

SAINT WENCESLAUS PARISH

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

Parish Announcements:

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, January 28-29, we will have our annual 2nd collection for the CCHD, the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

Finance & Pastoral Council Meetings

Our Parish Finance Council will meet this Monday, January 23rd at 7pm. Our Parish Pastoral Council meeting has been rescheduled to this Thursday, January 26th at 7pm.

Parish Council of Catholic Women Meeting

The PCCW's rescheduled meeting will be this Tuesday, January 24th at 7pm in Msgr. Baer Hall.

Baptismal Preparation

Have a newborn to be baptized or one on the way? Contact Father for baptismal prep sessions.

Free Ultrasound Screenings

Trillium Midwifery Services in PdC is offering free 1st and 2nd trimester ultrasounds between February 27th through March 3rd. For details, contact Heather Kramer at 874-4057 or 306-014.

Blumka Scholarships

St. Wenceslaus youth who have completed their first semesters of college or technical college (and intend to continue in the spring) are invited to send their transcripts to the parish to be eligible to receive Blumka Endowment Scholarships.

Tax Statements & Youth Envelope Boxes

Your household's 2016 contribution receipt and a limited number of youth contribution envelope boxes are available in the back of church.

Contributions from January 1-2:

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| Adult Envelopes | \$989.00 |
| Collection Plate | \$544.77 |
| Votive Candle Donations | \$96.00 |

Contributions from January 7-8:

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| Adult Envelopes | \$969.00 |
| Collection Plate | \$218.25 |
| Donation | \$500.00 |
| Soup & Sandwich Supper (Groups 1&3) | \$240.00 |

Contributions from January 14-15:

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| Adult Envelopes | \$1,144.00 |
| Collection Plate | \$290.75 |
| Votive Candle Donations | \$118.00 |
| Donation | \$150.00 |
| Additional Christmas Flower Donation | \$10.00 |
| Coffee & Rolls (Jan. 15 th , Group #5) | \$65.00 |

Mass Schedule:

Mon, Jan. 23 – 8am (St. Marianne Cope) for: **Karen Walch**

Tue, Jan. 24 – 8am (St. Francis de Sales) for: **John F. & Caroline M. Walz**

Wed, Jan. 25 – 8am (Conversion of St. Paul) for: **Blessings on Michael Darnell**

Thr, Jan. 26 – 8am (Sts. Timothy & Titus) for: **Jack & Norma Slama**

Fri, Jan. 27 – 8am (Weekday) for: **Bernard Boylen by Peggy Keegan**

Sat, Jan. 28 – 4pm (4th Sunday in Ord. Time) for: **Beau Giacomazzo by Melanie Fisher**

Sun, Jan. 29 – 10am (4th Sunday in Ord. Time) for: **Margaret Pattera by the Dale & Rosemary Hall**

Christmas Flower Donations

For Ken Wolff, Linda Fritz, & George & Lillian Merzera by Chris & Jeanne Wolff

For Ronald Ritchie, & Ken & Virginia Wolff by Sheena Wolff

For Stanley & Lucy Ritchie, & Joseph & Margaret Farrell by Elizabeth Wolff

By Pacita Fritsche

Upcoming Liturgical Roles:

Saturday, January 28th : 4pm

Lector: Roger Wall
Ushers: Loyde Beers & Mike Beers
Servers: Any Available Servers

Sunday, January 29th : 10am

Lector: Tom Martin
Ushers: Larry Walz & Isaiah Teynor
Servers: Group E: Andrew Deegan, Lucas Kramer, Carson & Cohen Redman

Sunday, January 29th Rosary Leaders:

The Bill & Mary Turner Family

January Hospitality Activities:

Church & Hall Cleaning Group #4

The Catechism of the Catholic Church **on Baptism “In Brief”**

CCC #1275-1284

- Christian initiation is accomplished by three sacraments together: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which is its strengthening; and the Eucharist which nourishes the disciple with Christ's Body and Blood for his transformation in Christ.
- *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."* (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism.
- The essential rite of Baptism consists in immersing the candidate in water or pouring water on his head, while pronouncing the invocation of the Most Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- The fruit of Baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into the new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact the person baptized is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ.
- Baptism imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual sign, the character, which consecrates the baptized person for Christian worship. Because of the character Baptism cannot be repeated.
- Those who die for the faith, those who are catechumens, and all those who, without knowing of the Church but acting under the inspiration of grace, seek God sincerely and strive to fulfill his will, can be saved even if they have not been baptized.
- Since the earliest times, Baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit; children are baptized in the faith of the Church. Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom.
- With respect to children who have died without Baptism, the liturgy of the Church invites us to trust in God's mercy and to pray for their salvation.
- In case of necessity, any person can baptize provided that he have the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he pours water on the candidate's head while saying: *"I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

Inaugural Bible Verses

The U.S. Constitution establishes that the president, *"Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation: —"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."*

Typically, presidents-elect take their oaths upon Bibles—sometimes two or three Bibles stacked one atop another under the oath-taker's hand—but there have been exceptions to this custom. John Quincy Adams (1825) and Franklin Pierce (1853) used law books, while John F. Kennedy's Catholic missal was found on a side table in Air Force One's presidential bedroom for the mid-flight swearing-in of Lyndon Johnson in 1963.

History often records the verses to which the presidents' Bibles were opened. In 1789, George Washington's Bible was opened *"at random, due to haste"* to Genesis 49:13. (*"Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon."*) However, most presidents have intentionally selected passages.

William McKinley (1897) and William Taft (1909) chose separate accounts of one Old Testament quote. Young King Solomon, invited by the Lord to request a wish, asks for wisdom to lead God's vast people and it is abundantly granted him. (2nd Chron. 1:10, 1st Kings 3:9-11)

Hubert Hoover's (1929) verse, Proverbs 29:18, notes the importance of right purpose: *"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."*

Franklin Delano Roosevelt selected 1st Corinthians 13's teaching on love for all four of his inaugurals (1933, '37, '41, '45): *"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."*

Dwight Eisenhower's (1957) verse, Psalm 33:12, acknowledges our shared dependence on God for our blessedness, *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."*

Jimmy Carter (1977) and Warren Harding (1921) chose Micah 6:8: *"...What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"*

Ronald Reagan (1981 & 1985) twice-chose 2nd Chronicles 7:14, where the Lord invites conversion to gain His blessings: *"If my people... shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

We, like all people, must beware of idolizing our presidents and other earthly leaders. (Even among popes only around 30% have been canonized and none of them have been sinless.) But we do well always to ask God's grace for our leaders and for his blessings on the times in which we live.