

ST. WENDELIN CATHOLIC CHURCH, FOSTORIA, OH January 25, 2009

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

- 6:15 AM Communion Service
- *9:00 AM Mass for Hubert Naderer Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, ST. ANGELA MERICI

- 6:15 AM Communion Service
- *9:00 AM Mass for Loyal Hubbard
- 2:35 PM Jubilant Ringers (Church)
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir (Church)
- 7:00 PM AA Men's Mtg. (Upper Room)
- 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. (Emmaus Room)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

- 6:15 AM Communion Service
- *9:00 AM Mass for Charles Williams
- 4:00 PM Education Foundation Board Mtg. (N.D.)
- *5:00 PM Mass for Rita Fox & Jack Fox
- 5:45 PM Youth Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 6:45 PM Report Cards
- 7:00 PM Parish Choir (Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Mtg. (Emmaus Room)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

- 6:15 AM Communion Service
- *9:00 AM Mass for Vincent & Betty Boes
- 9:30 AM Eucharistic Exposition (Eucharistic Chapel)
Adoration through the day until 9 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

- 6:15 AM Communion Service
- *9:00 AM Mass for Lester & Helen Nye
All-School Mass
- 9:30 AM Eucharistic Exposition (Eucharistic Chapel)
Adoration through the day until 9 PM
- 2:15 PM No Nursing Home Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, ST. JOHN BOSCO

- 10:00 AM Charismatic Prayer Group (Notre Dame)
- *4:30 PM Mass for Harold Sendelbach; Harold Barchus; Ruth Volkmer; Credora Meyer (Anniv.) **Servers:** Catrina Lang, Jacob Lang, Courtney Burns, L Ray Burns
Lector: Kyle Gase **Cantor:** Matt Emerine
Gift Bearers: Elden & Millie Fox

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO Fellowship Host:
Vocation Cup: Ken & Brenda Goshe

- *7:30 AM Mass for Liv./dec. members of St. Wendelin Parish **Servers:** Bayley Heckathorn, Hannah Heckathorn **Lector:** Doris Ann Norris **Cantor:** Vicki Sulken
Gift Bearers: Ken & Vicki Walliser
- *9:00 AM Mass for Maurice, Helen & Dan Scharf
Servers: Austin Reinhart, Brady Rutter, Allie Rutter, Katelyn Schiefer **Lector:** Cory Baker
Gift Bearers: Robert & Jennifer Peters
FOLK GROUP

- 9:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)
- *11:00 AM Mass for Mike Marley; Herman Kreais (14 Day)
Servers: Veronica Peters, Lexie Valchovic, Tara Emerine, Adrienne Emerine **Lector:** Allen Gabel **Gift Bearers:** Paul & Phyllis Chaney **PARISH CHOIR**
- 6:00 PM Divorced & Separated (Upper Room)




**Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion**
1/31 & 2/01 A
11:00 AM - 2/01 A

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT FOR DECEMBER		
Received 11/29/08 - 12/31/08	\$	79,639
Direct Deposit for December	\$	12,752
Budgeted for December	\$	90,455
Over (Under) for December	\$	1,936
Year-to-date received	\$	475,642
Year-to-date budgeted (wk 26)	\$	496,106
Over (under) for fiscal year	\$	(22,899)
Make-up for December	\$	5,500
Christmas	\$	37,262

Readings for the Week of January 25, 2009

- Sunday Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25;
1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
- Monday 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps
98; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40;
Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28





Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Herman Kreais who died recently. May he experience the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

**COMMUNITY WIDE
STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER**

On Friday, January 30, at 12:05 PM, stop and pray for those in prison that they may someday become productive and responsible members of society.



Life is real! God blesses Reality!

How do we know what God wants? I remember a man who had eight children and a wife. He thought he had a vocation to the monastic life. We know that that is not God's will. The real is his family, who needed him, and that was his vocation.

We know that the real is a spouse taking care of the other in sickness and in health. That is real. We know that this day, which is given to us, is real.

We know that the gift of life is real and that is where God's will is.

No matter how convenient or inconvenient when the Lord blesses a woman with a child, we know that that is real and God's will is present. We know that ending that life is not God's will. Our choice is always real if it is pro life. The emphasis is on life and not death and not choice. This is how we know God's will.

We also know that there are consequences to our actions and it corresponds to the seriousness of our actions. If we commit murder, there is the life sentence; when we do well on homework we earn an A. If we work faithfully, we will receive the paycheck. The consequence of abortion in the Church is excommunication, exclusion from the sacraments and the graces which come from that. Our action of abortion or deliberately helping in abortions leads to excommunication. The death of the child in the womb is a crime that cries to heaven for relief.

We also know that the mercy of God and reconciliation is offered to those who commit abortions or who take part in it if they truly grieve their action. God's mercy is without end. The Lamb of God wants to cover us with His forgiveness as the snow covers the earth. But we need to repent and accept God's will in our life.

Let us continue to stand for God and for life and forgiveness! Let us grieve for those who have been killed but also for those who suffer the terrible consequences in their own lives.



Fr. Nicholas Weibl

PARISH SERVICES

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- Fr. Nicholas Weibl, Pastor nicholas.weibl@stwendelin.org
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- Sherry Yaple, Organist

Notre Dame Sisters 339 Liberty St., Fostoria, OH 419-701-2380

Religious Education (Spiritual Enrichment Center)
323 N. Wood St. 8:00-4:00 PM 419-435-6681

- Shellie Gabel, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education shellie.gabel@stwendelin.org
- Alice Daugherty, Religious Education Secretary alice.daugherty@stwendelin.org

St. Wendelin Catholic Elementary School
300 N. Wood St. 7:30-3:30 PM
419-435-1809

- Cathy Krupp, Principal cathy.krupp@stwendelin.org
- Deb Kelley, Elementary Secretary deb.kelley@stwendelin.org

St. Wendelin Catholic High School
533 N. Countyline St. 7:30-3:30 PM
419-435-8144 Fax 419-436-4042

- Angela Joseph, Principal angela.joseph@stwendelin.org
- Julie Bulkowski, Secretary julie.bulkowski@stwendelin.org

Development Office
533 N. Countyline St. 419-435-8144

- Mary Anne Nopper, Development Dir. maryanne.nopper@stwendelin.org

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the following people who are in need of a healing touch:

Sr. Joyce Bragg, Paul Chaney, Ruth Coughlin, Francis DeLaRosa, and Richard Weber.



Rosary Altar



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will meet Wed., Jan. 28th, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. Guest Speaker will be Fr. Eric Schild. Hostesses are Mary Lou Droll, Rosie Fritz, and Irene Hunter.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Fostoria Community Hospital is in dire need of floor volunteers; you pick the days and times you work. 3 1/2 hour shifts, no weekends or holidays required. Men, women or couples are welcome. If interested please call Evelyn Marker at the Fostoria Hospital 419-435-7734 or Phyllis Alexander 419-435-4781.

SHARING KITCHEN—NEEDS HELP



It is St. Wendelin Parish's turn to serve a week at the Sharing Kitchen - Mon., Feb. 2, Wed., Feb. 3, & Fri., Feb. 6. Please help serve; we need about 10 people each day. Please call 419-435-6976 if you are willing to serve. Thanks for Caring and Sharing.

FOSTORIA FOOD PANTRY

CHARITABLE GIVING FOR FEBRUARY

Stacy LaFountain, Board Chairman, of the Food Pantry, tells us 19 families (27 adults and 11 children) were aided in December 2008. They received 342 meals of breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The Food Pantry receives funds from FEMA, Lima Food Bank, and Monetary Gifts from area Churches. They need fruit, canned goods, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce and tuna and noodles. They gave 350 Christmas Baskets on December 22nd & 23rd. If you can donate any of these items please drop them off at the American Red Cross at 115 S. Main St. If you can help with a monetary gift for this worthwhile cause make your check payable to St. Wendelin. Thanks again for all your past and future support.

Dear Fr. Weibl and Parish Community,

Thank you for your contribution to the National retirement Fund for Religious. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

As a benefactor you are remembered daily in the prayers of the men and women religious of the Diocese of Toledo.

May the blessing of our God fill each of your days.

Gratefully,
Sister Nancy Mathias, OSU
Vicar for Religious



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

January Health Happenings

“Cervical Cancer: What You Should Know” Wednesday, January 28th, Noon to 1pm FCH Conference Center A.

Barb Carlo, RN, BSN will define cervical cancer and discuss prevention and early detection. Contact hour for nurses who attend. A light lunch will be provided. Registration is required to Promedica Total Wellness 419-436-6688.

Health Ministry: Help and Hope for the Divorced & Separated

Do you have a relative, friend or neighbor who might be suffering in silence over a recent or past divorce or separation? Please invite them to a wonderful program that offers hope, healing and help. “New Life Journey”, a Divorce Care, Inc. program for divorced and separated people, began Sunday evening January 4th. But it's not too late to participate! The program is designed so that people can join in at any time during the 13 week series which ends March 29. It is held on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Upper Room here at St. Wendelin. The cost is \$20 for workbook and materials with financial assistance available. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Holman, RN, Parish Nurse at 419-435-6692.

Health Ministry News: Cold Weather Risk Almost everyone knows about winter dangers such as broken bones from falls on icy steps, sidewalks or streets. But cold weather also can cause an important, less obvious danger that can affect older people. Hypothermia occurs when a person's body temperature drops below normal and stays low for a prolonged period of time. With advancing age, the body's ability to endure long periods of exposure to cold is lowered. Older people also are at risk for hypothermia because their body's response to cold can be diminished by certain illnesses such as diabetes and some medicines, including over-the-counter cold remedies. The best way to identify someone with hypothermia is to look for confusion or sleepiness, slowed or slurred speech, shivering or stiffness in the arms and legs, weak pulse, poor control over body movements or slow reactions. Here are a few tips to help prevent hypothermia:

- Wear several layers of loose clothing when it is cold. The layers will trap warm air between them. Wear a hat, scarf, gloves or mittens, and warm clothes when you go outside in cold weather. A significant amount of your body heat can be lost through your head, and hands and feet are the first body parts to get cold.
- To keep warm at home, wear long underwear under your clothes, along with socks and slippers. Use a blanket or afghan to keep legs and shoulders warm and wear a hat or cap indoors.
- Make sure your home is warm enough. Set your thermostat to at least 68 degrees. Even mildly cool homes with temperatures from 60 to 65 degrees can trigger hypothermia in older people.
- Please be sure to check on your elderly family, friends and neighbors during these cold winter months. Any questions contact Kathy Holman, Parish Nurse 419-435-6692. *Source: National Institute on Aging*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you were unable to be at the Masses on January 17th & 18th to be commissioned, you will need to see Fr. Eric or Fr. Weibl. You need to be commissioned before you can continue to minister at your scheduled Mass. When you are commissioned, Fr. will give you your certificate.

GROUP PICTURES FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

Group pictures will be taken for the following dates:

January 25th after 11:00 Mass

- 12:00 - Spanish Choir & Guadalupe Society
- 12:10 - Cantors
- 12:20 - Circle of Mercy
- 12:30 - Health Nurse Ministry (Volunteer Cabinet Members)
- 12:40 - Adult Servers & Student Servers from the Public Schools - St. Wendelin servers will be taken at School

Attention St. Wendelin High School Junior Parents:

Anyone interested in helping with the After-Prom, watch for notices in the church bulletin for upcoming meeting dates. A core group has been organizing and will need volunteers to complete projects. Ron & Evie Burns, Cindra & Brian Baker, Tom & Vicki Baker

Attention Adult Singers:

Your voices are needed for *Jesus Christ Superstar*, which will be presented by St. Wendelin students on March 27, 28, and 29, 2009. The chorus is an important part of the performance, so come join the fun. Initial practices are Sunday Jan. 25th, and again on Sunday, February 1st, from 2-4 p.m. at St. Wendelin High School south gym. For more information, please contact Dana Benoit at 419-685-5472.



Join the Famine
ON PRESIDENTS' DAY

We'll starve for food! Will you?? Join the Famine!!

Can you think of a better way to spend your day off (Presidents' Day) than fasting? Alright, alright I know you can think of about a hundred other things you'd rather do than starve for a day. But, hey, at least you have a choice. Many people in this world do not have a choice and without people helping out, they wouldn't have nothing. So come on, do your part. Join the Famine, raise money for those less fortunate, learn a little bit about what it's like to be poor, serve the needy in our community and have a blast doing it. Can you *really* do *all* that in just under 30 hours? Does a priest say Mass? We'll do all this and more. Convinced? Here's what you need to do: Block off from 11:00am, Sunday, February 15th through 1:00pm Monday the 16th (yes it's an overnight adventure), get a Famine packet from Mr. Hay and let him know you're in, **return the necessary forms by February 1st** along with \$15 registration fee (includes '09 Famine t-shirt, supplies, drinks and closing meal), ask friends, family, neighbors, teachers, basically anyone who breathes to sponsor you, and last but not least pray, pray and pray some more. Young people can make a difference!! Say yes and be the change you want to see in this world.

Religious Education

Religious Education Catechists

There will be an important meeting held on Wednesday February 4th for all Religious Education Catechists. All teachers in grades 1-8 are asked to attend. This meeting will be held on the 2nd floor in the St. Luke room. If you cannot attend, please inform Shellie so she may schedule another time to meet with individuals. We **will not** have religious education classes for grades 1-6 that evening. Thank you!

Christ Renews His Parish Retreats

Lent is a time in our Christian lives when we recall our baptismal promises and deepen our commitment to Christ. We are all on a journey, longing to fulfill our thirst and hunger for God. Let this Lenten season be the opportunity to be transformed and renewed by Christ. Join us for the next Christ Renews His Parish retreats. Our women's retreat will be held on the weekend of March 28 and 29. Our men's retreat will be the following weekend on April 4 and 5. For more information, please contact Shellie Gabel or Jon Hay at the parish office.

A Divorced & Separated Retreat, "When God Calls in the Night" will be held February 6-8, 2009 at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House, Carey, OH. During what may seem the darkest times God still seeks to fill us with light. Come experience God's presence, know His love, live His healing. Rev. Chris Vasko, former director of parish Divorced & Separated Ministry, missionary and retreat director will offer this prayer-filled weekend. For information contact the Family Life Office of Catholic Charities at 419-244-6711, Ext. 404 or 409.

CHILI/HOT DOG SUPPER

Chili and hot dog/chili dog supper before the St. Joe Boys' Basketball game on Jan. 30. The proceeds will go entirely to help fund the trip to Rome for the SW students in June. It will begin at 5:00 and will be held in the HS cafeteria.



The 6th Annual Fostoria Red Dress Luncheon:

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Heart Health will be held on Friday, Feb., 6 at noon in the St Wendelin Parish Life Center. This luncheon celebrates the American Heart Association's call for women to take charge of their heart health. This event features Sashem Brey from WTVG-TV channel 13 ABC news in Toledo as emcee; Jo Lynn Messer, harpist, and celebrity waiters including our own Fr. Nicholas Weibl. Cost is \$12 payable in advance. To register or for more information contact Kathy Holman, Parish Nurse 419-435-6692 or Promedica Total Wellness at FCH 419-436-6688.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

- ▶ Monday, Jan. 26 – REPORTS CARDS sent home
- ▶ Tuesday, Jan. 27 – CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 7:15-8:30 am, for parents and volunteers
- ▶ Wednesday, Jan. 28 – TALENT SHOW 12:45 pm, canned good donations for admission benefit the Sharing Kitchen
- ▶ Thursday, Jan. 29 – JEANS DAY, donations benefit En Camino
- ▶ Friday, Jan. 30 – MASS 9:00 am, to end Catholic Schools week, grades K-12

ESSAY WINNER

Hunter Weidner won the Seneca County Martin Luther King Essay contest at St. Wendelin Elementary. The essay answered the question, "If I were Martin Luther King, what advice would I have for President-Elect Obama?"

Hunter is in Sr. Carolyn Schaffer's fifth grade class. She read her essay on Martin Luther King Day at the Fostoria Municipal Building and joined other area winners at a special dinner celebration. All winners were presented with a special gift. Congratulations Hunter!

SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Champions!

Grades 3-4 Champion: Spencer Hipsher; 2nd runner up: Lauren Meyers; 3rd runner up: Nicholas Kelbley

Grades 5-6 Champion: Cameron Hunter; 2nd runner up: Sara Goddard; 3rd runner up: Mikayla Gilliland

Cameron Hunter; Sara Goddard and Mikayla Gilliland will compete in the Seneca Wyandot County Spelling Bee at Tiffin Middle School on Monday, Feb. 1. **GO MOHAWKS!**

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN KINDERGARTEN FOR NEXT FALL?

St. Wendelin Elementary is planning "Mohawk For A Day" for children interested in enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2009-10 school year.

This special event will be held on **Wednesday, Feb. 11**, between 9:00-10:00 am or 1:00-2:00 pm. (Students in SW Preschool 4-year-old classes will visit on Feb. 11 too!)

The children will be given the opportunity to become a "Mohawk For A Day" in the Kindergarten classroom. They will experience Kindergarten in action. Parents will hear about our Kindergarten program and learning about our Screening Process. Please call the Elementary by **Friday, Feb. 6**, at 435-1809 to make a reservation. All children turning five years of age on or before August 1, 2009, will be eligible to register for our Kindergarten program for the 2009-10 school year.

HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

- ▶ Monday, Jan. 26 – JHBBK 5:00 pm vs. Seneca East @ home, JHGBK 5:00 pm @ Seneca East
- ▶ Tuesday, Jan. 27 – JHBBK 5:00 pm @ Arcadia JHGBK 5:00 pm vs. Arcadia @ home GBK 6:00 pm vs. North Baltimore @ home
- ▶ Thursday, Jan. 29 – QUIZ BOWL @ Tiffin Calvert JHGBK 5:00 pm @ Riverdale (7th grade) FRBBK 5:00 pm @ Seneca East GBK 6:00 pm vs. Seneca East @ home
- ▶ Friday, Jan. 30 – MASS 9:00 am, to end Catholic Schools week, grades K-12 @ church BBK 6:00 pm vs. Fremont St. Joe @ home
- ▶ Saturday, Jan. 31 – BBK 6:00 pm vs. Cory Rawson @ home

For updated sports schedules please visit our website: stwendelin.org or highschoolsports.net

REGISTRATION & OPEN HOUSE

The Kick-Off for 2009-10 registrations will be held at Open House on Sunday, Feb. 1, from 10:00 am-Noon at the Elementary and 12:30-3:00 pm at the High School. All families should register their children for the 2009-10 school year at the Open House.

Students who are registered on February 1, will be entered into two drawings for \$100 off 2009-10 tuition. The first drawing will be held on February 1, with a second drawing held on March 9. If you register on February 1, you will have **two** opportunities to win a \$100 voucher!

To register, you will need to complete all registration paperwork and make your registration and/or activity fee payment.

If you will not be able to attend the Registration & Open House & on Sunday, Feb. 1, there will be packets available in the main office Wednesday, Jan. 28.

25th St. Wendelin Action Auction



Will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 7**, at St. Wendelin High School Gymnasium. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Our Grand Auction item is a Caribbean Trip valued at \$2,500.00.

Other items are a hand-made Maple Corner Cupboard, Jewelry, Stained Glass Pictures, Wall Hangings, Gift Certificates to local and area Restaurants, Cleveland Indians and Browns Tickets, Tuition Certificates and many more items. Raffles this year include a 3 night/4 day trip to Las Vegas and a 50" HDTV.

Admission tickets are available in the Parish Office \$50.00 per person or \$100.00 a couple. Make your reservations now. It is a fun-filled evening. Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres and Dinner are included. Hope to see you there. Call Sharon or Sandy at the Parish Office to reserve a table 419-435-6692.

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