

# Sights and Sounds

## Update

*May 2, 2024*

To my Oblate brothers and sisters:

Recently, Fr. Wendelin Rolheiser, OMI was assessed regarding his level of care. He was put on a waiting list, and while there was no room at Samaritan Place there was room at St. Joseph's Care Home (33 Valens Drive, Saskatoon). On Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Bonnie, Corrine, Wendelin and I packed up his things at Trinity and moved him to St. Joseph's. With his typical wit, Wendelin accepted this transition, and when I left him at 4:00 pm to return to the parish for a meeting, Corrine and Bonnie took him down to the dining room for his first meal at St. Joseph's. His meal partner is resident, Rose Scherr. When Corrine mentioned that Fr. Wendelin is from Macklin and Denzil area, she looked up and said, "I am familiar with that area." The meal schedule is basically 8:00 am, 11:30 am and 4:30 am. Snacks are served at 10:00 am, 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

Fr. Wendelin is mostly settled in his room and can receive visitors from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm via the front doors. If you want to visit outside those hours, just call the Home, and they will give you instructions. We are also welcome to join Wendelin for meals if we provide them with notice the day before. We can also gather with him as a group – there is ample space in the solarium for a meal with him and his family, or if we want to gather to celebrate his birthday or a special event. Please mark July 24 on your calendars as that is his birthday and we are already thinking of celebrating him.

Corrine took this photo while visiting Fr. Wendelin on Thursday. In her words, 'He is settling in well and was having a great day!'



We chatted with several people who have partners or parents in the Home; they also spoke very positively about St. Joseph's. Bonnie, Corrine, and I had a very good impression of what is being done to provide good care for the residents. Most importantly, Fr. Wendelin seems to have taken to the place like a fish to water! It is our plan to stay closely connected with Wendelin as he settles in. While he may be physically distant from his brothers at Trinity and Samaritan, we will endeavour to keep him closely connected.

St. Joseph's Care Home, is located at 33 Valens Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7L 3S2

and his room number is 310. His phone will be connected within a few days and his number is: 306 954 6225. If you are trying to reach him and are unsuccessful, you can call the Home at (306) 382-6306, ask for him and the staff will connect him to a phone.



View from the solarium of St. Joseph's Home—  
a great place for visiting!

Fr. Wendelin remains a person of hope for us, even as his health declines. As the nurse did the intake interview, Wendy had various moments where he showed his Rolheiser humour and quick wit. When he was not interested in answering a question posed by the nurse, he smiled (smirked) and said, "Next question, please!" Of course, he got the response he wanted: a solid laugh from all of us! Let us continue to pray for each other, as we age, alone or together, each in our own place!

*Doug Jeffrey OMI*