30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 25, 2020

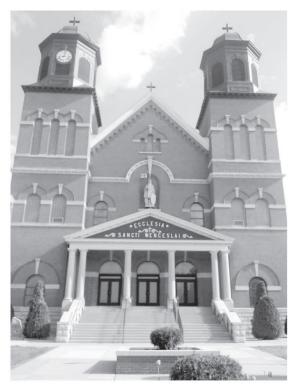
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St. John the Evangelist

Parish Mission Statement

We are a Catholic community forming disciples of Jesus Christ dedicated to loving God through our worship, sharing the Good News, and loving service to others.



St. Wenceslaus



St. Scholastica

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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 | |
| Rosary Only | |
| Monday | 7:30 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 ~ <u>npcatholic.org</u>

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 Laura Schoenecker at 952-758-5131

Reconciliation

Fridays from 3:00-4:00 pm in the church

Baptism

Preparation required. Call 952-758-3225 Marriage

marriage

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

Rosary

Monday - Friday 7:30 am in the church.

Fatima Prayer Cell

Monday – Wednesday in the SW Daily Chapel after 8 am service. (not being held at this time) Adoration

Adoration

Fridays 8:30 am to 6 pm in the church.

Early Morning Scripture Study

Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 am in Pius X Room in church basement. (not being held at this time)

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



<u>Padre's Pen</u> ~ Sins That Cry Out to Heaven

As we approach the election there are a lot of voices muddying the waters of what principles should be used for a Christian to inform their

selections. I specifically use "Christian" because I will be writing in today's column about what we can find in Sacred Scripture as the foundational moral outrages that cry to Heaven. There are 4 Scriptural Sins that Cry to Heaven: 1) Murder/the shedding of innocent blood, 2) Sodomy/illicit actions dealing with our human sexuality, 3) Oppression of Widow and Orphans/the poor, 4) Defrauding workers of their just wages.

These are listed in the order they appear in Sacred Scripture. In Genesis 4, Cain kills his brother Abel. The innocent is slain, and God comes to Cain noting that his brother's blood is crying out from the earth. This is the first and foundational sin listed after the fall. It is the ultimate sin hammering home the point that things are not as they should be. Humanity is created in the image and likeness of the Divinity who is the origin and ultimate end of all life. God is life itself embodied in a perpetual gift of self in love. When Cain kills Abel, it is not a gift of self in love for the other, it is an inward turn to self-love at the expense of the other. From this self-love proceeds the remainder of the sins that cry out to heaven.

The second sin is the outcry to God from Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 18. When Adam and Eve sinned against the family bond of covenant love between God and His people their decision was to live as their own family unit. Cain further distorted the family relationship and bond of covenant love by rejecting the bond of family love. Sodom and Gomorrah now further distances the family bond of covenant love by engaging in actions that separate the two-fold nature of physical intimacy; that is the love and good of the spouses and the naturally ordered end of that intimacy in the fruitfulness of the bond. It is a further and stronger assertion that humanity chooses its own path rather than conforming the order God establishes in creation.

The third sin of oppressing widows and orphans (the poor) is found in Exodus 22: 21-23. It follows that after the family bond has been broken and distorted in the first two sins that the family becomes open to further abuses. In this case, when the family is found without the father in place it can become an easy target for oppression.

And last, the sin of defrauding workers of their just wages is found in the Letter of James 5: 4. Jesus says that we will always have the poor with us and this final sin that cries to heaven affirms that the human family must act in justice toward each other according to our means.

As we form our consciences for the selections we make in elections, we go to the first and basic principles found in our Sacred Scriptures and ask ourselves: Which candidates affirm that they are on the side of science and protect human life from the very moment of conception and which ones are willing to sacrifice children on the altar of convenience not just for 9 months in the womb but also shortly after birth? Which candidates are willing to sacrifice the elderly at the end of life and which ones see value in human life to the point of natural death? Life is the first sin that cries to heaven at its loss and it is the first unalienable right listed in our Declaration of Independence. This is the core moral issue biblically and theologically speaking throughout the history of salvation. If we do not get this one correct, then the next 3 that surround this issue will not be correct.

After a review of the number one area, we each should go through those next three and see where candidates line up in accord with the Sacred Scriptures and Church teaching. Then we can move out to the more peripheral issues.

No candidate will line up entirely with Church teaching and I have yet to see any that fully keeps the promises they make, but if they cannot respect life in the womb, how can we expect them to respect life at any other time?

Ad Christum per Mariam, Fr. Theisen

| Parish Debt Last Month | Parish Debt This Month | |
|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| \$406,839.36 | \$400,780.31 | |

Surviving the Holidays Seminar ~ November 10, 2020

Grieving? Know someone who is?



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holidays Seminar** helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS



www.griefshare.org/holidays Join us for an online Zoom event: Tuesday, November 10 2:00 pm or 6:00 pm. For more information or to register please call MaryCarol at 952-758-3225 or email MaryCarol.Wolf@npcatholic.org

Western Catholic Community

Important Information

Weekend Masses

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

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

Reconciliation

Saturday......7:30 pm St. John

St. John

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 8:30 am to 6:00 pm at St. Wenceslaus Church

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| Carol Bauer | 952-457-4057 |
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Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John & St. Scholastica

| October 31 & November 1, 2020 | Saturday St. John 8:15 PM | Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM | Sunday St. John 10:00 AM |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lector | Jim Widmer | Marlene Dohmen | Danielle Solheid |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Fr. Theisen | Fr. Theisen | Fr. Theisen |
| Servers | No Servers | No Servers | No Servers |
| Gift Bearer Family | No Gift Bearers | No Gift Bearers | No Gift Bearers |

COLLECTION INFORMATION WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

| Total Collected for 10/18/20 | \$2,194 |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Under Budget for Week | \$960 |
| Actual Collections YTD | \$41,018 |
| Under Budget YTD | \$9,444 |
| Budget for Next Week | \$3,154 |

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PARISH AND AREA NEWS



**Our Livestreamed Masses & Rosary may be viewed on our website, <u>npcatholic.org;</u> on our Facebook Page, New Prague Catholic; or on YouTube, search "New Prague Area Catholic Community" at <u>YouTube.com</u>.

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.



God Bless the Newly Baptized

Welcome and congratulations to *Aspen McKenna Boushek*, daughter of Devin & Sonya Boushek. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion!

Help Wanted: On-Call-Part-time Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds.

For more information contact Steve Schmitz at 952-758-2327 or email: steve.schmitz@sws.org

Prayer of Remembrance Service

It is at this time of year when nature begins to enter into its winter sleep that we are reminded of our loved ones who have died. On November 1 at 6:00 pm, in St. Wenceslaus Church, we will be remembering in prayer all those from our community who have died since All Souls Day of last year. We invite all who grieve the death of a loved one to pray with us this evening.

Cherished Memories of Your Loved One

Please bring your framed photo to the Prayer Service of Remembrance, November 1 at 6:00. There will be a table near the Mary altar for photos of your loved-ones who have passed. If you would like to take part in the Remembrance Video, please drop off or email this photo by October 29 to Pamela Sherlock: pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org

All Souls Rosary: *at home edition* ~ Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there will be *no in person rosary at the cemetery chapel on November 2*. Instead we ask that you please pray your rosary at home. We wish we could gather as usual, but the size of the chapel does not allow for proper social distancing. Thank you.

How Much Is Too Much? What is our fair share?

The ownership of private property sometimes means that others must go without. Pope John Paul II said: "The Church does indeed defend the legitimate right to private property, but she also teaches no less clearly that there is always a social mortgage on all private property, in order that goods may serve the general purpose that God gave them" (LS 93). In other words, ownership of property and use of resources come with responsibilities. We are not entitled to more than we need when others have so little. This dilemma plays itself out in many ways on the planet: land use, access to clean water and adequate shelter, fishing rights, tax shelters for the rich, as examples. Christians are supposed to believe "God created the world for everyone" (93), but it appears we have two problems, one stemming from private ownership that excludes the needs of the poor and the other stemming from overuse of shared resources.

Reflect and act:

The tragedy of the commons also plays out in our everyday lives, such as when grocery store shelves were recently depleted of toilet paper, baby wipes, and facemasks. While there were some headlines about hoarders buying an extreme amount of these products, most people just bought a bit extra than they normally would. Still, the result was the same; stores ran out, and the people who really needed these items struggled to find them. Consider: are there areas in your life where you can resist short-term self-interest for the benefit of the long-term common good?

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Continuing Meals at SPOC (Dorothy Day)

Meals continue to be served at the new St. Paul Opportunity Center (SPOC) formerly known as the Dorothy Day Center in St. Paul. Amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic Charities still provides and requires extra measures to keep volunteers and guests safe from acquiring the virus during meal prep and serving. If you feel comfortable and want to volunteer to prepare and serve a meal on the second Saturday of any month, please contact Norb Sticha. No special cooking skills required. St. Wenceslaus Catholic Parish has participated in this outreach ministry for many years. Often, we think that God is using us to touch the lives of those who we serve; but possibly, He is using those we serve to teach us instead. Questions? Call me, Norb Sticha 758-3888. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The last weekend in October is World Priest Day!

World Priest Day focuses on celebrating the ongoing affirmation of priests who are committed to their Vocation, Sacrament and building of relationships between couples and priests. The mission and purpose of World Priest Day is to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to Our Lord and Our Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for priests they know and develop relationships with priests they don't know. We ask that you send your word of encouragement and appreciation to Fr. Theisen! (Thank you for celebrating our beautiful priests!)

Due to COVID-19 and its inherent planning issues, there will be no calendar raffle this year.

A big thank you to all our sponsors from previous years. We are grateful to St. John's Catholic United Financial Council, who will provide all our parish sites with beautiful 2021 Traditional Catholic Art calendars. Please watch for these to arrive in our churches in December. Again, thank you to our past raffle calendar sponsors and to Catholic United Financial.

| ~ COLLECTION INFORMATION / St. Wenceslaus Site SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020 | ~ |
|---|------------|
| Total Collected for 10/18/20 | \$7,430 |
| Under Challenge for Week | \$7,297 |
| Actual Collections YTD | \$205,969 |
| Under Challenge YTD | -\$27,790 |
| Challenge for Next Week | . \$14,727 |
| Thank you for your generosity! | |

FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling all families grades 1-7 who are doing our Disciples of Christ school year les-

sons! It's time to pick up your next batch of lessons and supplies. We will be gathering in the Church on Wednesday, November 4. For safety reasons, we ask that everyone wear a face mask and be seated one family per pew. We will gather at 6:30 pm. Father will be sharing some thoughts with parents and you will get your materials. Our plan is to have you on your way by around 7:00 pm. Thank you!



SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

Preschool Update: We had a very busy (but fun) day! During group time, we sang "I'm a Sturdy Oak Tree" and pretended to

be sturdy trees by stretching our branches (arms) up and planting our roots (feet) into the ground. They had fun! We also watched a 2-minute educational video about animals that live in trees and talked about rectangles and the number 6. Our story today was <u>The Grouchy Ladybug</u>. This led to a discussion on feelings and how it's okay to feel grumpy, angry, sad, etc. We just need to remember not to treat others poorly when we are not feeling our best. And if we see someone feeling that way, treat them with kindness.



Pray Often, Work Hard, Trust God



St. Wenceslaus School

LE SUEUR COUNTY CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY WITH CHANGES FOR 2020

Adopt a Family for Christmas will be operated through the New Prague Area Catholic Community again this year, but some changes will be made because of Covid-19. We also anticipate greater need.

As in the past, forms are sent out from county Department of Human Services around the middle of October. Parents fill out the forms listing their children's ages and sizes of clothing and outerwear gift choices. This year, parents will also be making two clothing choices for teens.

The forms are then forwarded from the county to our St. Wenceslaus YAC group where they are numbered; names are removed to respect families' privacy. Families, individuals, or groups then choose a child or family to shop for. Gifts will be distributed to the families on Monday, December 14 in Le Center along with Santa Anonymous gifts. Le Sueur County Santa Anonymous program provides toys, books, games, and other non-clothing items.

There are two opportunities to make Christmas brighter for these families.

1. Choose a family and shop for clothing items.

For the safety of everyone involved, <u>paper lists will not be available after</u> <u>Mass</u>. Beginning November 2nd family lists will be posted on Sign Up Genius instead. You can follow this link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C45ABAE2CA7F49-adopt

The shopping list, delivery instructions, and delivery bag will be available for pick up after Mass at <u>St. Wenceslaus Parish Activity Center</u> (west doors off the parking lot) the weekends of:

- November 7 and 8
- November 14 and 15
- November 21 and 22

Shopping must be completed by December 6.

2. Donate cash. You can also donate cash with which team of Super Shoppers will purchase gifts. Please make checks payable to *Adopt-A-Family*.

For more information, call Kathy McNamara - 952-200-4949.

LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS WEEK OF OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1, 2020

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

| Monday, October 26 | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| 7:30 amRosary – S | W |
| Tuesday, October 27 | |
| 8:00 amJeanette Deutscht – Mass – S | W |
| Wednesday, October 28 | |
| 8:00 am Mass - S | W |
| Thursday, October 29 | |
| 8:00 am Richard & Nan Eischenst - S | W |
| Friday, October 30 | |
| 8:00 am Marian Andersonម – Mass – S | W |
| 3:00 pm Confessions – S | W |
| Saturday, October 31 | |
| 4:00-4:30 Confessions – S | W |
| 5:00 pm Mass - S | W |
| 8:15 pm Carol Pexat - Mass - | SJ |
| Sunday, November 1 | |
| 8:00 amMass for the People - 9 | SS |
| 8:30 amAlice Novotny | Ŷ, |
| John & Vera Kockቱ – Mass – S | W |
| 10:00 am Mass - | SJ |
| 10:30 amAlvin Edel한 – Mass – S | W |

MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR WEEK OF OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1, 2020

THERE ARE CURRENTLY

NO MEETINGS/EVENTS

BEING HELD AT ANY OF

OUR PARISH SITES.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1, 2020



Monday, October 26: EPH 4:32-5:8 / LK 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 27: EPH 5:21-33 / LK 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 28: EPH 2:19-22 / LK 6:12-16

Thursday, October 29: EPH 6:10-20 / LK 13:31-35

Friday, October 30: PHIL 1:1-11 / LK 14:1-6

Saturday, October 31: PHIL 1:18B-26 / LK 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, November 1: RV 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 JN 3:1-3 / MT 5:1-12A

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