

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 11, 2019

**Solemnity of the Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ August 15**



THE ASSUMPTION

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**Including St. Wenceslaus &
The Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica**

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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

Friday..... 8:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday-Thursday 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 952-758-0477

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 7:00 to 8:00 am – In Parish Office.

Prayer Chain

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Lois Giesen: 952-758-2138

From the Desk of Father Eugene Theisen**Padre's Pen****– The St. Wenceslaus Festival**

My dearest people, Parishioners, and guests, it's Festival Weekend. This is my first one here with you (last year I was invited but was assisting in the remote areas of Alaska as part of my sabbatical). First let me say, "Welcome, we are glad to have you here with us!" Foremost in this welcome, we are glad to have you join us to give glory to God and to honor and thank Him for the abundant blessings bestowed on us by his grace.

We are thankful that we have three beautiful churches in our one Parish of St. Wenceslaus (St. Wenceslaus, St. John, and St. Scholastica). We have living and vibrant people of faith who give so generously of their time to pray for each other, to pray for our community and nation, to put together events such as our festival, to assist those less fortunate than ourselves, in essence, to live our Catholic Christian faith in a tangible way in the world.

We are thankful for parish leadership. I can't thank enough our "Top Six" who plan and coordinate this event with all our other lead people and volunteers! Carey Vaughan, Robb Schoenbauer, Becky Malecha, Mike DeGross, Missy Trnka, and Dan Novak, THANK YOU! You make the life and ministry of your priest much less stressful.

We are thankful for all the faithful and the guests who join us in this weekend's celebration. We hope you see Jesus Christ and His love in our eyes as you enjoy your lunch, the games, the raffle, and all the events and camaraderie of the day.

I plan to be around the whole day. Come and introduce yourself to me (even if you know me already, since I am still learning names). Enjoy the day, the events, and the people; and... since it is a fundraiser, don't be afraid to buy an extra ice cream!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Theisen

Parochial Administrator

New Prague Area Catholic Community



Western Catholic Community

Facts of Faith

WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION?

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son". The Mass has a proper vigil and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

What does this all mean? On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15th. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven. While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne." Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven". The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life. Ordinarily, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, but when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, that obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

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Important Information

Weekend Masses

Saturday	8:15 pm	St. Scholastica
Sunday	8:00 am	St. Scholastica
Sunday	10:00 am	St. John's

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

Reconciliation

Saturday	7:15 pm	St. Scholastica
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Baptism & Confirmation

Preparation required. Call the Parish Office at 952-758-3225.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office at 952-758-3225.

Marriage

Prep required. Call Fr. Eugene Theisen.

Adoration

Fridays 9:00 am to midnight at St. Wenceslaus Daily Chapel

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

Total Collected 8/4/19	\$2,724
Under Budget for the Week	-\$430
Actual Collections YTD	\$11,811
Under Budget YTD	-\$3,958
Budget for Next Week	\$3,154

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Bulletin E-mail: info@npcatholic.org

Website: <http://www.npcatholic.org>

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

AUGUST 17 & 18, 2019	Saturday St. Scholastica 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John's 10:00 AM
Lector	Jim Widmer	Marlene Dohmen	Danielle Solheid
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Weiers	Ann Prochaska, Marlene Dohmen & Judy Pauly	Jill Holden & Jonila Weiers
Servers	Samantha & Julia Kubes	Steven & Megan Odenthal	Katelynn & Craig Brezina, Mitchel & Hunter Pomije
Gift Bearer Family		Millie Odenthal Family	Ron Solheid Family

PARISH AND AREA NEWS

Festival WEEKEND

- See the Schedule of Events on Page 6.
- May God bless and reward all who helped in any way with our Parish Festival. We deeply appreciate the efforts of the many parishioners who worked at and attended this year's festival. A special THANKS to the chairs, co-chairs, and all those who went above and beyond their normal jobs to help out. It takes hundreds of people who give their time and talent to make our festival a great weekend for the parish. The enthusiasm and determination of our festival workers is very impressive! Thanks to you, we have produced yet another successful St. Wenceslaus Festival.
- We would like to thank the Top Six for all of their work to make the festival so successful! A special thank you to Carey Vaughan and Robb Schoenbauer for their service the last three years and to Becky Malecha and Mike DeGross for their continued efforts. Welcome and thanks to Missy Trnka and Dan Novak for their work and commitment to the Top Six.

Festival Meeting

There will be a meeting Mon., Aug. 12th at 7 pm in the PAC Faith Formation Office for all Festival Chairs and Co-chairs. If you are unable to attend, please call Carey Vaughn at (952) 292-9222 or Robb Schoenbauer at (952) 201-4727. Thank you!

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Thursday, August 15th ~ Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption will be celebrated at St. Wenceslaus Church at 6:30 pm, Wed., Aug. 14th (Vigil), and 8 am Thurs., Aug. 15th at St. Wenceslaus and 6:30 pm at St. John's, Union Hill.



God Bless the Newly Baptized

Welcome and congratulations to *Lillian Mae Gillen*, daughter of Matthew & Britny Gillen, and *Lucas Robert Kubes*, son of Andrew & Tonya Kubes. We rejoice with your families on this joyful occasion!

Pillow Cleaning Sept. 6-7

Early drop off Fri. 4-8 pm, Sat. hours 7 am-1 pm. Contact Pamela at 758-0477 for more information!

What is a Prayer Shawl?

A prayer shawl is a special wrap or afghan creatively knitted or crocheted for those we care about and love. As we work, it is natural that we softly breathe a prayer asking for God's blessings for the person who will be receiving it.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry's message is simple, universal, and enduring. We have seen time and again that the creation and presentation of a prayer shawl, like all acts of generosity, enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

For all knitters and crocheters who are interested, we have yarn and patterns. You are welcome to work at home and/or join those of us who meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2 pm in our homes. Please call Kathy O'Neill for added information. All are welcome!

WEEKEND HELP IS NEEDED

We are in need of a weekend custodian to make sure the church is ready for weekend activities and Masses. If interested, contact Peter Guzulaitis at (952) 758-3225 or peter.guzulaitis@npcatholic.org.

~ COLLECTION INFORMATION ~

St. Wenceslaus Site

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

Total for 8/4/19	\$10,945
Under Challenge for Week.....	-\$2,993
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$62,439
Under Challenge YTD.....	-\$7,247
Challenge for Next Week.....	\$13,937

JACS Jam

The parish of Saints Joachim & Anne and Shakopee Area Catholic School invite you to their better than ever parish festival newly named JACS Jam, Aug. 16-18, filled with faith, food, and fun for the whole family. Friday night ~ Latino music and dancers. Saturday ~ 5K and 0.5K fun run/walks, 4 pm outdoor polka Mass, 5 pm 3 live bands and all festivities. Sunday ~ all festivities and Smorgasbord dinner, raffle drawings, and more. Join us at our Marystown campus. For more information, visit www.SSJACS.org.

Annual Ho-Down Festival ~ Most Holy Trinity Sun., Aug. 18th; 11 am Polka Mass followed by Grilled Pork and Dumpling Dinner, music until 6:15 pm, BINGO, games for all ages, Country Store, silent auction, home-baked goods and Czech favorites, food, refreshments, and raffle drawing at 6:30 pm.

School Supply Drive

It's already time to be thinking about heading back to school. For some, that feeling comes with a panic on how to afford the long list of school supplies that goes with it. NPCAN is partnering with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to host a free school supplies pickup. Here's what is needed:

- Markers / Expo markers, pencils/ pens / crayons, plastic folders, backpacks (full sized), glue / glue sticks, tissues, notebooks, personal hygiene items, antiseptic wipes / hand sanitizer, notebooks, binders ~ 1-1.5".

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NEW PRAGUE FAMILY & SPORTS CHIROPRACTIC CENTER

The pickup night will be Mon., Aug. 19th, 5-7:30 pm at Holy Trinity. Please share this information with anyone who may need it.

Prayer Shawl Retreat ~ Sept. 6-8

The Prayer Shawl Retreat is the time you can use your gift of knitting, crocheting, or weaving to meet other Christian's needs of healing, security, and hope. Work together and share ideas and stories while experiencing our theme for 2019; *Rejoice and be Glad, Our Call to Holiness Today*. **Please bring any patterns, prayer rituals, or other materials related to your ministry to share with the Prayer Shawl Group.**

Keep right on knitting or crocheting while experiencing our four conference talks that help you explore how holiness is not just for people on stain glass windows with halos around their heads! Also an opportunity to meet one on one with a Spiritual Director, review your priorities, or just enjoy the retreat center's flowers and trails during this prime time of year. As you create prayer shawls restore your energy for, and outlook on, life. Please call to register ~ (952) 447-2182 or register online at www.franciscanretreats.net. Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center ~ 16385 St. Francis Lane, Prior Lake

"Healing Takes Time" Retreat

Sept. 13th-15th, 2019

We would like to invite you to the fall retreat, **Healing Takes Time**, sponsored by Hope United Grief Group. This retreat will focus on 5 different types of grief – Loss of Spouse; Loss of Child; Loss through Suicide; Pregnancy & Infant Loss, and Loss of Sibling/Parent. We will have main speakers with breakout sessions that will be facilitated by those who have experienced similar losses. The retreat will be held Friday evening 7 pm through Sunday morning 11 am at The Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota. This interdenominational retreat is meant to be a **Gift from God** to remind the grieving that there **IS** hope after the loss of a loved one, no matter where they may be on their journey of grief. There are confidential partial scholarships available. For more information or to register for the retreat, please contact Marlene Hunt at (507) 381-1177 or (507) 931-2320 or email marlenehunt53@gmail.com Facebook: Hope United Grief Group



FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Disciples of Christ Program (aka Faith Formation)

We are really trying to be on top of our game and get our kids registered **by Aug. 15th**. We have books to order, rooms to set up, and catechists to get in place. If you could please sign your kids up prior to the 15th, it would be GREATLY appreciated! You can sign up by visiting our parish website; npcatholic.org ~ faith formation ~ registration and forms. Thank you much!

Confirmation & Youth Alive Registration

Calling all rising 9th graders, returning 10th graders, and 11th/12th grade Youth Alive students, you can register for confirmation and Youth Alive online on the parish website. Here is the link:

<https://npcatholic.org/registration-and-forms>

Are you planning to volunteer or go on a field trip at SWS or in Faith Formation?

The Catholic Church mandates that all people working with children or vulnerable adults are required to have the Essential-3; a signed code of conduct, a background check, and VIRTUS training. We will be hosting a VIRTUS training session at St. Wenceslaus on Tues., Aug. 20th from 6-9 pm. You must pre-register and can do so by going to the VIRTUS.org website or emailing Laura for a set of electronic instructions. Thank you!

Are you or someone you know off to college/university this fall?

Stay connected with your faith at one of many Newman Centers around the U.S. What are Newman Centers? Newman Centers are Catholic ministries at non-Catholic universities throughout the world. Newman Centers were named in honor of Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman! Check it out!



SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

Important School Start Information

Please note that the first day of school for **grades 6-8** is on Mon., Aug. 26th.

The first day of school for **K-5** is on Wed., Aug. 28th. Teachers plan to have conferences/testing sessions ~ 30 minutes for each child. Watch for the "sign up" link to come to you soon.

The first day of **prekindergarten** is on Fri., Aug. 30th. There will be a parent/child session on Wed., Aug. 28th ~ 9-10:30 am.

The first day of school for **preschool 3/4's kids** is on Tues., Sept. 3rd. A parent/child session will take place on Thurs., Aug. 29th ~ 9-10:30 am.

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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Thursday, August 15th ~ Holy Day of Obligation

See Page 4 for Mass times.

St. Wenceslaus Parish

Festival

August 10th & 11th, 2019

Saturday 4:30-6:30 pm & Sunday 8:30 am-6:00 pm

• Saturday, August 10th

- 5:00pm Polka Mass with Polka Band: Gary Pikal,
Bob Pexa, Rick Hanzel, Steve Skluzacek,
Mark Dvorak, & Randy Fierst
- 4:30-6:30 pm Baking & Sweet Shop, Country Store,
Bucket Raffle
- 4:30-6:30 pm Dinner Ticket Sales

• Sunday, August 11th

- 8:30 & 10:30 am Polka Mass with Polka Band: Gary Pikal,
Bob Pexa, Rick Hanzel, Steve Skluzacek,
Mark Dvorak, & Randy Fierst
- 9:30 am-Noon Kolackys & Coffee
- 9:30 am-4:30 pm Mission Sewing, Baking & Sweet Shop,
Bucket Raffle, Country Store
- 9:30 am-3:30 pm Merchandise Mart
- 11:00 am-2:00 pm Grilled Chicken Dinner-Dine In & Take Out
- 11:00 am-3:30 pm Check out the Children's Carnival with New Attractions! Concessions, Sno Cones,
Shakes, and Floats
- 11:30 am-6:00 pm Great Food and Beverages including
Grilled Pork Burgers!
- 12:00-6:00 pm Beer Tent
- 12:00-4:30 pm Bingo
- 12:00-4:00 pm Pull Tabs
- 4:30 pm Bucket Raffle Drawing
- 5:30 pm Raffle Drawing

Chicken Dinner-Sit Down or Take Out

Grilled Chicken Dinner including:
½ chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy,
coleslaw, cucumber salad,
coffee or lemonade, & pie
Purchase at ticket booths: \$13 each

Sunday Entertainment

- 8:30 and 10:30 am Polka Masses
- 11:30—1:30 pm Trouba Troubadours
- 1:30—2:30 pm Czech Area Concertina Club
- 2:30—3:30 pm Trouba Troubadours
- 3:30—4:00 pm New Prague Area Czech Singers
- 4:00—5:00 pm Trouba Troubadours

What's on the Menu? (Sunday ONLY)



Hotdogs
Grilled Pork Burgers
Grilled Chicken Dinner
Sno Cones
Shakes & Floats
Candy, Chips and Cookies



LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS
WEEK OF AUGUST 12-18, 2019

Rosary at St. Wenceslaus**MONDAY – FRIDAY at 7:30 am****SATURDAY at 8:00 am****Monday, August 12**

8:00 am Word & Communion – SW

Tuesday, August 13

8:00 am Mass – SW

Wednesday, August 14

8:00 am Bless the Family – Mass – SW

6:30 pm Dorothy Skluzacek†

..... Assumption Vigil Mass – SW

Thursday, August 15 ~ Assumption of the Blessed**Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

8:00 am Richard Deutsch† – Mass – SW

10:30 am Mass – Mala Strana

6:30 pm Mass for the People – Mass – SJ

Friday, August 16

8:00 am Rev. Earl C. Simonson† – Mass – SW

Saturday, August 17

4:00 pm Confession – SW

5:00 pm Stephen & Helen Javurek†,

..... Ray & Dorothy Schoenecker† – Mass – SW

7:15 pm Confession – SS

8:15 pm Mass for the People – Mass – SS

Sunday, August 18

8:00 am Marcella Kaufenberg† – Mass – SS

8:30 am Paula Novotny, Marion Tupy†,

..... Ralph & Lucille Schmitz†, Norma Russell†

..... Mass – SW

10:00 am Gert Meger† – Mass – SJ

10:30 am Merlin Moore†,

..... Al Steffes† – Mass – SW

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MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF AUGUST 12-18, 2019

Monday, August 12:

Read the Bible in One Year, 6:30-8 pm

– John XXIII Room, Parish Activities Center

Festival Wrap Up Meeting, 7 pm

– Faith Formation Office

Tuesday, August 13:

SWS Grade 3/4 Gathering, 6 pm – Playground

Wednesday, August 14:

Early Morning Scripture Study, 7-8 am

– Pius X Room, Church Basement

Thursday, August 15:

PreK & Kindergarten Carnival, 6-7:30 pm

– Parish Activities Center Atrium

NPACC Book Club, 6:30-8 pm – John XXIII Room,

Parish Activities Center

Friday, August 16:

Adoration, 9 am-midnight – SW Chapel

Saturday, August 17:

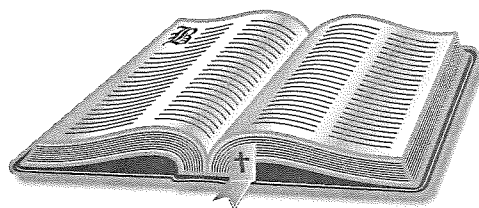
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Sunday, August 18:

No Events

SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF AUGUST 12-18, 2019

**Monday, August 12:**

DT 10:12-22 / MT 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 13:

DT 31:1-8 / MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 14:

DT 34:1-12 / MT 18:15-20

Thursday, August 15:

RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB/1 /

COR 15:20-27 / LK 1:39-56

Friday, August 16:

JOS 24:1-13 / MT 19:3-12

Saturday, August 17:

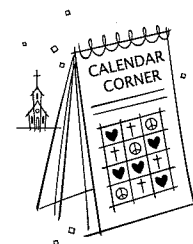
JOS 24:14-29 / MT 19:13-15

Sunday, August 18:

JER 38:4-6, 8-10 / HEB 12:1-4 / LK 12:49-53

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