

September 12, 2021 ~ 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

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Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

12:00 PM & 5:30 PM

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday 6:45 AM

Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM

Monday - Thursday 5:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

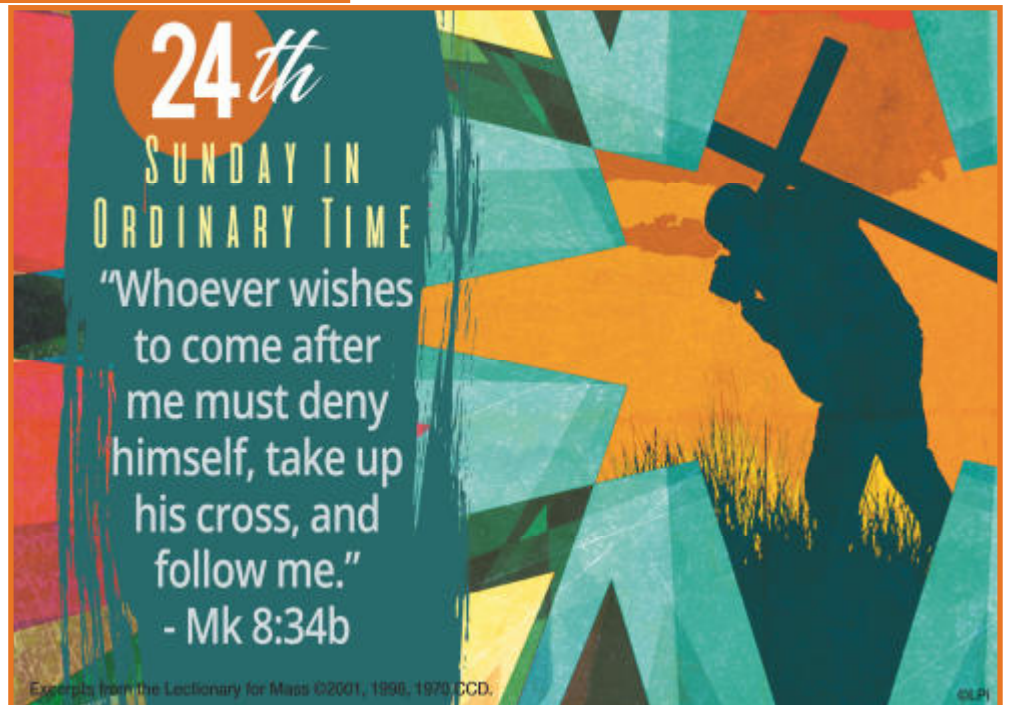
Monday - Thursday:

5:00pm until line ends

Saturday: 9:00am until line ends

3:30 to 4:45 PM

15353 Pacific Street
Omaha, NE 68154
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MONDAY, September 13, 2021

6:45 AM Int. of Catholic Daughters (Mother Teresa Court #2451)
 8:30 AM †Ron Wiley
 5:30 PM †Marie Jacobi

TUESDAY, September 14, 2021

6:45 AM †George Thomsen
 8:30 AM †Bill and †Elsie Mlnarik
 5:30 PM †John and †Norma Ertz

WEDNESDAY, September 15, 2021

6:45 AM †Lawrence Zavadil
 8:30 AM †Paul and †Sophie Cuva (School Mass 5-8)
 5:30 PM †Brian Kelly

THURSDAY, September 16, 2021

6:45 AM †Gerald J. Wieduwilt
 8:30 AM Int. of St. Wenceslaus Staff and Students
 (School Mass K-4)

5:30 PM Int. of Rex Graham

FRIDAY, September 17, 2021

6:45 AM †Lloyd Welniak
 8:30 AM †Art and †Betty Roberts

SATURDAY, September 18, 2021

8:30 AM †Stephanie Williams
 5:00 PM †Rosalie Huetter

SUNDAY, September 19, 2021

8:00 AM †Jeanne Burns
 10:00 AM †Lloyd Welniak
 12:00 PM †Paul Schaefer
 5:30 PM †Melvin and †Mary Pfeifer

Ministry Schedule for September 18–19, 2021

Saturday, 5:00 PM **PRIEST:** Fr. Ron
SAC: John Hall **DEA:** Brad Schaefer
EMHC: Rose Berkey, Dan Davis, Mary Durow, Julie Davis (sub req),
 Lisa Pekny, Mary Furey, Elaine Kissel,
 Deborah McDermott (sub req)
LEC: Patrick Durow, Cathy Huber
SER: Simon Kollars, Alex Pekny
HOS: Brent Kollars, Caroline Kollars (sub req), Katie Kollars,
 Charlotte Kollars (sub req), Chris S. Deters, Georgia Robino

Sunday, 8:00 AM **PRIEST:** Fr. Tim
SAC: Cathe Talley **DEA:** Mark Capoun
EMHC: Ike Pane, Olivier Coutant, Henrietta Pane, Karen Hahn,
 Michelle Reilly, Emily Rimmington, Denise Thelen,
 Nick Thelen
LEC: Mabelle Krajewski, Dorothy Tuma
SER: Leo Dustin, Drew Balus
HOS: Mary Elliot, Wayne Elliot, Janet Sorensen, Ken Sorensen,
 Gary Liebig, Renee Liebig

Sunday, 10:00 AM **PRIEST:** Fr. Tim
SAC: Mary Kay Garcia **DEA:** Bill Carter
EMHC: Roxanne Alter-Kluthe, Mark Bishoff, Phyllis Bishoff, John
 Weitl, Christopher Miller, Cori Miller, Kristen West,
 Bradley Davis
LEC: Don Kluthe, Mark Jaksich
SER: Ty Miller, Shea McMahon
HOS: Kiley Rau, Linda Rau, Mia Rau, Jack Trisler, Kim Trisler, Tim
 Glover, Kristine Schweser, Jeremy Vleiger

Sunday, 12:00 PM **PRIEST:** Fr. Tom
SAC: Lisa Scherer **DEA:** Joe Kulus
EMHC: Ryan Royse, Zach Royse, Sue Smith, Bob Dewhurst
LEC: Amy Krance-Wendt, John Curran
SER: Jillian Royse, Colin Zuroske
HOS: John Benson, Will Benson, James Griswa, Laurie Griswa, Tom
 Hall, Steve Smith

Sunday, 5:30 PM **PRIEST:** Fr. Tom
SAC: Dan Morrow **DEA:** Jack Miller
EMHC: Joni Learch, Rich Learch, Mikala Deuel, Laurie Fitzpatrick
LEC: Julie Bloomingdale, Bob Decker
SER: Annie Hurley, Tony Newton
HOS: Asher Wieser, Caedmon Wieser, Ezekiel Wieser, Jeremy
 Wieser, Mirin Wieser, Tosia Wieser

**FLOWER MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

St. Wenceslaus has begun a flower ministry – a group of individuals to help with decorating our church throughout the year.

If you have expertise in this area, or you would simply like to volunteer to help,

please contact **Kara Walters** at 402-216-8289 or email kkaawalters@cox.net.

Are you thinking about becoming a member of the Catholic Church?

Although the RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has begun, it is still possible for you to take part.

If you would like more information, email **Cindy Brown** by calling 402-330-1518 or brownc@stwenceslaus.org.



REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B**

Sunday readings: Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

Make Hunger History

Everyone has a right to the necessities of life. Yet many people live without clean drinking water, a steady food supply, employment, or a home. We all know that in the cities of our own country, and in lands far away, some people lack the necessities of life, and we have many opportunities to care for the needy. Some organizations help them get back on their feet through food, loans, and job training. They rely on financial help, as well as the hours that volunteers give on site. From time to time churches take up collections to be sent abroad. In some cases, people blessed with resources have visited countries with a depressed economy, in order to understand the needs, meet the people, and advocate for assistance back home. In reality, the world has enough resources to end hunger and poverty, but many of us lack the resolve and the willingness to sacrifice.

In our second reading this Sunday, the Letter of James says, *"If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?"* Faith without works is dead. Challenging and eye-opening words indeed!

Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year B
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LITURGY CORNER *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

The Cross could have become a symbol of shame for Christians. It brought about the death of Jesus Christ. However, faith in the Resurrection made the Cross a symbol of pride. The worst weapon of Jesus' enemies could not overpower him. Through the Cross, Jesus triumphs over death. Pride in the Cross soon turned to veneration of the Cross. Since no record from the time of the apostles indicates that the Cross of Christ was preserved, zealous Christians later searched for its remains.

Legend has it that in 322, Helena, the mother of Constantine, uncovered three Crosses in the excavations for the new basilicas in Jerusalem. She assumed them to be the Crosses of Jesus and the two wrongdoers. Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem, brought in a dying woman and had her touch the Crosses. The third one cured her, and that Cross was proclaimed the Cross of Christ. It became an object of veneration in Jerusalem until it was stolen in the seventh century, but Heraclius of Constantinople captured and returned it in 629, bringing it into the city, where it was lifted up for all to venerate again. This "exaltation" of the Holy Cross gave us a feast day that we celebrate on September 14th every year – Tuesday of this coming week!

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I recently found myself speaking with a local therapist about her professional experience of the last year or so. She explained how she believed we are collectively experiencing the multifaceted effects of what she calls "societal trauma." I couldn't agree with her more.

A Word from Fr. Taylor



After the suffering and difficulties of the pandemic, the heightened tensions of the 2020 presidential election, and all the sufferings and heaviness we've experienced in between, I think many of us have found ourselves, at one point or another, flailing with the effects of societal trauma. Division is at a peak. Exhaustion and stress are abnormally high. For many, it's difficult to know who to trust and what to believe. Add all of that to the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Perhaps our trauma trails all the way back to that terrible day.

I only write such depressing words because I believe there is an answer. Within the past few days, I found myself pondering about the lives of the saints, men and women who ran the race and kept the faith. The saints aren't the perfect, the flawless, the sinless, or immune from suffering. As Fr. Tom often says, "Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future."

Just look at some of the saints whose feasts we'll celebrate this month. September 8 was the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She enjoyed the incredible privilege of being the mother of Jesus, but she had to watch her own Son be misunderstood, rejected, accused, and eventually murdered. Saint Peter Claver (Sep. 9) spent his priesthood caring for African slaves, who were treated worse than livestock, but he never lost hope in their salvation. Our patron Saint Wenceslaus (Sep. 28) was hated by his own family and murdered by his own brother, but he clung wholeheartedly to the Lord unto the end.

These aren't just cute stories. They're real human lives, human testimonies, that prove to us that it is possible to live a holy life. It's possible to do the right thing. It's possible to make it through the suffering with faith and hope.

If you need another inspiration for deeper faith and hope, I personally invite you to our organ concert with Dr. Jan Kraybill later this month. I've only been to a couple organ concerts in my life, but I promise it will be an ethereal and deeply moving experience. The music of the pipe organ is unlike any other music. It has a unique ability to put us in touch with the eternal, and lead us to a place of sacred contemplation. I hope to see you Sunday, September 26, at 7pm!

Peace,
Fr. Taylor



Do we do good deeds because we are good people, or are we good people because we do good deeds?

This almost sounds like a riddle, but I think it gets to the heart of what James is trying to convey in his letter. Namely, our good deeds must *flow* from our faith. It should be fairly obvious to us that we cannot have faith without works. James maintains that if we *aren't* doing good deeds, our faith is dead. A few weeks ago we heard James say, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." (James 1:22) In this part of his letter, James seems to be even more emphatic: If you just listen, and don't act, there is little point in listening.

If it is true that our good deeds flow from our faith, then this seems to support the argument that we are good people doing good deeds and *not* people doing good deeds in order to be good.

In today's gospel, Jesus instructs us as disciples to follow him. By all accounts, Jesus was a doer. The gospel of John states "*There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written*" (John 21:25.)

Jesus was a "doer" and we are to be "doers" as well. But does being a "doer" make us a good person? I don't think so. While it is tempting to want to take credit for our good deeds, that is not the way of a disciple. Even worse, we can fall into the trap of thinking that our good deeds somehow guarantee our salvation. Again, we are not doers in order to become good, we are good people who are doers. St. James said "*I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works*" (James 2:18.) What we do is an expression of our faith. What we do flows from who we are children of God. I believe the best way to answer the riddle is to look at the life of Jesus.

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St. Joseph, pray for us!

Lessons on his spirituality and adaptability

Presented by Fr. Ron Wasikowski on Tuesdays, October 5th and October 12th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church.



Image from mosaic at Santa Maria Maggiore, Rome

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church
15353 Pacific St. | Omaha, NE 68154
invites music lovers of all ages to our

FREE ORGAN CONCERT

featuring Grammy-nominated Jan Kraybill on our new Casavant Organ

September 26, 2021
7:00 P.M.

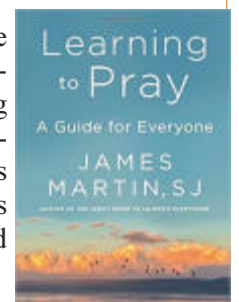
"It was the most variety I've ever heard from our precious organ, and Jan's programming and explanations added so much to our enjoyment."
— audience member, Fairfield, IA



Join facilitator Mary Eileen Andreasen to read and discuss Fr. James Martin's book LEARNING TO PRAY

This group will meet twice a month on Tuesday evenings (7-8pm) throughout the winter months, beginning in late October and explore different types of prayer in a relaxed and friendly manner. Participants can buy this book anywhere; in a bookstore or online.

This book study will be helpful for those seeking God within the Catholic tradition. It includes advice from towering figures like Thomas Merton, Mother Teresa and other contemporary religious people. Fr. Martin shares their journeys toward God with gentle suggestions and practical strategies.



Mary Eileen Andreasen, a parishioner since 1985, is a mother of five and grandmother of eight. She has a Masters in Ministry from Creighton University.



St. Wenceslaus Children's Faith Formation

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Welcome Families to a new year in Faith Formation! To respect and care for the environment, the calendar and Family Handbook were sent to families through email. Hard copies are available upon request. **Remember: We will begin every session in the school at 6:15 PM. Dismissal times and locations are the following:**

- PreK–1st Grade at 7:25 from Cain Hall.
- 2nd-6th Grade will dismiss at 7:30 from Cain Hall.
- 7th and 8th Grade will dismiss at 7:30 from the main school entrance.

Please wear a mask when picking up children. Thank you for your cooperation and support with safety.



Celebrate Catechetical Sunday

September 18th, 5:00 PM Mass and September 19th, 10:00 AM Mass

"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"

The past year has highlighted the urgent need for healing--physical, spiritual, emotional--in ourselves and in our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus. When our souls heal, all heals, despite our suffering.

Sacrament Preparation

Confirmation Sponsor Information is due Wednesday, **September 15th**. Please return your completed form to Faith Formation in the new Parish Office OR to brownn@stwenceslaus.org



st. wenceslaus × middle school YOUTH MINISTRY FALL CALENDAR

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| Sunday, September 12th | Family-Friendly Adoration |
| Sunday, September 19th | Middle School Youth Group |
| Sunday, October 3rd | Middle School Youth Group |
| Sunday, October 10th | Family-Friendly Adoration |
| Sunday, October 24th | Pancake Breakfast Serving |
| Sunday, November 7th | Middle School Youth Group |
| Sunday, November 14th | Family-Friendly Adoration |
| Sunday, November 21st | Middle School Youth Group |
| Sunday, December 5th | Middle School Youth Group |
| Sunday, December 12th | Family-Friendly Adoration |

**YOUTH GROUP 6:30-8:00 PM
ADORATION 6:45-7:45 PM**

CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 16TH

st. wenceslaus YOUTH MINISTRY

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st. wenceslaus × high school YOUTH MINISTRY FALL CALENDAR

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| Tuesday, September 7th | High School Night |
| Tuesday, October 12th | High School Night |
| Tuesday, November 9th | High School Night |
| Tuesday, December 7th | High School Night |

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| Sundays 1:15-2:45 PM | Girls Bible Study |
| Various Meeting Times | Guys Small Groups |

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO JOIN A GROUP, CONTACT
COUTANTO@STWENCESLAUS.ORG**

CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 16TH

September Charity of the Month

Spirit Catholic Radio can be found at 102.7 FM on the radio dial. Spirit Catholic Radio strives to bring Christ to our listeners through the programs we broadcast. We are the area's only Catholic radio station heard across most of Nebraska, western Iowa and other parts of the Midwest. Now, more than ever, Catholic Radio is needed for the spiritual renewal and healing of our nation. This radio apostolate depends upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the generosity of the faithful throughout the listening area to bring this work to complete realization. Spirit Catholic Radio also streams live, 24/7 at spiritcatholicradio.com. Simply go to the home page and click "Listen Live." Additionally, you can listen to Spirit Catholic Radio by downloading our free mobile app. With your continued support, we are able to expand our local programming and broadcast reach—ensuring you can hear the truths and traditions of the Catholic faith. Please browse the rest of the Spirit Catholic Radio website and learn about your favorite programs and how your prayers and financial support can help all encounter Jesus. May God bless you. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass for the Shut-Ins: Those who are homebound or sick and cannot attend Mass on Sundays have the opportunity of participating in the Sunday Mass one of two ways. The Mass for the Shut-Ins can be viewed at 10:30 am on Sundays on WOWT, Channel 6 or Mass may be listened to at noon on Sundays on KVSS 102.7 FM. You may also listen to the Mass on the weekdays at 9:30 am on KVSS 102.7 FM. WOWT Channel 6 has been airing the Mass for over 50 yrs. It was started in February 1964. WOWT worked with then Bishop-elect Daniel Sheehan to start the televised Mass and is now one of the longest continuing locally produced religious programs in the U.S. and abroad. Your donation helps with the cost of making Mass available for the sick and homebound. Archbishop George J. Lucas says a lot has changed in the Catholic Church over the last 50 years, but he says the core values will stand strong. Thank you for your donation.

Jail Ministry: Many inmates reflect on their lives and choices they have made. God has a way of touching those who are open to his message. Your donations will be used to provide spiritual booklets, calendars and prayer cards as a source of encouragement to the inmates. On behalf of those who are incarcerated, we thank you for your help.

The Human Needs Committee

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
AND ESPECIALLY FOR:

†**Mark Dickau**, husband of Karol

†**Terri Lynn Pitzer**, mother of Erin Bueltel
grandmother of Braydon, Ethan and Lauren

Always Loved, Always Remembered

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
receive the Mercy of God. Amen.

Spiritual Adoption Program MONTH 5: Developing Baby—"Mommy felt me kick today!"

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it - - the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

The Youth Mart, which serves former foster youth is in need of new pillows. Pillows can be dropped off in the first pantry cabinet bin marked Youth Mart in the foyer from September 11-19. Or you can drop off at the Youth Mart (GPS users) at 5111 Sprague Street.



Please call Lori at 531-389-7551
to arrange a drop off time.

Thank you!

From the Desk of the Volunteer Nurse

"Volunteer Nurse Ministry
Caring Connection"

Nurse Ministry Volunteers are available to offer support, education and service if you need help dealing with a non-urgent medical issue. Call 402-697-7514 and ask for a nurse call and we will contact you by phone.



BAPTISM:
This is Our Faith!

We welcome the newest St. Wenceslaus members born to new life through Baptism

Henry Edmund Burns
Son of Patrick and Deborah Burns

Gavin Michael Laux
Son of Joshua and Ashlee Laux

Rylie Ann LeMay
Daughter of Kyle and Kerry LeMay

Campbell Constance Ryan
Daughter of Mitch and Marquette Ryan

Traesyn Russell Sharp
Son of Gary and Jessica Sharp



HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH!



We would like to have flowers in our church throughout the year, and we need YOUR help. If you would like to make a donation in memory or in honor of someone – minimum of \$75.00 – make your check payable to St. Wenceslaus Church and send it to Cindy Brown in the St. Wenceslaus Liturgy Office, 15353 Pacific Street, 68154.

Be sure to enclose a note with the name of the person in whose memory or honor the donation is made. These flowers will be displayed on the shelf behind the ambo.

Thank you to Mary & Wayne Elliott, who donated the funds for the flowers by the statue of Mary this weekend in memory of **Marvin Wieseler**.

We are excited to announce that the Prodigal Love Ministry will be starting back up again on Tuesday, October 5th! Our ministry is dedicated to praying for vocations, families and our loved ones who have left the church. We will meet right after the morning Mass (9:00am) on the first Tuesday of the month. We will gather in the chapel for about 20 minutes of guided prayers, quiet personal prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please come join your prayers with ours each month!

Questions, contact Sue Ludvik, Mary Furey or Jill Lassek @ Prodigallove15@gmail.com

Put these upcoming events on your calendar!

September 14, 2021 – Bunco night – Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949a8aa2aab9-guild18>

September 25, 2021 – Stephen Center Meal – sign up details below

October 16, 2021 – Fall Bowtique – Save the Date! More info to come!

Service Opportunities

Board positions – if you love planning and/or organizing or are saavy with social media, we have a few board positions that could be a perfect fit for your skills! Please reach out to Julie Dvorak at 402-305-3028 or dvorakproperties@cox.net to learn more!

Priest Meals - every Monday & Wednesday! Use the link below to provide dinner for our priests one night.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949a8aa2aab9-priest1>.

Stephen Center – 4th Saturday of the month (Sept – Apr), check the Sign Up Genius to help provide food or help serve the meal. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949a8aa2aab9-stephen1>

Fall Bowtique – many willing hands are needed to help the Bowtique (October 16th) be a success. We would love to have your help – watch for the volunteer Sign Up coming soon!

Donut Sundays – are you part of a group that enjoys doing service work together? We would love to invite your group to chair one of our Donut Sunday events. Contact Julie Dvorak at 402-305-3028 or dvorakproperties@cox.net for more info!

We Want YOU!!

The Guild offers a variety of service opportunities, social events and other activities and we want you to get involved! Visit our Sign Up Genius to see what might be of interest to you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949a8aa2aab9-new1>

Want to keep “in the loop” with what’s happening with the Guild? Join our Facebook Private Group (The Guild @ St. Wenceslaus Omaha)! This is our one-stop shop to easily locate all SignUps, Events and Volunteer Opportunities.

THE GUILD

Knights of Columbus Daily Bread Calendar

Thanks to all who purchased **2021 Calendar Club** tickets. Even with the difficult conditions due to Covid restrictions, we were able to able to sell nearly as many tickets as the previous years. **Thank you for your support!** Please check the bulletin weekly for daily winners and all those **EXTRA** prize winners. A check is mailed to each winner at the end of the month in which they won. All previous winners can be found on our website (www.kofc10909.org).

You can find daily winners at www.kofc10909.org.

- 8-30-21 Mike Roth
- 8-31-21 Bob & Madaline Hursh
- 9-1-21 Elizabeth Walker
- 9-2-21 Evan Freilich
- 9-3-21 Terry Corbitt
- 9-4-21 Sam Alvine
- 9-5-21 Ralph Kroenke
- 9-6-21 Amy Tokos
- 9-7-21 Marva Dunning
- 9-8-21 Jill Rogers
- 9-9-21 Clarion Zoucha
- 9-10-21 Allissa Reyes
- 9-11-21 Brian & Amy Sauser
- 9-12-21 Mark Stuben



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| Envelopes: | \$ 22,260.98 |
| Children's Envelopes: | \$ 127.83 |
| Year To Date Budget: | \$467,257.00 |
| Year To Date Total: | \$440,255.97 |



Men's Faith Study

Friday Mornings at 6:00 - 7:20 AM beginning September 24th

This year's sessions include the following programs:

1. The Wild Goose presented by Fr. Dave Pivonka
2. The Search presented by Chris Stefanick

Register at Signup Genius using this easier to remember link, <https://tinyurl.com/FridayFaith>. Contact Loren Steenson at LorenS1531@gmail.com or 402-699-6523 for more information.



SEASON OF CREATION

"In Mark 8:34-35 Jesus asks his followers to take up their cross and follow him. How can we 'take up our cross' and follow Christ as Lord of creation in an era of ecological trauma? Why not share stories of environmental campaigners, eg in Latin America, who have lost their lives in challenging powerful vested interests that are destroying God's world." (from 2021 Celebration Guide for Season of Creation)

explore
life
faith
meaning

You're invited to try Alpha. Sessions begin October 7th at St. Wenceslaus

Readings for the Week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

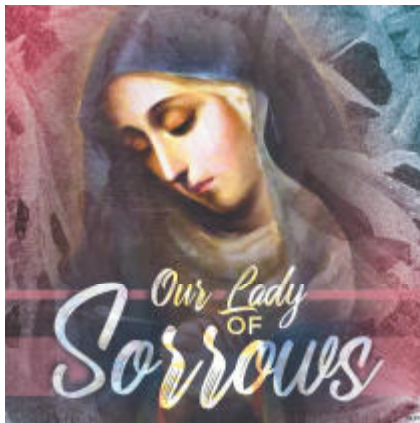
Observances for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
 Monday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
 Thursday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
 Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**Marriage Annulment Info Session**

A marriage annulment info session will be held on Wednesday, September 15th from 6:30 - 8pm in the auditorium of the Archdiocese of Omaha's Office (2222 N. 111th St. in Omaha). The marriage nullity case process will be explained and how to start it. You can attend in person or via Zoom.

Registration is required. Please register via the website: archomaha.org/annulment-seminar/. If unable to register online, please call Tribunal Judge, Elizabeth Sondag, at 402-827-3737 to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MESSAGE

We are proud to announce that James Neugebauer has become a member of the Knights and Fr. Taylor Leffler is now a third degree member of the Knights. Congratulations Fr. Taylor and Welcome James!

Next Sunday, September 12th we are serving pancakes during the Parish Ministry Fair. Enjoy a tasty pancake and hot syrup while checking out the different organizations that our church offers its parishioners.

Monday, September 13th is our monthly meeting and annual steak fry for members and anyone interested in joining our council.

Sunday, September 26th is the first scheduled pancake breakfast for the fall season. The Boy Scouts of St Wenceslaus are our benefactors for this event. Come enjoy a hot breakfast after the Masses on that day and help fund Boy Scout activities.

Friday and Saturday October 22nd and 23rd are the scheduled dates for our annual men's retreat at St Benedict's Retreat Center in Schuyler. Sign up on line at www.tinyurl.com/2021stwmensretreat. Don't wait sign up today, only so many rooms available.

To join or receive information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Rod Hofschulte at rhofschult@msn.com or call 402 510-7250.

PRO-LIFE EVENTS

LIFE-CHAIN - Sunday, October 3, 2:00-3:00PM on South Side of Dodge along 87th-90th Streets. Park at east side of Medical Building. Posters Provided. Come Join Us for a time of reflective prayer for the unborn.

40 DAYS for LIFE - Thursday October 7, 8:00AM—8:00PM. 3 WAYS to sign up to PRAY for 1 hour to help stop abortion. (1) At Home (2) At Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93rd St) (3) At Day Chapel @St. Wenceslaus

Contact Karla Zavadil at 402-659-7767 or at bkzavadil@centurylink.net for questions &/or to sign up.

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The Serra Club of West Omaha invites all the faithful to join us for a special Holy Hour for Vocations with Archbishop George J. Lucas, Rev. Ralph O’Donnell, and Rev. Frank Baumert on Monday, September 20, at St. Margaret Mary, 6116 Dodge Street in Omaha.

Together we will pray a Rosary for Vocations before the Blessed Sacrament, exposed in a special Serra traveling monstrance that was blessed by Pope St. John Paul II. We will also recite the Litany for Vocations, and spend time in silent adoration as we pray for an increase in vocations throughout the Archdiocese of Omaha. This special prayer event begins with a welcome reception at 6:00 PM. Our speaker at the reception will be Deacon Mike Conzett who will talk about the need for vocations and share his discernment to the permanent diaconate. At 7:00 PM we will gather in the sanctuary for the Holy Hour for Vocations. For questions, contact us at westomaha@serrainternational.org. All are welcome! "The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace."

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