

Saint Wendel Catholic School

December 2, 2024

Good Morning!

Parents please note that we will continue to go outside for morning recess and afternoon recess. Please make sure your students are coming to school with their weather jackets (black fleeces are not jackets), hats and gloves.



Things Going On This Week:

Monday- Adventure Catechism 2:30-3:00, Student Leadership 2:30-3:00;

Tuesday- K-8 Mass @ 7:30, Take and Bake PFresh Delivery; 3rd-8th grade Choir 2:30-3:30

Wednesday-5th Grade Grade Level Retreat; 8th Grade Field Trip

Thursday-K-8 Mass at 7:30am; First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade; Drama Club 2:30-3:30pm

Friday-\$1.00 Free Dress; 3rd Grade Retreat;

Friday, December 6th is \$1.00 Free Dress Day



Advent Has Begun!

The season of Advent has officially started yesterday. This week we celebrate the First week of Advent. Below we have a special blessing for your family to pray over your Christmas Tree.

Dear God, two thousand years ago, you brought your son, Jesus into this world to teach us the power of love and sacrifice. As we raise this tree, we remember his birth and the meaning of his life for us. Bless this tree as a symbol of our celebration of Jesus' birth and our gratitude for his sacrifice. May the joy this tree brings and the gifts we place under it remind us of the many gifts you have given us. We ask your blessings upon our loved ones, this day and always. Amen.

We wanted to share with our parents some opportunities for families to grow during this advent season.

Dynamic Catholic Reflections-As always Dynamic Catholic has a digital, daily reflection that you can sign up for. These are short and impactful.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html>

FORMED Resources- Our parish has signed up for an unlimited subscription to the Online resource- FORMED. They have wonderful resources for all students. You can sign up for reflections for you or for students using Brother Francis Advent Daily Resources. Below is also the Advent Calendar from FORMED which has link to reflections, Brother Francis and Drawing Closer Activities.

https://daily.formed.org/advent?utm_source=cio&utm_medium=broadcast&utm_campaign=for-advent-promo-22&utm_content=body_button_sign_up

Adoration- time before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is available to you at Saint Wendel Church each Tuesday evening from 7:00-10:00 pm.

Attend Weekend Masses- Saint Wendel on Saturdays at 4:30pm or on Sundays at 8:30am. We encourage your family to attend.



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ADVENT CALENDAR 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>The First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."</p>	<p>2</p> <p>What can you do this Advent to prepare your heart and life for the coming of Christ?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice." Jeremiah 33:16</p>	<p>4</p> <p>"By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives." Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 3</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Make plans to receive the gift of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance during this Advent season.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>In honor of Saint Nicholas, known for his generosity to those in need, in this season of giving, make a gift of your time or treasure to an agency that works with those who lack the necessities of life.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Consider joining the Walk with One Initiative (Walk With One Eucharistic Revival Initiative for the Year of Mission) to invite someone into a deeper relationship with Christ and to accompany them on their spiritual journey.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>The Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>On this Second Sunday of Advent, light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is observed today. Attend Mass and pray the Rosary, if possible.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6</p>	<p>11</p> <p>In the bustle of the holiday season, spend some time this week in silence and prayer, possibly before the Blessed Sacrament, to prepare your heart to receive the Lord at Christmas.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe reminds us that God's unfailing love encompasses all of us, regardless of immigration status, race, nationality, and all other differences. Learn more at Our Lady of Guadalupe - Justice for Immigrants.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>On this Memorial of Saint Lucy, patron saint of persons who are blind, consider ways that your parish, community, and other groups can become more welcoming to persons with disabilities.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>"We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope." Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 7</p>



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2nd Grade Reconciliation

The second grade class will be making their First Reconciliation on Thursday afternoon. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive this special Sacrament. During the season of Advent all students 3rd through 8th grade will have the opportunity to go to the sacrament of reconciliation.

Help tell the Story of Universal School Choice

When it comes to universal school choice, it is going to take all of us! It is going to take a combined effort from schools, families, students, and community leaders across the state to let our legislators know that school choice is for ALL Hoosier families.

To build an effective army of advocates, the Institute for Quality Education (IQE), My School Options (MSO), and the Indiana Non-Public Education Association (INPEA) are working together on an advocacy plan to rival any other in the past. One of the key pieces to these efforts is obtaining stories from parents across the state.

Help us tell the story of universal school choice by completing the below form using the link and telling us about your experience with the Choice Scholarship (voucher) Program.



2025 Across the Finish Line Parent Questionnaire: <https://action.i4qed.org/a/across-finish-line-parent-questionnaire>

In the meantime, do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions! You can reach me by email at taki.floutsis@i4qed.org or by phone at 219-308-3392



Saint Wendel Girls on the Run Coaches Needed

Saint Wendel Catholic School would like to start a Girls on the Run Club. Girls on the Run is a fun, evidence-based program that inspires girls to recognize their inner strength, increase their level of physical activity, imagine their possibilities, and confidently stand up for themselves and others. At Girls on the Run Southwest Indiana, they teach essential life skills as the cornerstone of our

research-based programs. Trained volunteer coaches facilitate lessons that blend physical activity with life skill development, including managing emotions, fostering friendships, and expressing empathy.



Our club would be open to Saint Wendel girls in 3rd through 5th/6th grade. The season would officially start the week of February 24 and then conclude with a 5K race on April 26th. In order for us to bring this awesome program to Saint Wendel and be the first school in Posey County to have this program we are needing to find 2 coaches. Our coaches would need to complete a background check, attend the coaches training on 1/25/2025 (3 hours), and attend/coach practices twice a week for 8 weeks. Coaches should be at least 18 years old.

If you are interested in learning more about being a Girls on the Run Coach please contact principal, Mrs. Hallie Scheu at hscheu@evdio.org.

Christmas Grams

Student Leadership is selling Christmas Grams starting Monday, December 2nd until Friday, December 6th. Students can purchase a Christmas Gram for 50 cents to send to any of their friends at school for Christmas. A Student Leadership member will come to every classroom at 2:15 each day starting Monday, 12/2 and ending Friday, 12/6. Students will fill out the Christmas Grams and return them to Mrs. Foury, Mrs. Seng, or Mrs. Weinzapfel's classroom. Please make sure they put their own name, their friend's name, the friend's homeroom teacher, and a short message. Student Leadership will deliver the Christmas Grams with candy canes or candy on Friday, December 20th. The money will benefit the Student Leadership and any future projects.

Thank you!



Home for the Holidays



*Alumni Mass & Brunch
Sunday, December 22, 2024*

*Saint Wendel Graduates
Class of 2014 - Class of 2024
Mass at 8:30am, Brunch following
RSVP through link*

Home for the Holidays- Alumni Mass and Brunch

Calling Saint Wendel Graduates from the Class of 2014 through the Class of 2024!! You are invited to our home for the holidays Mass and brunch!

Please use this link below to RSVP <https://forms.gle/9CFfQgHGc4GY9Z6J7>

Spread the Word! We look forward to seeing our former eagles!

Lunch Menu

				
2 MONDAY Bacon Cheeseburger or Hamburger Baked Beans French Fries Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Grilled Chicken w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Ham & Cheese Sandwich	3 TUESDAY Cheesy Garlic Bread Green Beans Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Grilled Chicken w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Ham & Cheese Sandwich	4 WEDNESDAY Chili w/ Cornbread Corn Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk Cookie ALT: Chef Salad - Grilled Chicken w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Ham & Cheese Sandwich	5 THURSDAY Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast w/ Sausage Links Potato Smiles Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Grilled Chicken w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Ham & Cheese Sandwich	6 FRIDAY Grilled Chicken Nuggets w/ Garlic Breadstick Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Grilled Chicken w/ Breadstick ALT: Ham & Cheese Sandwich
9 Chicken Smackers w/ Roll Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Broccoli Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Crispy Chicken w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Turkey & Cheese Wrap	10 Walking Tacos w/ Salsa Corn Refried Beans Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Crispy Chicken w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Turkey & Cheese Wrap	11 Breakfast Pizza Tater Tots Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Crispy Chicken w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Turkey & Cheese Wrap	12 Papa Johns Cheese Pizza Green Beans Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Crispy Chicken w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Turkey & Cheese Wrap	13 Chicken Patty Sandwich Fries Peas Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Crispy Chicken w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Turkey & Cheese Wrap
16 Chicken on the Beach w/ Tostito Scoops Broccoli Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Ham w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Sunbutter Sandwich w/ cheese stick & crackers	17 Manager's Choice Green Beans Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: NONE	18 BBQ Rib Sandwich Potato Wedges Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Ham w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Sunbutter Sandwich w/ cheese stick & crackers	19 Cheeseburger Mac w/ Biscuit Stick Peas Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Ham w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Sunbutter Sandwich w/ cheese stick & crackers	20 Mini Confetti Pancakes w/ Eggstravaganza Potato Smiles Fresh Veggie Cup Fruit Variety Milk ALT: Chef Salad - Ham w/ Dinner Roll ALT: Sunbutter Sandwich w/ cheese stick & crackers
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Get Involved at Mass at Saint Wendel

Our goal during the 2024-2025 school year is for each school family to take up the gifts at least once during the school year during our weekend Masses. Masses are on Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 8:30am at Saint Wendel. We usually need 4-5 people to assist with bringing up the gifts. When you volunteer please make sure that you check in with the greeters when you arrive. Please review the available slots below and click on the link below- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4babab23a1f49-saint1>

If your 7th or 8th grade student is interested in serving at weekend Masses please email Lisa (Seibert) Koester at lisampscheduler@gmail.com to get signed up for a Mass. Students can earn house points for serving on the weekend.

Making Payment Online for tuition, lunch and aftercare

Again, this year you will be able to make tuition payments, lunch payments, and aftercare payments online through Online Giving. You will be able to set up automatic transfers weekly, monthly, etc.



Please use this website to "Create New Account." Payments usually take about 24 hours to process through the bank and are reflected on the online giving website. You can also find a direct link on our website under School Info and then School/Parish Payments.

<https://osvhub.com/saint-wendel-parish/giving/funds>

Saint Wendel Catholic Church Information

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Mater Dei Information

Mater Dei Winter Guard Clinic and Tryouts

Mater Dei Winter Guard Clinic and Tryouts are coming up December 3rd, 5th & 10th. All 7th and 8th graders are eligible to participate.

Please see the attached flyer for more details and how to sign up!

To register click the [link-](#)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8kUW9qhV02p64gjbHtAwuph4yVOrGRyBpywMOOKWX6jf3Dg/viewform>

WHO?	WHAT?	WHEN?
Any student in 7th-12th grade is eligible to participate!	Winter guard is the indoor version of color guard. Performers spin flags and other equipment and dance to pre-recorded music in a gym.	Clinics: Dec. 3rd & 5th, 5:30-7pm Auditions: Dec. 10th, 7-8:30pm

INTERESTED IN JOINING US?
REGISTER HERE:
<https://bit.ly/4fDhmf>

Contact Mrs. Carter with any questions!
mcarter@evdio.org

Mater Dei Boys Basketball Feeder League Night



Saturday, December 21st 2024

Mater Dei Wildcats vs. North Daviess Cougars

Junior Varsity Tips Off at 5:30 PM, Varsity Tips Off at 7:00 PM

The Mater Dei High School boys basketball coaching staff and players are inviting all players and coaches in the Mater Dei boys basketball feeder leagues to attend our annual "Feeder League Night" on Saturday, December 21st when we take on the North Daviess Cougars here at the Mater Dei gymnasium.

***All players and coaches wearing their feeder school jersey or coaching shirt will be admitted to the game for free.**

***All players and coaches will be recognized at half-time of the varsity basketball game.**

We would like to take this time to recognize all of our feeder league players and coaches for the hard work they are putting into their seasons. If you have any questions please contact Kurt Wildeman at kwildeman@evdio.org.

Go Wildcats!!!!

You Can Follow the Mater Dei Basketball Team on Twitter @MaterDeiBball



Diocesan Information

Diocesan Wellness Committee Invitation

Calling all staff, students, parents,
and community partners!

Do you or your student have a passion about wellness and a drive to make our Diocese a better, healthier place? This committee just might be for you!

Did you know that 16% of all children and teens in the US are overweight?

We believe we have a responsibility to improve the health and well-being of our children!

Childhood obesity is leading to a range of health problems in our youth that previously weren't seen until adulthood, but we can help!

If you have an interest in helping staff & families improve the health and academic success of our students through Diocesan level policies, we need you!

Contact Jane Herrmann at jaherrmann@evdio.org to express your interest.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Other Information



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