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Community and Service Projects

Part of the mission at St. Wenceslaus School is to become a disciple of Jesus through service. Every month a service project is chosen that allows the students and staff to use their talents for the good of others. This has been a great opportunity to become closer to not only the immediate community but to others outside the community as well.

Monthly service projects include: raking leaves for parish members in need, collecting canned goods for the food pantry, Christmas caroling, participating in Pennies for Patients, Jump Rope for Heart, lending a hand with Project Linus, helping the Veterans raise the flags to celebrate Veterans' Day, and supporting the church with their time, talent, and treasures.



DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR KIDS? There are so many ways you can help the students at St. Wenceslaus. Currently, we are raising funds to update and purchase additional computers. Any contribution amount will help! Please send your contribution to St. Wenceslaus School, ATTN: Alumni Committee, 212 N Linden Street, Dodge, NE 68633. Make checks payable St. Wenceslaus School. Thank You!



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St. Wenceslaus News

"Our Past Leads to our Future"



Class of 1916



St. Wenceslaus
2016-2017



Graduating class of 2001
(Photo taken 1991)



Our Mission

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School Board Members

- Dr. Chad Ortmeier ('84)
- Tom Baumert ('84)
- Ryan Ruskamp (Alum)
- Paul Dvorak ('88)
- Donna Doernemann

Please join us in February!
More information
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02.26.2017

St. Wenceslaus Annual
Games, Dinner, Auction

Dodge Auditorium
Dodge, NE

Our Staff

'59 years of combined teaching experience, and 20 years of para/secretarial experience.'

Our school is blessed to have a wonderful teaching staff consisting of 4 teachers, 3 para-professionals, and an all school secretary. Together, these ladies total more than 75 years of experience with students throughout the years. Let's meet our teachers:

Fr. An Duy Phan joined the St Wenceslaus Parish in June 2013. He visits the classrooms weekly and is a great role model for the students at St. Wenceslaus.

Lynn Oelkers is beginning her 8th year as a para, or teacher's aide at St. Wenceslaus School. She works mainly with the preschool classroom, helps with the accelerated reader program, and supervises library for K-4th grades. Lynn is an alumnus of St. Wenceslaus. She and her husband Sean moved back home to Dodge 13 years ago. Her son, Toby is a 6th grader at St. Wenceslaus. Lynn believes St. Wenceslaus School provides an excellent education due to the focus on God, family, and individual needs of each student. Plus she enjoys working with all of the teachers and support staff!

Beth Wisnieski is in her 21st year of teaching students at St. Wenceslaus. During those years she has taught first grade and is currently teaching third and fourth grades. For the past 19 years, she also teaches music to Grades K-4, and organizes the Children's Choir for school masses. Her two children attended St. Wenceslaus. Mrs. Wisnieski loves the way the school has a feeling of

"family" and appreciates the kindness and generosity of the families that make our school awesome!

Our newest teacher is **Megan Rathke**, joining our staff for the 2016-2017 school year as the kindergarten and preschool teacher at St. Wenceslaus School. She moved to Dodge from Omaha this past summer. Her family is originally from Schuyler, so she is excited about being back in a small community and closer to her family. Her favorite thing about the school is the strong sense of family and community she feels when walking into her classroom!! Her favorite past times are reading, swimming, running, and watching movies.

Danielle Klosen is the school's head facilitator and 5th/6th grade teacher. Danielle is starting her 11th year at St. Wenceslaus. She and her family moved to Dodge 17 years ago and enjoys the small town values and supportive community. Her favorite thing about St. Wenceslaus is the strong sense of family she feels the instant she walks through the door, it just feels like home!



Fr An Duy Phan



L to R: Lynn Oelkers, Beth Wisnieski, Megan Rathke, Danielle Klosen, Jan Baumert, Vicki Wagner, Alicia Rotherham, Judy Giese

Jan Baumert is the teacher's aide for 1st and 2nd grades. This is her 7th year with the school. She enjoys the young children and the support of the staff at St. Wenceslaus School.

Vicki Wagner is supporting the teaching staff of St. Wenceslaus for her third year. As an alum of St. Wenceslaus Vicki feels that many things have changed since that time, but one thing that hasn't is the unity of the school families. Vicki enjoys her job and being with students and staff.

Alicia Rotherham is the secretary at St. Wenceslaus School. This is her 2nd year at the school. She and her family moved to Dodge three years ago. She likes how the school provides excellent education and the small classes so they can help the students that need the help. She also likes how it feels like a big family. Alicia loves working with the kids and staff.

Judy Giese, St. Wenceslaus Catholic School's 1st/2nd grade teacher and K-4 PE teacher. She and her husband live in Beemer. She is very happy to be a grandma. Judy is starting her 26th year of teaching at St. Wenceslaus Catholic School. She believes faith, family, academics and service are important to the success of the school.



Brandi Uher

St. Wenceslaus Alum Brandi Uher attended St. Wenceslaus between 1987 and 1993 and has many fond memories from the time she spent there. Today, Brandi is the Dean of Students at Monroe Middle School in North Omaha, a diverse and high poverty area. Every day, she applies the values she learned in Dodge: encouraging family involvement, building personal relationships and providing a loving and wholesome education.

"School is about growing a child and using the community to teach a child how to be a responsible adult," she told us. "Having that small, religious-based community instills those values in children that they may not get elsewhere."

Brandi is thankful for her childhood and experiences, and wants to share that with other people because now she realizes everyone doesn't have that kind of childhood.

Brandi Feels blessed to go to the same school as her dad and grandpa. She's also grateful to go to a school that had a strong sense of community. "We're not just factories sending kids out," she said. "It's important to know a kid and make a kid feel important and "I think St. Wenceslaus did that for us. They cared about us as kids, as people."

Brandi's remembers families' involvement at St Wenceslaus School. She recalls everybody's parents and families, doing everything together. "The fundraisers we did together, the Fun Fest, everybody was there." She remembers when her dad went to the hospital in sixth grade and the entire class marched over to the church and said a prayer.



Christmas 1988

The teachers at St. Wenceslaus knew who you were. "They knew your family, they usually knew your siblings, they cared about you as a person," she said." When Brandi was in fifth grade she remembers going to Mrs. Baumert's wedding. "Who invites their students to their wedding? I think those types of things made it special."

Another lifelong lesson taught at St. Wenceslaus: students learned how to work through problems and be friendly with each other. "We had to get along as classmates because we were going to see each other the next day. Our parents were going to see each other and our parents would talk to each other, so we really had to learn how to get along because that's a huge piece of growing up," she said."

With all these fond memories Brandi feels that it would be really sad if St. Wenceslaus School were no longer here. "School is not just about academics, it's really not." Brandi Said. "School is about growing a child and using the community to teach a child how to be a responsible adult. I 100% believe that in working in education for 13 years that having that small community, that religious based community instills those values in children that they may not get elsewhere."

She understands today that she was educated as a person emotionally and mentally. "I was developed as a responsible person and not just an academic student," she said. "I think that's important because you can be intelligent and smart and still make bad decisions and bad choices that don't lead you to a successful life. It has to be the whole education and that's what St. Wenceslaus gave me."

"I think those kids that are in the catholic school now, regardless of where they go to high school, will always remember their catholic school family. You don't forget those experiences in being there together."

