

SAINT WENCESLAUS PARISH

Holy Trinity Sunday

June 11, 2017

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Saturday Evening Mass 4PM - Sunday Mass 10AM
Confession Available Before Every Mass

Contributions from June 3-4:

Adult Envelopes	\$1,225.00
Collection Plate	\$466.32
Youth Envelopes	\$1.00
Hall Rental Donation	\$50.00
Votive Candle Donations	\$78.00

Mass Schedule:

Mon, June 12 – 8:30am (Weekday) for:
Velda DuCharme
by Lonnie & Jane Achenbach

Tue, June 13 – 8:30am (St. Anthony of Padua) for:
Thanksgiving for St. Anthony,
St. James, & Divine Mercy

Wed, June 14 – 8:30am (Weekday) for:
Dorothy Breuer
by Loyde & Penny Beers Family

Thr, June 15 – 8:30am (Weekday) for:
LaVerne DuCharme

Fri, June 16 – 8:30am (Weekday) for:
John Fisher by Greg & Mary Fisher

Sat, June 17 – 4pm (Feast of Corpus Christi) for:
Deceased Members of the Kilburg Family
by Florence Kilburg

Sun, June 18 – 10am (Feast of Corpus Christi) for:
Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Tim & Shannon Sprosty

Upcoming Liturgical Roles:

Saturday, June 17th : 4pm

Lector: Brian Sipos
Ushers: Ron Colson & Charles Linder
Servers: Any Available Servers

Sunday, June 18th : 10am

Lector: Tom Martin
Ushers: Randy Kramer & Andrew Wall
Servers: Group H: Ethan Klema, Nicholas
Walz, Joey & Owen Opprecht

Sunday, June 18th Rosary Leaders:

The Bill & Mary Turner Family

Parish Announcements:

Trinity Dome Collection

This weekend, June 10th-11th we will have a second collection to support the completion of a great ceiling mosaic at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

Our Special Guests

Meet our next parish priest, Fr. Rajan (Fr. Anandan Rajendran) after this weekend's Masses. Also meet Sr. Mariana (who was here before in 2015) and Sr. Rebecca after Sunday morning Mass.

Daily Mass Schedule

All this week, Monday through Friday, daily Mass will only be celebrated at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend these Masses with the sisters and our "Nun Camp" kids.

Life Guardians Meeting

This Sunday, June 11th at 7pm, our area pro-life group will meet in the Eastman Community Center beneath the fire station. To learn more, contact Rosemary Hall at 874-4136.

"Nun Camp"

Our summer school at St. Wenceslaus runs this week, June 12th-16th, from 8am to noon.

Fatima Rosary & Sister Talk

This Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30pm, join the sisters for a rosary at our grotto and for a chat (with refreshments) after in Msgr. Baer Hall.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Our KC's will meet this Wednesday, June 14th at 7pm in Msgr. Baer Hall.

Event Prep

This Friday, June 16th at 1pm, volunteers are welcome to assist the sisters in taking down "Nun Camp" in Msgr. Baer Hall and help in setting up the room for the coming Eucharistic Miracles exhibit.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

On June 17th & 18th, Corpus Christi weekend, our parish will host a Church-approved, traveling exhibit about Eucharistic miracles. Stop by Msgr. Baer Hall after Saturday or Sunday Mass to learn about some of the wondrous ways our Lord has revealed his Real Eucharistic Presence in history.

Finance Council Meeting

Our parish Finance Council will meet next Monday, June 19th at 7pm in the rectory.

Picnic & Homecoming Raffle Donations

To donate items to be raffled at this year's Picnic & Homecoming, contact Ronald & Joanne Prew at 874-4542 before June 15th.

June Hospitality Activities:

Coffee & Donuts (June 18th @ 11am) Groups #2 & 4
Hall Spring Cleaning (June 24th @ 9am) All Groups
Farewell Potluck (June 25th @ 11am) All Groups

Giving Our Idols the Axe

St. Boniface (675 – 754 A.D.) is called "*the Apostle of the Germans*" and spread Christianity amongst the pagans of that land. After 36 years of fruitful missionary efforts, as he prepared for a large, open-air confirmation liturgy on a Pentecost eve, a pagan band of robbers martyred the aged archbishop and his companions. The most famous story about St. Boniface (recorded by his first biographer within thirteen years of his death) reflects the tensions between the old and new religions:

“At Geismar, surrounded by his companions, the saint decided to fell a gigantic oak, revered by the pagans as Jupiter’s Oak. A big crowd of pagans watched him cut the lower notch, cursing him in their hearts as an enemy of the gods. But when Boniface had scarcely chipped the front of the sacred tree, a divine blast from above crashed it to the ground with its crown of branches shivering as it fell. And as if by the gracious dispensation of the Most High, the oak also burst into four equal parts.

The bystanders could see four huge trunks, uniform in length, that had not been cut by Boniface or his associates. At this sight the pagans who had been cursing the saint, now, on the contrary, believed. They blessed the Lord and stopped their reviling. Then after consulting his companions, the holy bishop used the timber of the tree to construct an oratory there, which he dedicated to St. Peter, the apostle.”

This reminds me of a minor wonder that occurred during our recent Confirmation Mass at St. Wenceslaus. Driving winds during Mass blew down a large branch into our parking lot. Ron “Butch” Colson, who was monitoring the storm for us, was amazed that this heavy limb had fallen between two adjacently parked vehicles without harming either one. You can still see the blackened spot on the tree from where it fell. Though this branch had appeared sound and strong at the time of our tree-trimming project this spring, it was actually rotten and hollow inside. I would not be surprised if Jupiter’s Oak had likewise become dead and weakened within, allowing a providentially-timed gust of wind to take down the whole tree after a few swings of St. Boniface’s axe.

Today we do not worship pagan idols — gods of metal, wood, or stone — yet whenever we let created things have priority before God we turn them into our idols. Our worship of idols — be they people, possessions, or pleasures — is sin. At first glance, sins can appear harmless or even healthy, but God would cut down and convert us away from them. And the Lord, who works all things for the good of those who love him, can build great things from our sins’ wreckage and rubble.

In C.S. Lewis’ 1945 novel, *The Great Divorce*, a ghost considers journeying to join God and the saints in Heaven, but he is prevented by a little red lizard on his shoulder who whispers lustful ideas into his ear. A mighty angel of God offers to kill the ghost’s loved-yet-hated tempter and, after a great struggle of will, he consents. Once the lizard is slain, the ghost transforms into a man of glory while the lizard becomes a great white stallion with mane and tail of gold. Then, like a shooting star, the man rides his horse up the slopes God’s holy mountain in a flash.

St. Boniface boldly felled Jupiter’s oak and built a place of worship from its timbers. This day, let us turn away from our sins, handing over our idols to God, that he may remake us more perfectly into his awesome, holy, and glorious likeness.

Truths About Our God

Based upon the “*Litany of the Attributes of God*” by St. Francis Borgia (1510 – 1572 A.D.) which itself drew upon teachings in St. Thomas Aquinas’ 13th century *Summa Theologica*.

O highest God, whom no one but yourself can perfectly know, who are the subject of theology, who in yourself are unknown to us, whose existence is perfectly demonstrable, who possesses existence in yourself, who are perfect and the highest good, who contains in yourself most eminently the perfections of all things, who are infinite, who alone is everywhere, who alone is changeless, who is eternal, who are the height of riches and wisdom and knowledge, who comprehends all things that are and are not, who knows evil things by knowing good things, who knows the infinite, whose knowledge is unvarying, who are the one only truth according to which all things are true, who is eternal and unchanging truth, in whom is will, who freely will even things other than yourself, whose will is the cause of things, whose will is unchanging and always accomplished, whose will does not impose necessity upon free will, in whom is love, who love all that you have made, who love all with one simple act of will, who love better things more by willing a greater good to them, in whom is a justice that grants all things their due, who are merciful and compassionate, who govern all things by providence and by whose providence all things are subjected, whose providence does not impose necessity upon the free, who save us according to your mercy and not from our works of justice, who can do all things more abundantly than we seek or understand, to whom blessedness belongs, have mercy on us and bestow on us all good things, now and forever. Amen.