

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Put Out into the Deep



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. Scholastica



St. Wenceslaus

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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**NO MASS November 9-13****Weekend Masses**

Saturday..... 4:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

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 ~ 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 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

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

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 Office of Principal:**Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of SWS,**

We draw attention to our hard-working teaching staff this week. During this pandemic, our teachers work more focused and more intentional as they plan out every minute of their school day. There are so many protocols to follow from the moment they get to school until they leave the building. Teachers assess student health each day, keep track of who is in the hall, who uses the bathroom, who walks in the hallways at what time, where each student sits in every area of the school, and who washes their hands. They monitor masks that won't stay up, track who is sitting and standing by who, and check if they are too close to others. Teachers supervise students at recess and eat lunch with their class this year giving up one of the few times in the day when they can talk with their colleagues.

Teachers instruct while wearing a mask and their voices get tired. They plan for each student who is sick getting homework together for them. They plan for any child that is on a short term or a long term quarantine. When they finish their school day, they turn to their computers to host classes for those children who are studying at home. Then they stay longer to plan for the next day or correct student work finally packing up a big bag to take home so they can make sure they produce valuable experiences for their students.

Our teachers are consistently thinking out of the box, helping where needed, making adjustments with high flexibility, and doing what they can to make school as normal as possible. Each day they bring a smile and a positive outlook.

Our teachers are heroes in this pandemic! They love our school, they love their jobs, and they truly love your children.

"Pray Often, Work Hard, Trust God"



Parish Debt Last Month	Parish Debt This Month
\$400,780.31	\$394,698.00

Advent Opportunity!**Rejoice!****Advent Opportunities**

Our Advent program this year is based on the book **Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family**. The program offers videos you can watch at home, a book with meditations, scripture and reflection questions, and optional Zoom discussion groups.

Discussion groups will be offered on Tuesday and Sunday evenings and Thursday and Saturday mornings. Each group will meet three times, beginning the week of November 29.

The book is available for \$3 *but supplies are limited*, so sign up soon by contacting Mary Higgins at 952-758-0464 or mary.higgins@npcatholic.org.

Books can be picked up in the back of church or by arrangement with Mary. Payment envelopes will be tucked into the books and can be dropped off in the back door of the parish office.

**Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John & St. Scholastica**

November 21 & 22, 2020	Saturday St. John 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John 10:00 AM
Lector	Sandy Kubes	Becky Colwell	Mary Nytes
Eucharistic Ministers	Fr. Theisen	Kevin Odenthal	Amy Lemke
Servers	No Servers	No Servers	No Servers
Gift Bearer Family	No Gift Bearers	No Gift Bearers	No Gift Bearers

Western Catholic Community**Important Information****Weekend Masses**

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

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION**Reconciliation**

Saturday.....	7:30 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 8:30 am to 6:00 pm at St. Wenceslaus Church

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Noreen Giesen	952-758-2608
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COLLECTION INFORMATION**WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

Total Collected for 11/8/20	\$1,720
Under Budget for Week	-\$1,434
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$49,762
Under Budget YTD	-\$10,161
Budget for Next Week	\$3,154

Thank you for your support!

Bulletin E-mail: info@npcatholic.org

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

PARISH AND AREA NEWS



****Our Livestreamed Masses & Rosary may be viewed on our website, npcatholic.org; on our Facebook Page, New Prague Catholic; or on YouTube, search "New Prague Area Catholic Community" at [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com).**

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.*



Thank you & Update!

We received many gifts to the capital campaign and are getting near our goals for each site! A special thank you to those who returned their commitment card and made financial contributions. If you have not returned your commitment card, please do so as soon as possible. We understand that due to the uncertainty of this time, some may not feel comfortable pledging for three-years. If this is the case, we ask you to return your pledge card with that information, as we want to account for all households. Gifts of all sizes are confidential and appreciated. To date we have received the following in pledges and non-pledged contributions to each site:

St. Wenceslaus: \$993,941 (90% of \$1.1 million goal)
St. John's: \$227,279 (87% of \$260,000 goal)
St. Scholastica: \$83,555 (44% of \$190,000 goal)

Commitment cards can be mailed or put in the collection at Mass. You can also complete this information online by going to www.npcatholic.org/capital-campaign: scroll down and click on the button labeled Online Pledge Form.

... Looking forward to tax time?

Have you lost the ability to deduct your contributions since the new tax laws have increased the standard deduction? QCDs, IRAs, RMDs and DAFs may be a possibility for you!

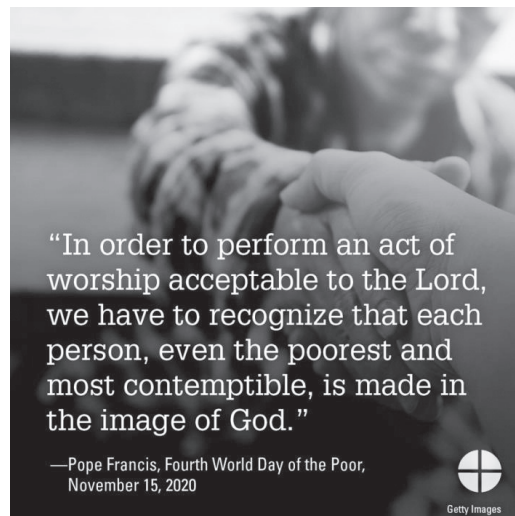
1. QCD's Qualified Charitable Distributions. Owners of IRAs who are at least age 70½ can contribute some or all of their IRAs to charity. An IRA has a RMD ~ (required minimum distribution) after you turn 70½ ~ this amount is taxed as ordinary income, UNLESS you process the distribution as a QCD!

2. DAF's Donor Advised Funds. You may be able to deposit current and future contributions into a DAF. "The amount deposited may be over the threshold that would allow you to itemize the total this current year; while holding the funds in the sponsored DAF for future contributions.

Please check with your tax and/or financial advisor for details and to see if these tax options work for you (and for our church). Questions or comments contact Ruth Weinandt at 952-785-3225. THANK YOU.

November 15 is World Day of the Poor

"In order to perform an act of worship acceptable to the Lord, we have to recognize that each person, even the poorest and most contemptible, is made in the image of God." ~ Pope Francis, Fourth World Day of the Poor, November 15, 2020



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KUBES REALTY

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 provides and requires extra measures to keep volunteers and guests safe. 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.

A challenge from Pope Francis

Many people are hoping that technology will help solve the problems associated with climate change, as we move to renewable energy sources and more efficient uses of energy. Technology may indeed contribute to addressing the problem, but it is also part of the problem. It has contributed enormously to the well-being of the human race. However, it has also given humans an enormous power, without the assurance that it will be used wisely. Consider for example, the "increasingly deadly arsenal of weapons available for modern warfare. In whose hands does all this power lie, or will it eventually end up? It is extremely risky for a small part of humanity to have it." (104)

Pope Francis goes on to say, "The basic problem goes even deeper: it is the way that humanity has taken up technology and its development...This has made it easy to accept the idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology. It is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry beyond every limit. It is the false notion that an infinite quantity of energy and resources are available, that it is possible to renew them quickly, and that the negative effects of the exploitation of the natural order can be easily absorbed. (106) Pope Francis also speaks of the way technology can dehumanize development, most often to the detriment of those on the margins.

~ COLLECTION INFORMATION ~**St. Wenceslaus Site****SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

Total Collected for 11/8/20	\$5,922
Under Challenge for Week	-\$8,805
Actual Collections YTD	\$240,253
Under Challenge YTD	-\$37,687
Challenge for Next Week	\$14,727

Thank you for your generosity!

**FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY****2nd grade students and families!**

All second-grade students either enrolled in St. Wenceslaus School or the Disciples of Christ program will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, December 3. We invite those children and parents to come to Church between 6 and 6:45 pm. You should have received information from either Kathy Giesen or Laura Schoenecker. If you have not received any information, or have questions, please contact laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org. We are requiring masks and one family per pew to maintain social distancing. Thank you!

SCHOOL NEWS from SWS**Did you hear?**

Did you hear a deer came and visited us last Thursday? Good thing we were doing conferences virtually and nobody was in the classroom. Bambi just figured that Saint Wenceslaus was so cool that she wanted to join too.



Pray Often, Work Hard, Trust God



St. Wenceslaus School

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:

Saturday, November 21

9:00 am to 11:00 am

For more information or to register
please call MaryCarol at 952-758-3225
or email MaryCarol.Wolf@npcatholic.org

LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16-22, 2020

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

Monday, November 16

7:30 am Rosary – SW

Tuesday, November 17

8:00 am Living & Deceased

..... Members of John Simon Family,

..... Chuck Kajer† – Mass SW

Wednesday, November 18

8:00 am Arnie Tupy† – Mass – SW

Thursday, November 19

8:00 am Myrt Hanzel† – SW

Friday, November 20

8:00 am Red Rauschke† – Mass – SW

3:00 pm Confessions – SW

Saturday, November 21

3:00 Confessions – SW

4:00 pm Mass for the People – SW

8:15 pm Mass – SJ

Sunday, November 22

8:00 am Mass – SS

8:30 am Richard & Jean Ann Bisek† – Mass – SW

10:00 am Mass – SJ

10:30am Mary Sauber†,

..... Clara, Emil, Arnie & Roger Kes† – SW

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On campus in Parish Activity Center

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LITTLE SPIRITS PRESCHOOL

On campus of SWS ~ 1950's building

952-758-0480

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

952-758-2327

MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16-22, 2020

**THERE ARE CURRENTLY
NO MEETINGS/EVENTS
BEING HELD AT ANY OF
OUR PARISH SITES.**

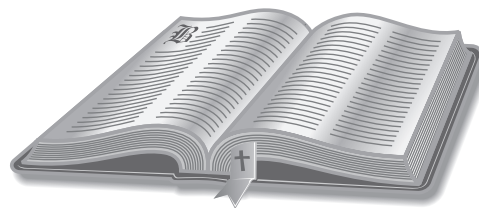
Safe Environment Information:

Saint Wenceslaus facilitates a safe environment for minors and vulnerable adults by requiring all employees, as well as volunteers, who have regular or unsupervised interaction with minors or vulnerable adults, to be Essential 3 qualified (background check, Code of Conduct, and Safe Environment Training).

For more information, contact
laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org

SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16-22, 2020

**Monday, November 16:**

WIS 3:1-9 / ROM 6:3-9 / JN 6:37-40

Tuesday, November 17:

PHIL 2:5-11 / LK 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 18:

PHIL 2:12-18 / LK 14:25-33

Thursday, November 19:

PHIL 3:3-8A / LK 15:1-10

Friday, November 20:

PHIL 3:17-4:1 / LK 16:1-8

Saturday, November 21:

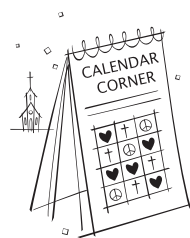
PHIL 4:10-19 / LK 16:9-15

Sunday, November 22:

WIS 6:12-16 / 1 THES 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14 /
MT 25:1-13

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