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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	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 $\sim npcatholic.org$

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 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

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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 Desk of Father Eugene Theisen

<u>Padre's Pen</u> ~ Christ the King

It's great to be back with you after a very restful (but busy vacation). THANK YOU! to everyone who turned out and helped clean our churches during this little break. The churches look great and my nose could tell something different than the cleaners we've been using for so long.

As we have almost completed our election season (as it works its way through courts and run-off elections begin in some areas), we are reminded this weekend as to who is really in charge. We celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the Universe this weekend. Jesus Christ alone can heal the brokenness and division that has so marked our country in the runup to the election and beyond. We live in this world but are not of this world. We are created by God and for God. We are called to prepare in this life for an eternity that transcends the politics of this world. None of us can escape the eventuality of meeting the King of Kings and Lord of Lords when our lives have run their course. In a sense, we live in this world with one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel. When that foot slips, we will all be on our knees in the light of Jesus Christ's kingly glory.

Since Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega (i.e. the first and the last), do we then make him the first thing we think of and honor in the morning and the last one we greet and beg pardon before we go to bed? Do we only give Him our troubles and ask for His help? Or do we also give Him our Joys and thank Him for His love? Do we treat Him as a loving King or is He merely an acquaintance to whom we wave on occasion?

It seems to me that there is a lot of disappointment to go around in our lives with COVID, elections, and life in general, but thanks be to God in Jesus Christ! He never disappoints and, with an active faith on our part, He can bring us through any dark valley to the joy and light of His Kingdom which is already in our midst.

Ad Christum per Mariam, Fr. Theisen

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Advent Opportunity!



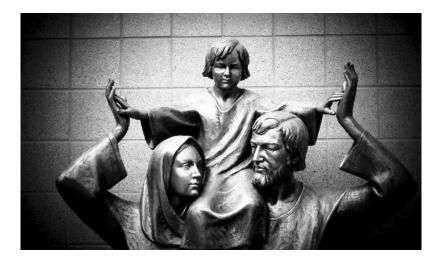
Rejoice! Advent Opportunities

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 <u>mary.higgins@npcatholic.org</u>.

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 28 & 29, 2020	Saturday St. John 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John 10:00 AM
Lector	MaryCarol Wolf	Megan Odenthal	Mary Nytes
Eucharistic Ministers	Fr. Theisen	Fr. George Grafsky	Fr. George Grafsky
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

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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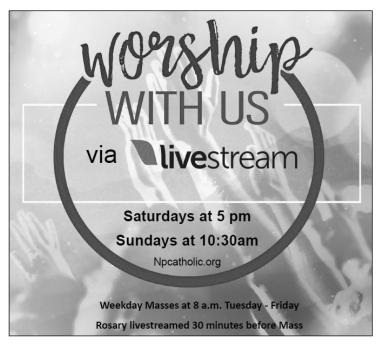
WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

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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.

Thank you to our outstanding volunteers who helped clean our churches last week. It was a lot of work! What a great job done.

The day after Thanksgiving, November 26, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be 9:00 am to noon. After 8:00 am Mass, Father will expose the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel for Adoration. Benediction will be at noon.

~ COLLECTION INFORMATION ~ St. Wenceslaus Site SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020 Collection information unavailable at time of print. Thank you for your generosity! **LE SUEUR COUNTY CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMI-LY.** We are still accepting cash donations. Please make checks payable to Adopt-A-Family Sign up here: https:// www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C45ABAE2CA7F49adopt Shopping must be completed by December 6. For more information, call Kathy McNamara – 952-200-4949.

Pay attention to your king! I can't remember when I learned how to play chess. I wonder if children today are learning the game. To them, chess must seem incredibly quaint, old-fashioned, and slow. It uses a whole different set of skills, relying on thinking ahead and getting into your opponent's thoughts rather than hand-eye coordination.

An interesting component to chess is the relative weakness of the king compared with the other chess pieces around him. The king must be protected at all costs even as the other pieces move to attack the opposing king. This is an interesting concept of kingship.

On this Feast of Christ the King, we have an image of the Shepherd protecting the sheep. It is a comforting and familiar image. We know that God protects us. But the readings also challenge us to protect one another—the weak, the hungry, the imprisoned.



This reflects the kingship of Jesus. We are being trusted to make Christ's kingship what it needs to be. We become the presence of Christ our king in the world today. We determine the image of Christ for the world to see and experience as Christ works through us—if we let him. It is our choice. And how we respond determines if we have protected Christ's presence in our world.

This is no easy task. To be able to make all the right

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Father Dominic Grassi

Father Dominic Grassi is retired pastor emeritus of St. Gertrude Catholic Parish in Chicago and the author of several award-winning books, including Death in Chicago.

Men's Weekend Retreat: December 11-13, 2020 Retreat presenters: Brother Bob Roddy, Father Jim Van Dorn, Father Jim Kent and Spiritual Director Dan Johnson. Step aside from all the disordered events of 2020 for a weekend of spiritual enlightenment from compelling - faith deepening spiritual conferences. Take in the December beauty of God's creation between talks to hike, partake in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick, meet one on one with a Spiritual Director or relax in your fully private suite.

Wrap up this challenging year by ensuring a solid foundation to your faith enabling you to remain strong leaders for your families. The friars of Prior Lake are excited to be your spiritual guides as you experience this very relevant theme.

Our theme; *Fear Not; I Am With You Always* has been especially well received this year. I especially enjoyed the second of the four talks, but you may be moved by another.

- 1. Understanding Our Image of God
- 2. Moving from Fear to Trust
- 3. Casting Our Cares Upon the Lord
- 4. Walking by Faith.

You can register now online at www.franciscanretreats. net. or by calling at 952-447-2182

Scott County Health Free Covid Testing

This takes place each Monday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in New Prague. It also is done at other local locations during the week. For more information follow this link: https://www.primarybio.com/r/scottcounty

SoulCollage Sunday Circles: Sunday, December 13, 1:30-4 p.m., Online Events

The collage series is designed to give participants the time, space and silence they need to create, reflect on their lives and explore their own inner wisdom—a place of peace and a focus on God's presence in this challenging time we are now facing. Sessions include reflection, collage making and creative exercises. Cost is \$25 for an individual session.

Archdiocesan and Individual Consecration to St.

Joseph. Archbishop Hebda will consecrate the Archdiocese to Saint Joseph on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. COVID-19 protocols will be observed for those in attendance, and the event will be livestreamed.

The lay faithful are invited to join Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens in preparing for our Archdiocesan Year of St. Joseph, by making personal consecrations to St. Joseph through a 33-day preparation period during the year of St. Joseph. Learn how at https://www.archspm. org/synod/stjoseph/.

Christmas at the Monastery: December 7-13, Virtual Events hosted by the Sisters of St. Benedict of St. Paul's Monastery Celebrate Christmas virtually with the Sisters of St. Benedict in three virtual ways! Online materials included. Attend live or watch recorded sessions:

Online Christmas Marketplace – December 7-13: Complete your Christmas shopping list while raising essential funds for the Community and their Ministries!

Online Silent Auction – December 12, 2-4:30 p.m.: Among our many other exceptional offerings, this year's silent auction will include a three-course dinner for eight with Archbishop Bernard Hebda, hosted and catered by St. Paul's Monastery!

Virtual Social Hour with the Sisters – December 12, 3-4 p.m.: You are cordially invited to attend this special social hour with the Sisters! Registration is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. For more information or to register for events, go to www.stpaulsmonastery.org/ christmas.



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 6:00 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

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of SWS, & Future Kindergarten Families – Have we a deal for you!

A. Register before Thanksgiving and get the \$50 registration fee waived! This deal expires on November 25.

B. Every family gets a tuition discount for any additional children registered for kindergarten over our class minimum 15 students! (i.e. 16 kids = \$50 off, \$17 kids = \$100 off, etc.)

C. Kindergarten students who are registered by January 31, 2021 and stay enrolled in fall 2021 will receive an additional \$150 tuition credit from a CSCOE (Catholic School Center of Excellence) grant! – This is a firm dead-line so don't miss it.

Pray Often, Work Hard, Trust God

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Advent Individual Confessions

SW: Fridays during Advent ~ December 4, 11 & 18, 3:00 pm
SW: Saturdays during Advent ~ December 5, 3:00 pm, Dec 12 & 19, 1:00-3:00 pm
SJ: Saturdays during Advent ~ December 5 Adoration & Individual Confession 6:45 pm Dec 12 & 19, 7:30 pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

SS: Vigil Monday, December 7, 5:00 pmSW: Tuesday, December 8, 8:00 am & 5:00 pmSJ: Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 pm

Advent Penitential Celebration

SW: Thursday, December 3, 4:00-6:00 pm followed by individual confession

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th SW: Masses 4:00 pm (livestreamed), 6:00 pm & 9:30 pm SJ: Mass 11:00 pm

> Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th SS: Mass 9:00 am SW: Mass 10:30 am (livestreamed)

<u>New Year's - Solemnity of Mary</u> Thursday, December 31st

SW: 5:00 pm **SJ:** Mass 7:00 pm

Friday, January 1st SW: Mass 10:00 am



LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23-29, 2020

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

Monday, November 23	
7:30 am	Rosary SW
Tuesday, November 24	
8:00 am	Mass SW
Wednesday, November	25
8:00 am	Myrt Hanzelŷ – Mass SW
7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Mass SJ
Thursday, November 26	
8:00 am	Martha Svobodaቱ – Mass SW
Friday, November 27	
8:00 am	Mass SW
3:00 pm	Confessions SW
Saturday, November 28	
3:00	Confessions SW
4:00 pm A	Albert & Odona Kubesថ – Mass SW
	Confessions SJ
8:15 pm	Mass SJ
Sunday, November 29	
8:00 am	Julia Odenthalቄ – Mass SS
8:30 am	Delores Pumperቱ – Mass SW
	Richard & Nan Eischenst – Mass SJ
10:30 am	Francis & Adeline A Busch⅌,
Doug	g Buschϑ, Myrt Hanzelϑ – Mass SW

MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23-29, 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 23-29, 2020



Monday, November 23: RV 14:1-3, 4b-5 / LK 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 24: RV 14:14-19 / LK 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 25: RV 15:1-4 / LK 21:12-19

Thursday, November 26: Sir 50:22-24 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19

Friday, November 27: RV 20:1-4, 11—21:2 / LK 21:29-33

> **Saturday, November 28:** RV 22:1-7 / LK 21:34-36

> **Sunday, November 29:** IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 / 1 COR 1:3-9 / MK 13:33-37

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