

## Our Gift... For Our *Chíldren*

Our school offers an excellent academic program, which stresses essentials structured around a core curriculum following the standards of the Archdiocese of Omaha. Students are continually challenged to reach high levels of achievement. This is attributed to the experience, competence, and dedication of our staff, teachers, administrators, and school board as well as the interest and support of our parents.

For over 100 years, St. Wenceslaus has been a faithfilled community proud of our beginnings, grateful for our present, and looking forward to our future.

# **Our History...**

St. Wenceslaus School was conceptualized in 1906 with the purchase of two lots for \$500. The school opened its doors on September 1, 1911, with an enrollment of 120 students, of which 28 were boarders. The parish had requested teaching Sisters of Czech descent, and St. Wenceslaus became the first parish in Nebraska to request Notre Dame Sisters. A group of five Sisters arrived in Dodge on August 25, 1911. Teaching was done in two classrooms on the merger of St. Joseph Parish and St. Wenceslaus Parish; an addition was completed in late 1950, and opened for teaching in September 1951. Over 90% of the labor on the addition was done by parishioners. St. Wenceslaus School is only one of two Catholic elementary schools in Dodge County serving preschool through grade six. Since its first graduating class in 1915, over 1350 students have graduated from St. Wenceslaus School.

## St. Wenceslaus Catholic School

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#### Our School...

St. Wenceslaus is a school with a caring, nurturing, Christian environment. All students are challenged to reach their full potential while developing Catholic values and a rich faith-life.

St. Wenceslaus students receive religious instructions daily in the classroom setting. Father teaches in each classroom weekly as well as in student homilies. Students participate in Mass twice each week with planned liturgies and the occasional special liturgies on Feast Days.

Throughout the year students participate in monthly fundraisers and service projects. Some of these include church cleaning, Pizza Sales, food donation to West Point food pantry, baking cookies, and caroling to local businesses, Pennies for Patients, Fun Fest, singing at Parkview and Project Linus.





### "...Let the little Children come to Me..."

Our Curriculum ...

St. Wenceslaus School is a Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade elementary school Accredited by the State of Nebraska. A strong Archdiocesan Curriculum is offered: Religion, Math, Sciences, Social Studies, Language Arts as well as Technology, Physical Education, Music and Computers. Students are active in Accelerated Reader, Saxon Phonics and Saxon Math. Preschool focuses on social/emotional, physical, cognitive and language development. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade use a systematic and

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comprehensive phonics program that has proven results in learning to read. Third and Fourth grade participate in a study of Nebraska history, solar system and an embryology program. Fifth and Sixth grade gain their Language Arts skills through reading class novels and use an integrated writing curriculum.

#### \*Mission Statement...

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School's mission is develop students to be become Disciples of Jesus through Faith, Family, Academics, and Service.