

# Czech This Out

St. Wenceslaus Parish Newsletter November 2009

## **WANTED: Rosary Makers for the Cause of Our Blessed Mother**

Respond to the call of Our Lady. The need for rosaries is great and urgent. Become a missionary by making rosaries for missions in the US, the military and around the world. Please call Our Lady's Rosary Makers at 502-988-1434 or 502-968-1477 to get a beginner's kit (cost is 13.50) that will make 50 cord rosaries and comes with instructions. Make a difference in the world. God will bless you abundantly.

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

...WITH A  
NATIVITY  
SCENE  
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MAGNET  
RETAIL VALUE OF  
**\$3.00**  
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Order today...  
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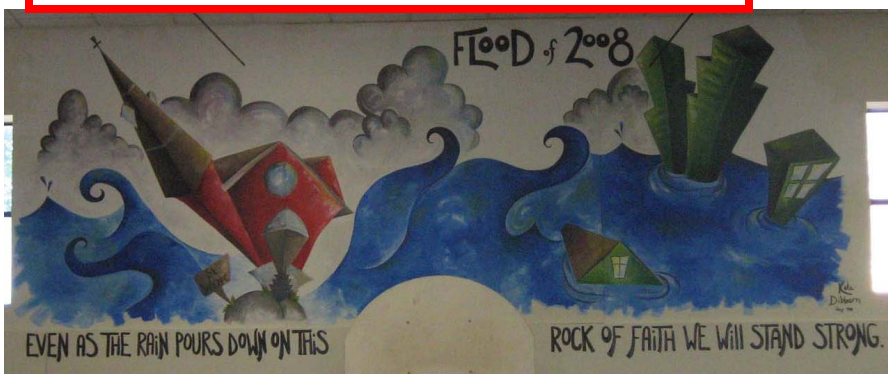
THIS MAKES A GREAT GIFT...  
AND A GREAT WAY TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT!

**NEW ITEM! Window decals ...3 for \$3.00**  
See display in vestibule

## **Need a Christmas gift idea?**

Be a part of Czech Heritage Park and make a lasting tribute to loved ones. To be a part of this pick up a brochure and/or contact the Parish Office.

**GYM MURAL (pictured below)**  
**GREETING CARDS & PRINTS**  
8" x 10" Color Prints – \$10.00 each  
5.5 x 8.5 Greeting Cards \$ 1.00 each



**Thank you to St Monica's Circle** for all the baking they have done in recent weeks; Goulash Day, the All-School reunion and then BrewNost.

Pat Howell and the wonderful ladies of St. Monica Circle donated 30 dozen fabulous kolaches to BrewNost... That generous contribution; the four kinds of kolaches and the 30 dozen WAS the centerpiece event and was sooo important. The idea of Old World Market was to give guests at BrewNost a "taste of Czech" to enjoy at minimum cost... And nothing is tastier than those kolaches. The kolaches earned at least \$300... much needed money for NCSML... I am sooooo proud of that Circle...

Pat Martin, President, NCSML Guild

**Goulash Day 2009** -wrap up meeting was held Oct 12. Our event was a great success this year and we look forward to making 2010 better yet. If you have suggestions please put them in writing and drop off or mail to the parish office.

## **ST GEORGE CADETS BRANCH W45 FCCLA TURTLE & FISH SUPPER**

**Friday, November 6**  
St Wenceslaus Gym Bldg  
Doors open- 6 pm- Serving 6:30-8 pm  
Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door



**I.C. & ST. WENCE K of C** meet every 3rd Thursday of the month in Scotus Hall of Immaculate Conception. The meeting begins at 6:40 with a rosary, followed by the meeting at 7 pm

## **GOD CALLS US TO SERVICE SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER SERVERS**

Our next turn for serving supper at First Presbyterian Church is NOV 15 4-6 pm. This is a great opportunity to join in the ministry to help the hungry in our area. Contact Dave Martin to sign up.

## **NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS**

**Area Needs** Catherine McAuley Center  
**Food** Catholic Worker House

## **GOLDEN OLDIES**

**Wed. Nov 18**  
**POTLUCK & BINGO**  
Come join us

## **STITCHERS & KNITTERS CLUB**

Meets 1-3 pm 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month. Open to anyone interested in sewing/knitting/visiting. Call Elaine Boes-848-6052 for details.

## **Deacon Cislser Retirement Reception**

A reception was held October 18 after 10:30 Mass to thank Bill for his many years of service to St Wenceslaus.



**Deacon Dick Manning and Deacon Bill Cislser**



**Salad Bar/Baked Potato Bar**  
**Sun. Nov 22- Chihak Hall**  
**After 10:30 Mass**



- \* Variety of salad and baked potato toppings
- \* Juice, punch, milk, coffee

*Sponsored by Parish Life Committee*

We will welcome our 2009 new parishioners

**American Cancer Society –I Can Cope**

An educational program for cancer patients, their families and friends.

Thurs Nov 5 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Iowa Blood & Cancer Care - 855 A Avenue NE  
**SURVIVOR PANEL**

This program is open to everyone and is **FREE** of charge. Pre-register by calling 319.247.6004 - refreshments served.

**A THANKSGIVING HOME:**  
 Ministry of Hope and Recovery

The Catholic Community in the Cedar Rapids area will be partnering with United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and other faith and community organizations by supplying volunteers to repair and rebuild flood damaged homes, one block at a time. The new program is called the Block-by-Block program. Block-by-Block is a development strategy designed to create hope and encourage all property owners on a designated flood-impacted block to either reinvest in their property or arrange for a solution other than abandonment. The first goal is to complete eight blocks by the end of the 2009 calendar year.

Catholic Charities has received our first assignment: the address of our THANKSGIVING HOME. The goal for our THANKSGIVING HOME is to finish small projects so the family can celebrate this Thanksgiving in their repaired home. If you would like to be part of this ministry of hope and recovery, please contact Dave Martin in the parish office. Work is scheduled to begin around November 1.

**HARVEST OF HOPE – Nov 27-28**

This Thanksgiving, skip the post-turkey rush to the malls. There's a great way you can show your community you care and spend quality time with the people you care about without spending a cent. **Harvest of Hope** is an Alternative Thanksgiving weekend. From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fri. Nov. 27, and Sat. Nov. 28, we will work on rebuilding projects to help families whose homes were affected by the 2008 floods. Participating as a group is a great way to spend time with the people you care about, and the work you do brings hope to the people of Cedar Rapids. Individuals and groups of all sizes and skill levels are encouraged to come out and join the fun but all volunteers must be over age 14. We will end the day with coffee and pie in the St. Wenceslaus Gym both days

We're very grateful to be using the newly renovated gym for this event. We'd love to get parish members involved. To register to participate in rebuilding work, contact the Community Recovery Center at 319.540.4810. Or, if you're interested in helping prepare or serve food to volunteers on either of these days, contact Casey Westlake at [casey.vrc@gmail.com](mailto:casey.vrc@gmail.com). or contact Dave Martin at the Parish office.

**FLOOD RECOVERY – WEEK 73**  
 Volunteer hours through Oct 28-  
 Approx. 20,600  
 Work continues in the gym building-  
 See our website for photos

**THE ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH FAMILY EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO:**



**Chuck & Beckie Grosvenor --**

The Grosvenors moved to Cedar Rapids 2 years ago, Chuck is an engineer for Rockwell Collins in Coralville. Beckie is a

homemaker, taking care of her mom. They have 3 children, Carlos, Krisite, and Chuck Jr. and 6 grandchildren. They look forward to having at least 4 of them near when they move up at the end of the year.

**FREE Adult Education Program**

Reflections on Brundibar in Terezin: Music Amidst Inhumanity

**SUN NOV 15 3:00-4:30 pm - Chihak Hall**

November 21 the Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, in collaboration with the Cedar Rapids public schools and the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library will present the children's opera "Brundibar", which was first performed by the children of Theresienstadt concentration camp in occupied Czechoslovakia.

The Nov 15 program at St Wenceslaus will explore the paradoxical expressions of art and culture manifested in Terezin, the Holocaust transition camp in Czechoslovakia. Life within the camp and music composed and performed there will be looked at and a recent documentary film recording the testimony of Terezin survivors will be viewed.



**ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL**

We have reached 90% of our parish goal. Please consider making a contribution if you have not yet done so.

**Hospital visiting:** Two Parish nurses and Deacon Cisler visit our parishioners each week. Connie Arens, an RN and a house supervisor at Mercy Medical Center visits on Tuesdays and Elaine Boes, an RN and an Adjunct Nursing Faculty at Mount Mercy College visits Thursdays. **THANK YOU** for providing this ministry.

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**GO RED for Women**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**Kirkwood Center for Continuing Education**  
 See posters in the vestibule and Chihak Hall for details.

**MAKE A NOTE:** There is no 5:15 PM Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of the month