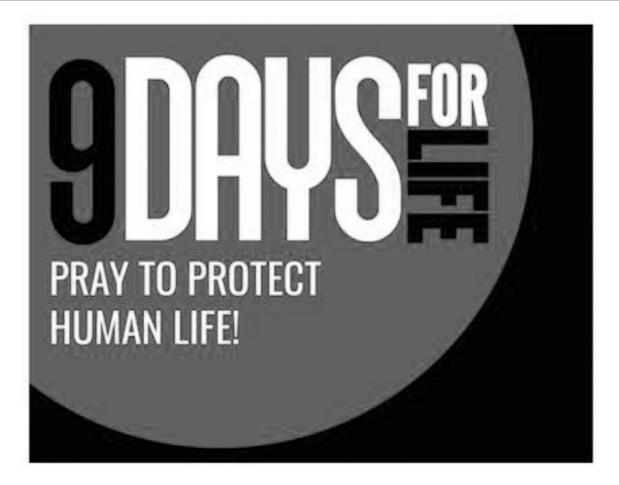
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 2021



JANUARY 21-29, 2021

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.



Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

SAINT WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC PARISH *Three Sites of Worship ~ One Community of Faith*

Including St. Wenceslaus, St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica

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

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

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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 Desk of Father Eugene Theisen



Padre's Pen ~

Scams, Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children, & Another Day of Prayer

In the past few weeks, we have gotten inquiries in the office as to whether I had sent out some text messages/e-mails requesting help. At least one was asking for iTunes cards. These are scams! If I am going to ask for money/assistance/help for the sake of the poor or for our church, I will ask in more traditional ways (e.g. look you in the eye and ask, through our bulletin, a mailing from the office, etc.). If I am in need of personal help, I will go first to my brother and sister and those whom I personally designate (i.e., if I haven't spoken with you designating you as a person I would call, then you have not been personally designated). So please just disregard texts/e-mails of these sorts.

This Friday is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. We will have our regularly scheduled Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main church that day with the added emphasis of praying that we can see some change in our laws through a change in the hardened hearts in our culture and government. We will close Adoration one hour early with Benediction at 5:00 pm followed immediately by the "Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" from our Roman Missal.

I also recommend that this coming Wednesday 20 January that the first thing that all of us do when we get up in the morning is to offer a prayer for our nation. Also, extend that prayer throughout the day. The events of the past couple weeks and the anger, bitterness, and vitriol so easily cast about from all these past four years has left our country hanging on a precipice. It cannot and will not be fixed from a purely human and/ or political perspective. The power of Christian prayer and sacrifice can/will bring about the revelation truth and return to sanity that we seek. Pray, Pray, Pray.

Christum per Mariam, Fr. Theisen

Parish Debt Last Month	Parish Debt This Month
\$381,093.93	\$374,966.45

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9dayforlife.com!



LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

1. Mass for the legal protection of unborn children and to give thanks for the Gift of Human Life. Friday, January 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, New Prague, Mn.

2. Adoration of the Holy Eucharist, Friday, January 22, 2021. Mass at 8:00 am, Adoration 8:30 am – 5:00 pm at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church.

3. Image Clear Ultrasound mobile unit will be at St. Wenceslaus Church at 4:30 p.m. for tours before and after mass, Friday, January 22.

4. 9 DAYS FOR LIFE novena for the protection of human life. January 21-29, 2021. Each day's intentions are accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Copies of the novena can be found in the back of church or online at 9daysforlife.com

Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John & St. Scholastica

January 23 / 24 2021	Saturday St. John 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John 10:00 AM
Lector	Sandy Kubes	Megan Odenthal	Mary Nytes
Eucharistic Ministers	Fr. Theisen	Ted Odenthal	Lori Wooten
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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COLLECTION INFORMATION

WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY JANUARY 3 AND 10, 2021

Total Collected for 1/03	\$804
Total Collected for 1/10	\$1,790
Under Budget for Weeks	\$3,714
Actual Collections YTD	\$85,406
Under Budget YTD	\$2,902
Budget for Next Week	\$3,154

Thank you for your support!

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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.

~ COLLECTION INFORMATION ~ St. Wenceslaus Site SUNDAYS, JANUARY 03 AND 10, 2021

Total for 1/03	\$4,381
Total for 1/10	\$6,462
Under Challenge for Weeks	
Actual Collections YTD	\$403,477
Under Challenge YTD	\$35,995
Challenge for Next Week	\$15,023

Thank you for your generosity!

Bethlehem Academy Shadow Days/Tours

Experience an education with purpose! Join us for a shadow day or tour at Bethlehem Academy in Faribault,

and see for yourself how our ACT-aligned, Christ-centered curriculum and supportive Cardinal community will prepare you to take on life's challenges. We encourage classmates to come together! Sign up for a shadow day or register online for a family tour, offered Mon-Fri from 3:00-6:00pm, on our website at www.bacards.org. We can't wait to meet you!

Virtual Ascend Conference

January 21-23, online - This conference for young adults will take you on a deep dive into what it means to be "created for worship." It is our hope that these three nights of high-powered keynotes, convicting exhortation, live whole-hearted worship, and our very own "Ascend Show" will open your heart to a new and profound experience of your identity in Christ. This free conference for young adults will take you on a deep dive into what it means to be "created for worship." **Special guests include Fr. Mike Schmitz, Dr. Mary Healy, and Dr. Dan Keating.** Register at ascendspo.org.

Archdiocesan Synod: Faith and Culture Series

January 20 – February 9, four sessions 7-8:30 p.m., Virtual Event; Link Sent to Registrants Inspired by the thousands of participants at the Prayer and Listening Events, this series connects their stories to the story of the Church. Each virtual event includes a talk, testimonials, and a live panel discussion. Registration is required to participate live. Find topics, dates and registration at archspm.org/synod.

What Mass Means: How Sacrifice and Real Presence Are Life-Changing



We tend to think of "sacrifice" and "real presence" as doctrines to believe in – perhaps with some vague awareness of complicated medieval terms such as "transubstantiation." But the logic of the liturgies of the various Christian traditions, and the whole point of the Vatican II renewal, is that our liturgical sharing in Christ's dying and rising is meant to transform us individually and communally. The implications are

huge! This presentation will be conducted by Fr. Anthony Ruff OSB.

Thursday, January 28, Webinar presentation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Event is Free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/ theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

Fr. Anthony Ruff OSB is a monk of St. John's Abbey and

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

associate professor of liturgy and liturgical music at CSB/SJU and the School of Theology and Seminary. He has masters degrees from St. John's and Yale, and his doctorate is from the University of Graz, Austria. He has served on the national boards of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and the Hymn Society, was an advisor to the U.S. bishops' conference in drafting their document Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, and chaired the international committee that composed the ministerial chants for the 2011 Roman Missal. He is founding director of the National Catholic Youth Choir and editor of the popular liturgy blog Pray Tell. He is abbey music director and organist and directs Gregorian chant.

Practicing Catholic on Relevant Radio 1330AM



Patrick sits down with **Ryan O'Hara** to discuss the upcoming Ascend Virtual Conference for young adults, created by SPO. **Fr. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P.** is in town and is sharing about our call to sainthood and universal holiness. Lastly, **Fr. Tom Margevicius** of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship goes in depth about the Baptism of

Our Lord, the concluding day of the Catholic Christmas season. Practicing Catholic (previously the Rediscover: Hour) airs Friday at 9:00pm, Saturday at 1:00pm, and Sunday at 2:00pm on Relevant Radio 1330AM.

Together in Hope



The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent foundation partnering with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith.





FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Disciples of Christ grades 1-7

Summer and School year families: A big thank you to those who went over the Child Safety

lesson with their child(ren) and turned in the form, it saves me from bugging you for it! If you have not turned it in yet, I will be reaching out.

School year families: A reminder that your next set of lessons for grades 1-7 are ready in the Church Basement of SW. This next batch of lessons began on January 13 and will take you through March 3. We will have one

Open hours: Tuesday - Friday: 7:15 until 4, Saturdays: 3 until after 4 pm Mass, Sundays: 8 until after 10:30 Mass. If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Laura at 952-758-5131 and we will work something out that is convenient for you. Enjoy this special time with your child. It may be the most important thing you can do together. Be the good. Laura



SCHOOL NEWS from SWS Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of SWS,

We are very thankful to be able to continue our in-person learning direction. We

are able to do so by adopting strict protocols which include continuous heavy cleaning plus weekly communication with the county health teams, the Archdiocese, and when necessary the MDH, local clinics, school district officials, and other professionals who are there to support us and other school leaders. We will continue to stay strong with our procedures as we move into the second half of the school year. For our school, one key component in staying healthy and limiting the spread is to keep kids home with any symptoms – even just one. This cautious response has helped contain virus spread for COVID, garden variety colds, and influenza. We are so thankful for the cooperation of our school families in following this standard. It is working.

We ask everyone to stay strong and to continue to pray for our school, our students, each of our school families, and especially for our staff. We will get through this if everyone sticks together. It is a great way to participate in the SWS school family that we are so proud of.

Pray Often, Work Hard, Trust God!



Preschool Open House

Registration for fall 2021 is taking place. We are offering a **"live in-person"** night when future preschool families can come to see our preschool hallway, classrooms, and meet all of our teachers.

Preschool registration forms can be dropped off on this night or mailed in. You are not obligated to attend the open house to register your child in the program. Our facility will accept four families per room at a time for social distancing (We have four rooms and can accept 16 visitors at a time). Tuesday, January 19. Stop in anytime between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Park on Columbus Avenue and enter through the "Preschool Entrance".

Sunday, Jan 17, 2021 second sunday in Ordinary Time Lifestyles of the brave and mobile

Media coverage is thick concerning the lifestyles of the rich and famous. The lives of the truly heroic, on the other hand—faithful spouses, conscientious parents, the working poor, folks who turn their lives around after addiction or costly misdirection—are mostly hidden from view. Faithful discipleship requires effort, quiet persistence, and most of all, movement in the spirit. Followers don't stand still, unchangeable in opinions or behaviors. Growth is required. The terms of the deal are as follows: "Come —and see."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42 (65). "'Rabbi . . . where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and you will see.' "

Monday, Jan 18, 2021 Abide your time this week

For more than 100 years, Christians around the world have been observing annually the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25). For Catholics, this week is an opportunity to also ponder the Decree on Ecumenism from Vatican II. Is your diocese or parish participating in this healing effort? For resources, visit the World Council of Churches at Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As you pray, call to mind this year's theme: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit."

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311). "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?"

Tuesday, Jan 19, 2021 Pray the pope's prayer for peace

Exactly 60 years ago tomorrow, John F. Kennedy gave an inaugural address that quoted Romans 12:12, reminding citizens to be "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation." One year later, Pope John XXIII became a secret intermediary between Kennedy and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, speaking a message of peace to the entire world during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Haunted by the experience, he penned his final encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*, stressing the church's Christian duty to address international issues of peace and human rights—speaking to all persons "of good will," not only Catholics. Pray for peace and the perseverance of hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312). "Hold fast to the hope that lies before us."

Wednesday, Jan 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR Be open to the Spirit of surprise

In the year 236, Fabian left his farm and headed to Rome. He wanted to be in town for the election of a new pope. The furthest thing from his mind, or anyone's mind, was that he would be elected. Legend holds that as clergy discussed worthy candidates, a dove landed on the head of bystander Fabian. Thinking it was a sign from the Holy Spirit, the crowd elected Fabian by acclamation. A kind and capable administrator, he had the respect of both the faith community and three different emperors

in a period of rare peace. Although that peace eventually ended and persecution cost him his life, Fabian's legacy endures. Be open to unexpected visitations of the Holy Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313). "Come up here before us."

Thursday, Jan 21, 2021 MEMORIAL OF AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Draw inspiration from women of faith

Today we honor both Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr, and, in some places, Our Lady of Altagracia, protectress of the Dominican Republic. The devotion to both grew from grassroots popularity; that is, ordinary Christians were moved by their stories and lifted them up for veneration. Saint Agnes was executed for her faith in the fourth century. Our Lady of Altagracia is an image of Mary in the Dominican Republic that, according to legend, kept mysteriously moving to an orange grove until a church was built there. Centuries later memories of both women continue to inspire the faithful. Take a moment to reflect on women of faith who inspire you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314). "Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him."

Friday, Jan 22, 2021 Embracing your inner apostle

How many apostles did Jesus call? If you said 12, well, you are sort of correct. Indeed, Jesus appointed 12 followers to be his close companions, to learn from him, and to preach the Good News. But it doesn't stop at 12. Jesus continues to call forth apostles in the church. We have bishops who continue the mission via the tradition of apostolic succession. We also have every single person in the church, including you! "The whole church is apostolic, in that she remains . . . in communion of faith and life with her origin: and in that she is 'sent out' into the whole world," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. How will you respond to your call to apostleship?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315). "Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him."

Saturday, Jan 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, RELIGIOUS Remarkable, two times over

Imagine leaving all that is familiar to minister in a far-off land. Now imagine doing it twice! German-born Marianne Cope came to the United States as a young woman and, as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York, became a founding leader of St. Joseph's Hospital in the city, one of the first general hospitals in the country. Then in 1883 she relocated with six other sisters to Hawai'i to care for persons suffering leprosy and to help develop the medical infrastructure of the island chain. Pray today for an ounce of the courage and sacrifice she modeled for us all.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21 (316). *"Jesus came with his disciples into the house."*



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

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LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2021 - JANUARY 24, 2021

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

Monday, January 18

Tuesday, January 19 8:00 am..... Arnie Schoenbauer ଙ୍କ - Mass SW

Wednesday, January 20

8:00 amSWS	Mass	SW
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Thursday, January 218:00 am...... Dale VonBank 🕆 - Mass SW

Friday, January 22 8:00 am.....Myrt Hanzel 🕆 - Mass SW

Saturday, January 23

3:00 pm	Confessions SW
4:00 pm	Mass SW
8:15 pm	Mass SJ

Sunday, January 24

8:00 am	Mass SS
8:30 am	Mass for the People - Mass SW
10:00 am	Joseph Scheffler ቱ - Mass SJ
10:30 am	Carol Williams ቱ - Mass SW



STAFF DIRECTORY NEW PRAGUE AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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> SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2021 -JANUARY 24, 2021



Monday, January 18: Heb 5:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19: Heb 6:10-20 / Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 / Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 21: Heb 7:25—8:6 / Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 22: Heb 8:6-13 / Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 23: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 / Mk 3:20-21

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MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2021 -JANUARY 24, 2021

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

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