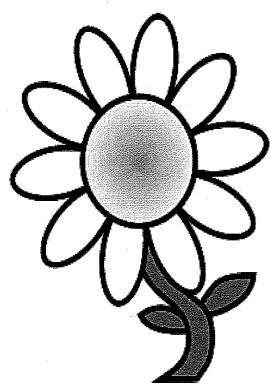
# **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ DIVINE MERCY**

April 3, 2016

# Spring Fling Thing

Saturday, April 9th 5:00-9:30PM



# YOU ARE INVITED

This is a *free* parish-wide social event starting with **Mass at 5 pm** at St. Wenceslaus and then over to the Parish Activities Center for the Spring Fling Thing 6-9:30

there will be food, beer & wine, live music, dancing, and a little spring merriment

Note to families: there will be childcare and children's activities, so bring the kids.

RSVPs appreciated (but not required) 758-3225 or <a href="mailto:info@npcatholic.org">info@npcatholic.org</a>

NOTE: The Youth going on Mission Trips this year are working this event; they will have free-will baskets out for donations.

Live music by our local favorites, the one and only

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# **NEW PRAGUE AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

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### We welcome you...

Welcome to the greater New Prague Area Catholic Community which includes the Church of St. Wenceslaus and the Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica. We are happy you are here. Should you be visiting just for today, WELCOME! If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to have you consider joining our faith community. If you are interested in a membership, please phone the parish office for assistance and registration. If you are over the age of 21, we ask that you register. Please feel free to stop by the parish office during office hours to register or you may do so online. Again, we are happy you are here.

## At the Church of St. Wenceslaus

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekend Masses	
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 am
Morning Word & Communion	
Monday & Tuesday	8:00 am
Weekday Masses	
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	8:00 am

#### **SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Available to those who are seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call 952-758-3225

#### Confirmation

Preparation required. Call 952-758-5131

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4 pm in the church.

#### Baptism

Preparation required. Call 952-758-3225

#### Marriage

Six months to one year preparation time required. Call 952-758-3225

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday 7:30 am & Saturday 8:00 am in the church.

#### Fatima Prayer Cell

Monday - Wednesday after 8 am service in the chapel.

#### Adoration

Friday 9:00 am to midnight in the chapel

#### **Early Morning Scripture Study**

Wednesday 6:45 to 7:50 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

#### Fr. Kevin's Bible Study

Saturdays 9:30 to 11 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

#### **Prayer Chain**

Judy: 952-758-2220 or Arnita: 952-758-4943

### From the Desk of Father Kevin

# Valuing "Doubt" and Thomas

I like the "Thomas" in today's gospel. Most people see him as a "disciple who dropped the ball" of discipleship. Most people put him down by calling him a "doubting Thomas" (assuming that the other disciples never doubted. If they never doubted, why were they behind "locked doors" when the Risen Lord came into their midst?). Thomas is "put down" because the struggle we all have with doubt is uncomfortable. We, of course, like certitude. We think that having "faith" is being consciously aware of everything God is doing and will do for us. Supposedly, we know the PLAN. We have banned the "energy of doubt" from our lives because "we know"! I think this is an illusion and NOT generally how most, if not all of us, come to faith.

The fact is that we "come to faith". We don't "get" faith ~ in the sense of possessing and controlling it. We don't control the process by which the gift is received. Coming to faith requires a humble openness and an honest listening to our lives. This means we give a rigorous attention to our feelings and our thoughts as we experience our lives unfolding. God relates to us as we process "reality" ~ in fact God IS the "ultimate reality".

I see Thomas as a rigorous questioner. He wasn't going to buy into a "passing fad". At the same time, he was a risk taker when it came to commitment ~ but the risk would be taken on his terms, not from the social pressure of other disciples.

The monk from St. John's Abbey (Collegeville), Matthew Luft, OSB said it this way:

Perhaps while all the other apostles were cowering in fear, he was out in the streets telling the Good News. Perhaps he was at the tomb, trying to put the pieces together. Perhaps he went to check in on Mary, the Mother of Jesus, or one of Jesus' other friends. Thomas may not have fully understood what was happening, but perhaps he decided he needed to try to do something rather than stay behind the locked doors. But Thomas was not going to take their word for it; he needed to experience the risen Christ himself. After all, don't we do that? We hear about how God has worked in other people's lives, but until we are the recipients of a miracle ... or we have felt a warm presence, or we have seen the white tunnel ~ we are a bit skeptical. We, too, doubt.

Thomas, just like the other ten disciples, should be revered by the Christian community as a man of deep prayer and deep belief. They all inspired others to belief. Their mere presence or shadow brought others to Christ.

I especially relate to Thomas, because his "coming to faith" is like mine and like so many others I have known. For me, Thomas "tells it like it is!"

Happy Easter!

Rev. Kevin I. Clinton

Pastor
New Prague Area Catholic Community

# Western Catholic Community

## A Note from Amy Lemke

# The Easter Story and Intentionally Taking It All In

Christ Jesus conquered eternal death so we may too; he is our teacher. Easter is accepting eternal life over death. All seems to be right with the world on Easter morning, even after focusing on such a physical suffering like Jesus endured publicly to the point of death.

No matter how easy or difficult my Lenten promises are, I have to wait for the real goodness of the Resurrection ~ focusing on God is not like going through a drive-thru, receiving an order instantly. In true Lenten seeking of God's will, I find good ~ goodness like Easter morning! It is completely our individual choice to follow Jesus intentionally ~ putting God first, no excuses. He is our strength. During Lent I try to bring my life closer to God even though I know we need to celebrate Christ's death as well. Everyone dies. An earthly death is our path to God's eternal creation. Our souls beg for Heaven.

When wrapped up in jobs, technology, and judging others daily, we stifle the goodness of our very own soul. We experience earth differently and we are not made to be part of it forever. This is why the Resurrection of Christ Jesus is the GREATEST celebration which is shared at every single Holy Mass. Every day has daybreak as that Easter morning when the apostles didn't understand the magnitude of what happened. The amazing part is we can choose to celebrate this EVERY single morning,

our eyes open.

God is the goodness of the world. Through our baptism we are welcome to this Christian life. I choose to live a Christian life of saying yes to God. Easter morning and every morning are a resurrection of our soul, knowing that Jesus was able to suffer an extreme human death and still defeat eternal death ~ we are invited at every Mass to do the same. We are not all-knowing as God is, but we can be all-loving to every single human being we encounter as Christ Jesus was. It is the Jubilee Year of Mercy ~ loving others unconditionally is what God created us to do; by our baptism, it is what God sent us to do. Jesus is our teacher; he taught us to love mercifully. Use his example to experience Easter morning goodness every day.

Happy Easter season to you all!

#### **Amy Lemke**

WCC Parish Pastoral Council

# Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John's & St. Scholastica

APRIL 9 & 10, 2016	Saturday St. John's 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John's 10:00 AM
Lector	Carol Weiers	Becky Colwell	Amy Lemke
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Kubes	Ted Odenthal, Becky Colwell & Ken Odenthal	Dave Webb, Lori Wooten & Jonila Weiers
Servers	Leo Pexa & Trenton Huebl	Jeremy Buszman & Mathew Schoenecker	Avery & Jordyn Marsh, Sarah & Morgan Pint
Gift Bearer Family		Ken Weiers Family	Rich Novak Family

### **Important Information**

<b>Weekend Masses</b>		
Saturday	8:15 pm	St. John's
Sunday	8:00 am	St. Scholastica
Sunday	10:00 am	St. John's
<b>Weekday Masses</b>		
Wednesday	5:00 pm	St. John's
Thursday	5:00 pm	St. Scholastica

#### SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

Reconciliation		
Wednesday	5:30 pm	St. John's
Thursday		St. Scholastica
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Fridays 9:00 am to midnight at St. Wenceslaus Daily Chapel

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# PARISH AND AREA NEWS

Area Separated & Divorce Meeting in April

Meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 pm in the Pius X Room in the church basement. The topic for April 5th is "Navigate Those Bumpy Roads". If you or a loved one is experiencing the loss of a long-term relationship, married or unmarried, you may desire to connect with this group since they understand what you are going through at this time of your life. Please call Deacon Bob Wagner 952-758-0463 or Mary Pieper 952-873-6781 if you have any questions.

**Discipleship & Drinks** 

Tues., April 12th at 7 pm at the Union Hill Bar So, they went to Easter Mass ... How to evangelize and be evangelized in the 21st Century Come join us for a brief presentation, lively discussion, and whatever beverage you purchase.



Upcoming Pillow Cleaning Opportunity
Carlson's Pillow Cleaning Service will be

Carlson's Pillow Cleaning Service will be in the foyer of the PAC at St. Wenceslaus Fri., April 15th from 7-8 pm and Sat., April 16th, 7 am-1 pm. Pillows will be cleaned,

deodorized, sanitized, and fluffed. Mobile unit ~ same day service ~ while you wait! Custom made new pillows and comforters also for sale. Proceeds go to the St. Wenceslaus Youth Guatemala Mission Trip Summer of 2016.

**Hope House Sign Up** 

Sign Up Genius is open for sign up for the next hosting weeks, April 17-May 1. If you are a trained volunteer, go to signupgenius.com to schedule your shifts. Thank you! If you have questions, call Rosella Kes at 952-758-3578. If you would like to provide a meal, contact Ruth Dols at 952-758-2050. To contribute needed items, go to signupgenius.com and Find a Sign Up. Enter this email address: hopehousefmf@gmail.com to find a list of needed items, which can be dropped off in church or the parish office the week of April 10-17. Call Beth VanderHeiden at 952-378-7905 if you need help.

### YOU Are Invited to Consider Our Call to Discipleship

There will be two important meetings to discuss the future of the New Prague Area Catholic Community. All are invited to attend either Thurs., April 21st or Mon., April 25th at 6:30 pm in the St. Wenceslaus Church basement.

#### Marian Symposium at the KC Hall

Tues., May 3rd at 6:30 pm

This event is open to the public. The evening will begin with the rosary and include some teachings on Mary. We will gage the interest in Marian Pilgrimage and the evening will end with refreshments.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** 

Please call Kathy at 758-3591 or Lynn at 758-2115 to join the prayer shawl ministry, to donate yarn, or to

obtain a shawl to give to someone who is going through a tough time due to unemployment, disease, or grieving. The shawl is a reminder that fellow parishioners are praying for them. Yarn is available at the parish office. The shawls should be at least 26" wide x 60" long or triangular.

#### Our New Archbishop Has Been Announced!



On Holy Thursday, March 24, Pope Francis formally named Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda as the new leader of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Archbishop-Designate Hebda has been serving as Apostolic Administrator of

the Archdiocese since June 15, 2015. During that time, he has also been serving the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, as Coadjutor Archbishop, and was scheduled to replace Archbishop John J. Myers when he is expected to retire in July.

In addition to serving the Archdioceses of Newark and Saint Paul and Minneapolis, he was Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan and has served at the Vatican and in parishes in his hometown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Archbishop-Designate Hebda's Installation Mass is scheduled for 2 pm, Fri., May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

To learn more about this exciting announcement, please visit www.TheCatholicSpirit.com/newabp and www.archspm.org/newabp.

### The Common Good isn't Common: Catholic Citizenship in an Individualistic Age

The conference begins Fri., April 8th, with a talk by Dr. Kristin Heyer of Boston College entitled "Civic Kinship: A Catholic Ethic of Immigration". On the evening of the 8th, Bishop Robert McElroy of the Diocese of San Diego will speak on "Catholics and the Common Good: The Growing Ends of the Argument". The conference

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continues Sat., April 9th with a talk by Dr. Nicholas Cafardi of Duquesne University entitled "Pursuing the Common Good: Catholic Participation in Political Life" followed by a panel discussion. The cost for the entire conference is \$30; however, the Friday evening talk by Bishop McElroy is free and open to the public. All events take place in Anderson Student Center, Woulfe Alumni Hall, at the University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave, St. Paul, MN. For more information, please contact Catholiccitizenship@stthomas.edu or 651-962-5279. Info can also be found at www.stthomas.edu/icc.

#### **Country Gathering for Christian Women**

Join us at a Salad Luncheon on Sat., April 30th ~ 11 am at St. Catherine's Church of Spring Lake Township (Co. Road 70/8~the little white church on the hill.) Our "special" nuns, Sister Michelle Meyers and Sister Kay O'Neil, will share their message "APPRECIATE ~ ACCEPT ~ APPLAUD." Tickets \$12. Call 952-461-2214. Sponsored by the women of St. Catherine's Church.

# Outdoor Adventures Infused with Theology of the Body Insight:

Dive into the big questions of life ("who are we & why are we here?") through hiking, swimming, campfires, short talks, daily Mass and time to pray! For full details and registration, go to www.idretreats.org!

#### 2016 I.D. Retreats, led by Jen Messing:

- Adults: Porcupine Mtns, MI, June 13-17
- 9-12th gr: Voyageurs Nat'l Park, July 11-15
- · 7-8th gr. Girls: Gooseberry State Park, Aug. 1-5
- 6-7th gr. Girls: Jay Cooke State Park, Aug. 8-12
- Adults: Yosemite Nat'l Park with C. West, Sept. 17-21

# FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Faith Formation Change in Schedule

You've probably read it in the newsletter, but just in case ... reminder about our change in schedule. **April 6:** Father Kevin to meet with grade two students (parents are welcome to join us) from 6:30-7 pm to answer any questions our students may have about receiving their First Eucharist. 7th grade will also be

leading us in prayer at 7:15 in church. **April 13:** Our second graders will be leading our prayer service at 7:15 pm in church.

**April 20:** Last class ~ Mass and our ever popular BINGO! Families can go directly to Mass at 6:15 pm, then bring the family down for BINGO! Treats and prizes too!

#### **Faith Formation Registration**

Faith formation registration forms are now available online and in the back of church. Summer tends to fill quickly, so if that is your option, be sure to sign up soon! Summer class will run May 31-June 10. We will begin at 7:50 am and go until 12:30 this year due to meeting only nine times.

#### **Youth Ministry Events:**

**Ignite!** Junior High Event on April 9th from 6-9:30 pm at All Saints in Lakeville. Please see Youth Ministry page on parish website for more information and permission form. Form due by noon on April 9th.

**Summer Stretch 2016** registration is now open for Grades 5-8! Thursdays ~ July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and August 4th. All days will run from 8 am-4:30 pm. Please find all the information plus forms on the parish website under Youth Ministry. Registration due Mon., April 18th, though we only have 26 spots left. Register early to reserve a spot ~ cost is \$135 per youth.

# SI W

## SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

### SWS Alumni we need you!

We are in need of 4-5 Alumni to serve on the school Alumni Association Committee. The group meets 3 times each year for

about one hour. The Association works to keep alumni connected with the school through a newsletter. Also we want all alumni to fill out a survey about your life after SWS. Go to: http://goo.gl/forms/WN0wwGjqzV

# WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY St. John's & St. Scholastica

#### **Our Lady of Good Help Meeting**

Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women's meeting is Mon., April 4th at St. John's School. Rosary starts at 6:45 with lunch at 7 pm. **ALL** women of the parish are welcome! The lunch committee is Amy Lemke, Kris Knutson, Kris Solheid, Millie Odenthal, and Sheri Odenthal.

#### **Easter Lily Donations**

We would like to thank the following for their Easter lily donations to the WCC:

Patty Bell Family ~ In Memory of Lawrence Kes

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And to Our Lady of Good Help CCW for the cash donation towards the Easter lilies.

#### **Western Catholic Community Leadership 2016**

Finance Council ~ Rose Rynda, Kevin Odenthal, DeAnn Croatt, Diane Weckman, Becky Wilson, and Carol Weiers. Pastoral Council ~ MaryCarol Wolf, Leonard Pexa, Linda Brooks, Amy Lemke, Cindy Jirak, and Tony Brezina. Trustees ~ Rose Rynda and Robb Schoenbauer.

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The 9th Annual Roman Barten Memorial Breakfast

PANCAKES - SAUSAGES - CINNAMON ROLLS



Sunday, April 10, 2016 8 a.m.—1 p.m.

New Prague KC Hall, 411 4th Avenue SW Cost: Free Will Donation

Donations may be made to the "Griffin-Lexyn Benefit Account" at Frandsen Bank in Jordan.

Proceeds equally shared between the families of 8-year old sports buddies.

# GRIFFIN DAHMEN and LEXYN GROF of Jordan.



Griffin was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma in his leg in Feb. 2015. This cancer is extremely rare and relentless. His faith in God sees him through complex surgeries and

hospitalizations. He is the son of Jill and Kurt Dahmen and has four siblings. Lexyn was diagnosed with LCH cancer in Oct 2015. He has tumors in his femur sacrum and chest. Despite surgery, chemo and physical limitations, he remains upbeat and is "ready



to tackle" the cancer. Lexyn is the son of Ashley and Jeff Holt and has one sibling.

The Dahmen and Holt families thank everyone who has already shown them so much love and support. To learn more visit caringbridge.org/visit/LexynGrof or visit/GriffinDahmen.

Event hosted by the Roman Barten family in effort to continue his legacy of service to the community.

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#### LITURGIES & MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS WEEK OF APRIL 4-10, 2016

# Rosary at St. Wenceslaus MONDAY - FRIDAY at 7:30 am SATURDAY at 8:00 am

Monday, April 4
8:00 am Word & Communion - SW
Tuesday, April 5
8:00 amWord & Communion – SW
4:00 pmMass - Mala Strana
Wednesday, April 6
8:00 amMike Biehn – SWS Mass – SW
5:00 pmMass – SJ
5:30 pmConfessions – SJ
Thursday, April 7
8:00 am Mass – SW
5:00 pm Mass – SS
5:30 pm Confessions – SS
Friday, April 8
8:00 am Mass – SW
Saturday, April 9
4:00 pm
5:00 pmDavid Soucek, David Huhner,
Rose Mary, Sam & Jeffrey Slavik – Mass – SW
8:15 pm Mass – SJ
Sunday, April 10
8:00 amBob Hauer Mass SS
8:30 am Bessie Zelenka Tuma, Al Zelenka,
Rudy Tuma, Dick Svobodny – Mass – SW
10:00 am Roger Ruhland Mass – SJ
10:30 amJeff Jelinek, Pat Halloran,
Tom Kelly – Mass – W

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#### ST. WENCESLAUS MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR WEEK OF APRIL 4-10, 2016

Monday, April 4:

No Events

Tuesday, April 5:

WINE Book Club, 6:15 pm - Faith Formation Office Separated & Divorce Support Group, 7-8:30 pm -Pius X Room, CB

Wednesday, April 6:

Early Morning Scripture Study, 6:45-7:50 am -Pius X Room, CB Children's Choir I & II Rehearsal - Music Room Schola Choir Rehearsal - Music Room Youth Choir Rehearsal - Music Room Faith Formation, 6:15-7:30 pm - Campus-wide Adult Bells & Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Thursday, April 7:

Teen Choir Rehearsal, 2 pm - Music Room

Friday, April 8:

Adoration, 9 am-midnight - Chapel, PAC

Saturday, April 9:

Prep & Serve Meal at Dorothy Day Center Adult Scripture Study, 9:30-11 am - Pius X Rm, CB Spring Fling Thing, 6-9:30 pm - PAC

Sunday, April 10:

CLW, 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses - SW Chapel Sunday School during 10:30 am Mass - PAC

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF APRIL 4-10, 2016



#### Monday, April 4:

IS 7:10-14, 8:10 / HEB 10:4-10 / LK 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 5:

ACTS 4:32-37 / JN 3:7B-15

Wednesday, April 6:

ACTS 5:17-26 / JN 3:16-21

Thursday, April 7:

ACTS 5:27-33 / JN 3:31-36

Friday, April 8:

ACTS 5:34-42 / JN 6:1-15

Saturday, April 9:

ACTS 6:1-7 / JN 6:16-21

Sunday, April 10:

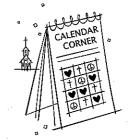
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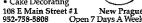
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