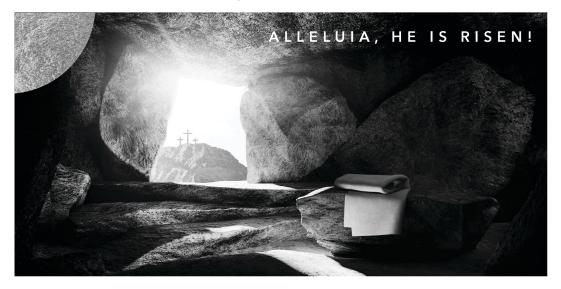
EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020



Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of the Lord



Break Open the Tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection, but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed.

Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand. Help me to roll away this stone and find the miracle of new life. That I may live more fully in your saving grace.

Amen

The Easter Season

Easter is not just celebrated on Easter Sunday. It's an entire season that lasts for 50 days! This time of joy and exultation, from the Resurrection of the Lord to Pentecost, is one feast day, or one "great Sunday."

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Weekend Meese

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	
Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 am
Morning Word & Communion	
Monday	8:00 am
Weekday Masses	
Tuesday-Friday	8:00 am

If you are homebound or ill, the previous weekend's Mass may be viewed on our website $\sim npcatholic.org$

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 in the SW Daily Chapel after 8 am service. Adoration Friday 9:00 am to midnight in the SW Daily Chapel. **Early Morning Scripture Study** Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 am in Pius X Room in church basement. **Prayer Chain** Judy: 952-758-2220 or Arnita: 952-758-4943 BeFrienders Ann Schoenbauer: 952-758-3456 or Lois Giesen: 952-758-2138

From the Desk of Father Eugene Theisen

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<u>Padre's Pen</u> ~ Happy Easter!

Resurrection! Resurrection! Resurrection! As we sit in the midst of a tomb-like culture of

social distancing and sheltering in place, we can look at the Easter proclamation with newly focused eyes.

Think of all the normal things we have set aside and missed during our pandemic response and how we long to return to and appreciate more the things we miss. I dearly miss my weekly visit with my mother and offering Mass in her little room. I miss the stop at Chik-Fil-A that I get on the way to see her. I miss the walks through the school and the high-fives and/ or knuckles from the students. I miss my parishioners.

As much as I/we miss a multitude of people and things in our world, we must remember that we are not created to be bound to this world. We are created to be with our God in Heavenly Beatitude, and when sin got in the way misdirecting our hearts, God sent His own heart of love into the world. Jesus the Christ came into our world so as to break the allurements of the world on our souls. He forged a path through this life, passing through death, and re-opening the sealed gates of Paradise.

Our first and foremost longing should be to hear the words of Jesus speaking to us, "This day you will be with me in Paradise." We are made by God and for God. The longings that we have in this world are but a shadow of the reality for which we should long most. For every visit that I miss with my mother, I am reminded that I should visit with my God even more regular. For every Spicy Southwest Salad that I miss at Chik-Fil-A, I should hunger and thirst even more for the living God most especially in the Holy Eucharist. For every high-five I miss with our students, I should seek Christ's hand in friendship and love. And for every parishioner I miss, I should know, love, and ensure that they are placed on the altar of sacrifice at which I stand daily in the person of Christ on their behalf.

Easter joy can and does transcend any worldly deprivation we may temporarily suffer now because it is the hope and reality of our inheritance beyond this world. God love you and bless you!

Ad Christum per Mariam,

Fr. Theisen

Parish Debt Last Month	Parish Debt This Month
\$442,721	\$436,796.85

Western Catholic Community

St. John & St. Scholastica

Do you have old photos of St. Scholastica, St. John, or St. Benedict?

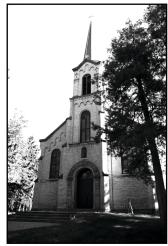
Dennis Dvorak is looking for historical photos of the buildings themselves or people and events from these churches. If you have some and would like to share, you may contact Millie Odenthal at 952-290-4062.





St. Scholastica

St. John the Evangelist



St. Benedict

Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John & St. Scholastica

April 18 & 19, 2020	Saturday St. John 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John 10:00 AM
Lector	No Mass at this time	No Mass at this time	No Mass at this time
Eucharistic Ministers			
Servers			
Gift Bearer Family			

Important Information

Weekend Masses

Saturday8	3:15 pm	St. John
Sunday	3:00 am	St. Scholastica
Sunday 1	0:00 am	St. John

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

Reconciliation

Saturday	7:15 pm	St. John
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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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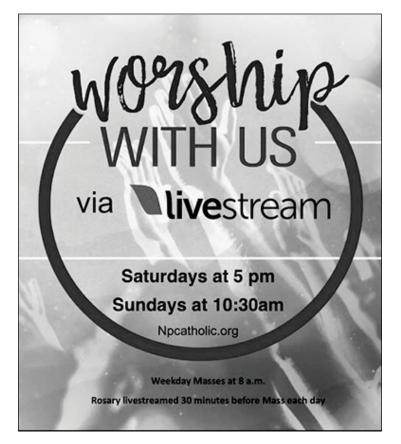
COLLECTION INFORMATION WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

Total Collected 4/5/20	\$5,320
Collections	\$4,925
Electronic Collections	\$395
Over Budget for the Week	+\$2,166
Actual Collections YTD	\$115,128
Under Budget YTD	\$11,026
Budget for Next Week	\$3,154

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PARISH AND AREA NEWS

At this time, our parish staff is working from their homes until further notice. If you need to reach us, please call the parish office and leave a message, 952-758-3225, or leave a message for one of us on our direct extension. You may also email <u>info@npcatholic.org</u> and one of us will respond. If it is an emergency, please dial the parish office number and follow the prompts for an emergency.



What should we do if we can't go to Mass?

In most dioceses, participating in Sunday Mass is suspended for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet we're reminded of the Fourth Commandment: Keep holy the Lord's Day. Consider it an invitation to choose a devotion and Act of Spiritual Communion that enables you to stay connected to the universal Body of Christ. You might:

- "Virtually" attend Sunday Mass online at our website, <u>npcatholic.org</u>
- Read and reflect on the Sunday scripture available from the U.S. Bishops' site: <u>usccb.org/bible/readings</u>.
- Make use of the church's traditional Liturgy of the Hours by downloading the popular breviary app at <u>ibreviary.org</u>.
- Pray five decades of the Rosary or make this the year you finally read your Bible ~ neither of which requires any technology.

Below are recommended prayers for an Act of Spiritual Communion when unable to participate in the Mass.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

(to pray anytime you are unable to physically participate in Communion) My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Anima Christi Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, embolden me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Never permit me to be parted from you. From the evil Enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to thee, that with your saints I may praise thee for age upon age. Amen.

Prayer of Pope Francis During the Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Please know that, as your parish staff and fellow parishioners, we appreciate that we are all in this together. Let us continue to lift each other up in prayer to our Father who knows and loves each one of us just as we are. May He continue to bless you and keep you safe.

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Inspiration

"When this is over, may we never again take for granted A handshake with a stranger Full shelves at the store Conversations with neighbors A crowded theater Friday night out The taste of communion A routine checkup The school rush each morning Coffee with a friend The stadium roaring Each deep breath A boring Tuesday Life itself. When this ends may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be we were called to be we hoped to be and may we stay that way ~ better for each other because of the worst." ~ Laura Kelly Fanucci

~ COLLECTION INFORMATION ~ St. Wenceslaus Site SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

Total for 4/5/20	\$27,013
Collections	\$21,273
Electronic Collections	\$5,740
Over Challenge for Week	+\$10,519
Actual Collections YTD	
Under Challenge YTD	-
Challenge for Next Week	
God Bless you all for answering	-

Archdiocese Notices: Litany in Time of Need

Archbishop Bernard Hebda asks that the students from every Catholic school in the twelve-county territory of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the faithful set aside time every day, wherever they may be, to join together in offering the "Litany in Time of Need." Please join us by tuning in to Relevant Radio 1330am, <u>relevantradio.com</u>, or the <u>Relevant Radio App</u>, where the litany will be broadcast each day at 11:05 am. What a wonderful sign of unity it will be to have all of you join in praying together at the same time for protection and help.

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FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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Summer Plus *Disciples of Christ* Registration

is now open for grades 1-7! The program runs weekdays from June 1-12 and you MUST commit to all ten sessions. Our mornings go from 7:55 am-noon. We try to limit our class sizes to 15, so register early to guarantee your spot. Children entering 9th grade who were in the 8th grade program last summer may register for their first year Confirmation prep. If you were not in the program and did not attend Wednesday nights, please contact Pamela at 952-758-0477 to discuss. Thank you.



SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

Summer Preschool

We are currently planning for our Little Saints Preschool to be open full time this

summer. We have room for 10 more children ages 3-5. This program is open to the public. It might be a great time for the kids to get out and participate in school life. (Opening will be subject to Covid-19 recommendations and the state of health as time moves on). Sign up now and reserve your spot. Contact kim.doyle@swsaints.org

Become part of our family! ~ The SWS Family!

We invite anyone with children in preschool to grade 8 to join our school family next fall. In our recent survey, parents expressed that one outstanding quality of sending their children to our Catholic school is the fact that the entire family becomes involved in the school life. This is a place where people of similar religious beliefs join together. This is a place where virtues are taught and we can practice what we learn with each other ~ both young and older alike. This is a place that our families call home! Join us. Although tours cannot be taken at this time, you can begin to talk about this possibility with our school principal, Kim Doyle. Check it out and see if our school environment will be a good fit for your children and for you. <u>Kim.doyle@swsaints.org</u> / 952-758-3133

To help us stay in touch with you, please make sure that we have updated contact information. Please email your updates to <u>info@npcatholic.org</u> or call 952-758-3225 and leave a message. Thank you!

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY) What do you see?

Once more, we arrive at the most significant void in sacred history: that empty tomb of Easter. What we see in this space defines the shape of our destiny. Do we view nothing or everything in this place? Is Jesus simply gone or restored to glory? Is death the end of us, or the start of something everlasting? Are we God's cherished children or just another expression of nature's capriciousness? Most of all, are we prepared to call Jesus Lord and to follow him through death into life? Or do we have other plans?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 (42); gospel for p.m. Mass: Luke 24:13-35 (46). "Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Monday, April 13, 2020

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Put the Resurrection to work

Do we bravely race from the tomb toward new life as Mary Magdalene and Mary did, or burrow into timid cover? Consider the example of Henri Perrin, born this day in 1914. He was part of the French worker-priest movement where priests went to work in factories to bridge the abyss between the working class and the church. The Vatican grew alarmed by the political activism of the priests on behalf of labor, and stopped the experiment. The concerns of worker-priests were given new life in the Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes*, "On the Church in the Modern World," and later by Pope John Paul II, who demanded of priests that the "fumes of incense mix with those of industry." Reflect on what worker-justice concerns you can give new life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). "Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed."

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Our star witness

Mary of Magdala was first to witness and testify to Jesus' Resurrection. She is called "apostle to the apostles" for good reason. Mentioned by name in the gospels more often than most apostles, Mary traveled with Jesus and helped support his ministry financially. The question is, how do we witness to resurrection in our own life and times? In a world too often bent on destruction and death, how can we witness to hope and to life? Let "the Magdalene" be an inspiration!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). "Mary went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and then reported what he had told her."

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Call for backup

The miracles of Jesus did not end with Jesus' earthly sojourn. Today's reading from Acts describes Peter and John healing in Jesus' name. What confidence that must have taken, to try healing a man lame from birth! The word *confidence* means "with trust." A nice way to understand the power of faith. Be a healing presence in the world, with the trust that Jesus has your back!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). "Peter said, 'I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk.'"

Thursday, April 16, 2020

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Eat, drink, and take heart

Where would Catholic culture be without food and drink? In today's gospel Jesus reassures his disciples that he is not a ghost by eating a piece of baked fish. Food is simple, basic, and necessary. It is natural that we eat and drink together at the Eucharist, at parish dinners, at family meals. Every bite of baked fish can remind us of our Savior. Savor your next meal with fellow believers and let it drive out fear as it opens you to love, the way it did for Jesus' disciples 2,000 years ago.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264). "Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones."

Friday, April 17, 2020 FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER No need to hide your solidarity

However did the fish symbol—two intersecting arcs—come to be associated with Jesus? Because his disciples were fishermen? Because of the miracle of the loaves and fishes? Because Catholics eat fish on Fridays? The letters of the Greek word for fish, *ichthys*, are an acronym for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." It was a secret symbol used by the persecuted early Christians. What outward sign of solidarity can you make with those who are persecuted for their faith today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). "Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you just caught.'"

Saturday, April 18, 2020

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER The news is still good

Do you ever think about how the followers of Jesus must have felt after his death? We see their situation through the lens of the Resurrection, but they thought his death was the end of everything. Those grief-stricken men and women were lost and afraid. Imagine their disbelief when some among them began to report that they had seen Jesus. Disbelief began to feel like hope as he continued to show up and even eat with them. That was the beginning. Two thousand years later, we continue to share the meals and tell the stories of this incredibly good news.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). "She went to announce the good news to his followers."

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LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS WEEK OF APRIL 13-19, 2020

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

LIVESTREAM ONLY

Monday, April 13

8:00 amL	_eonard & Ca	irol Pexa🕆 – Mass
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Tuesday, April 14

8:00 am	Living &	Deceased	Members	of
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.....John Simon Family – Mass Wednesday, April 15 8:00 am.....Bless the Family – Mass

Thursday, April 16	
8:00 am	Pauline Krenikt – Mass
Friday, April 17	
8:00 am	Carlton Milleri – Mass
Saturday, April 18	
5:00 pm	Fritz Hertausϑ, Oscar Solheidϑ,
	Kym El-Wailli& – Mass
Sunday, April 19	

10:30 am..... Mass for the People - Mass

MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR WEEK OF APRIL 13-19, 2020

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF APRIL 13-19, 2020



Monday, April 13: ACTS 2:14, 22-33 / MT 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 14: ACTS 2:36-41 / JN 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 15: ACTS 3:1-10 / LK 24:13-35

Thursday, April 16: ACTS 3:11-26 / LK 24:35-48

Friday, April 17: ACTS 4:1-12 / JN 21:1-14

Saturday, April 18: ACTS 4:13-21 / MK 16:9-15

Sunday, April 19: ACTS 2:42-47 / 1 PT 1:3-9 / JN 20:19-31

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