For 20 years this program has operated through St. Wenceslaus Parish with assistance from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and other churches in Montgomery, LeCenter, LeSueur, Kasota and Kilkenny. In early October, forms were sent out from the LeSueur County Dept. of Human Services. Parents fill out the forms listing their children's ages and gift choices with a focus on warm clothing. The forms are forwarded to a St. Wenceslaus YAC group where they are numbered and names are removed to respect the privacy of the families. Families, individuals, or groups choose a child or family to shop for and bring the gifts to the parish office. The gifts will be distributed to the families on Saturday, December 19th at five locations in the county. Please consider helping to make Christmas brighter for a family.

Family lists may be obtained after all of the Masses on November 21st, 22nd, Thanksgiving Day, November 28th 29th and December 5th and 6th.

If you would rather donate cash, groups of shoppers from our YAC group will shop for you. Please make checks payable to Adopt-A-Family.

For more information, call Kathy McNamara, 758-6239.

PARISH LITURGY

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

Monday, November 23

8 AM Word & Communion Service
Tuesday, November 24

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Wednesday, November 25

8 AM Mass of Thanksgiving planned by the Student Council

Thursday, November 26

8:30 AM.....Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

8 AM Grace Simota, John C., John M. & Phil Simon
..... Edward, Hattie, Ronald & Marlene Adamek

..... Laddy & Anna Novak
Saturday, November 28

4 PM Alice Shaughnessy, Albert Odonas Kubes
Sunday, November 29 **First Sunday of Advent**

8:30AM John Hanzel, Hilda Bruzek, Benedict Bruzek
..... Marc Simon, Francis & Adeline A. Busch,

..... Philip Schoenbauer
10:30 AM Eveyln Lang