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August 15, 2021



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 St. Wenceslaus Catholic Parish which includes the Church of St. Wenceslaus and St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica. We are so glad 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 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 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (8:00 am to Noon on Fridays during the summer.)

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses	
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 am
Rosary Only	
Monday	7:30 am
Weekday Masses w/Rosary at	7:30 am
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

Friday from 3:00-4:00 pm in the church Saturday 4:00-4:40 pm

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

Thursday in church after 8:00 am Mass

Adoration

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

Early Morning Scripture Study

Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 am 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



<u>Padre's Pen</u> ~ Festival Stuff and the Assumption

Once again, I cannot thank enough all our volunteers who made this year's festival a great success. I especially thank

Dan Novak, Missy Trnka, Chad Franek, Liz Neiderhiser, Erica Scheffler, and Adam Wiener our Top-6 Committee who pulled it all off in another difficult year.

We welcome Lynn Sticha and Pete Sticha (not married to each other) as the new 1st year members of the Top-6 and thank Missy Trnka and Dan Novak as they enter the exclusive club of alumni Top-6 members.

Speaking of the Festival... there is still one unclaimed prize in my office. Someone did not claim their half of one of the Split-Pot drawings. If you still have your ticket stubs, please check again. The last 4 numbers of the winning ticket are ...9282. If you have a stub that matches, please bring it to the office for comparison with the stub that was drawn. We will wait two weeks (until August 29th) for the stub to come to the office. If not, we thank you for the donation to the festival.

This year the Holy Day of Opportunity of the Assumption of Mary falls on a Sunday. So, the number of confessions I should hear this year for missing the Holy Day of Opportunity should be almost nil (alas, there's still a few who miss on Sundays for no good reason).

The Assumption and Coronation of Mary in Heaven is the crowning (pun intended) of graces given to Mary by God. She was preserved from the stain of original sin in her Immaculate Conception, leading to a sinless life, and the great and unique grace of giving her own flesh as the building block for the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. Her Son, Jesus Christ, then brings her mission on earth to completion by having her share in the resurrection of the body into blessedness which is the culmination for the faithful at the end of time. She participates now in what all the faithful will experience at the end of time.

Thus, this Solemn Feast is celebrating the fullness of our salvation in Jesus Christ. He has accomplished in His mother what He desires to accomplish in all of us. The Blessed Virgin Mary, in her Assumption, is the greatest (non-divine) boast of the human race tracing out the pattern of life needed that leads to heaven. I pray we all can follow her example.

Ad Christum per Mariam, Fr. Theisen

Parish Debt Last Month	Parish Debt This Month
\$233,573.10	\$219,364.28

Thank You from the Top 6



Congratulations to the bucket raffle winners: The bucket raffle winners are: Kevin Kajer, Gib Sticha, Camilla Hartman, Dick Hruby, Kathy Pikal & Larry Doyle.

Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John & St. Scholastica

August 21/22 2021	Saturday St. John 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John 10:00 AM
Lector	Connie Brezina	Karen Odenthal	Amy Lemke
Eucharistic Ministers		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
Weekday Masses		
Wednesday	5:30 pm	St. John

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

Reconciliation

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

Baptism & Confirmation

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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 SUNDAY, AUGUST 08, 2021

Total Collected for 08/08	. \$1,547
Under Budget for Week	-\$1,607
Actual Collections YTD	\$16,809
Under Budget YTD	-\$2,114
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. One License: 700. A-711205

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 congrátulations to *Josephine Anne Barten*, daughter of Stephen Barten & Renee Lamb. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion!

We would like to thank the Top Six for all their work to make the festival so successful! A special thank you to Missy Trnka and Dan Novak for their service the last three years and to Liz Neiderhiser, Chad Franek, Erica Scheffler and Adam Weiner for their continued efforts. Welcome and thanks to Lynn Sticha and Pete Sticha for their commitment to the Top Six for the coming 3 years.

A Treasure for You Sale Funds raised will go for building repairs on St. John & St. Scholastica Churches! (Steeple, roof and brick work) held at St. John the Evangelist in Union Hill August 20-21. Donations are being accepted August 16-19, 8:00-10:00am & 4:00-7:00pm, We are looking for baked goods, garden produce, household items, clothes, jewelry, books, tools and sports equipment in good shape. (Unsold large items will need to be picked up. Thanks!) To volunteer or for questions call Connie Brezina at 952-758-5956.

Fantastic news! We are so happy to share the news that we hired a new Youth Minister! Brit LaVigne will be joining

us toward the end of August. Britt comes to us with several years of experience in Youth Ministry. Her enthusiasm is contagious. She will be working with our 6&7 graders in our new EDGE program on Wednesday nights. She will also be coordinating our Confirmation program on Sundays. Michelle Redfearn has agreed to stay on and help with the transition and on-call basis. Thank you, Michelle! Britt will be offering small group discussions, studies, and fun events. She is looking forward to meeting our 6-12 grade teens in Youth Ministry. We also hope to bring back our much loved Youth Alive groups for our 10-12 grade teens ... so much good news! You will be hearing more about Brit in the coming weeks. Welcome Brit!

Plarn Mats for those experiencing Homelessness to sleep on. The Plarn Ministry is collecting grocery bags to make into plarn (plastic yarn) and crochet into plastic mats for those experiencing homelessness to sleep on. There are two blue barrels for grocery bag donations located in the area marked Martha's Corner. Volunteers are needed to help! If you would like to participate in any steps of this ministry, please come down to the church basement in the Blessed Mother Gathering Space on Wednesday afternoons between 1:00 and 3:00. Instruction/training provided. If you have any questions, please contact MaryCarol Wolf at 952-758-3225 or email MaryCarol.Wolf@npcatholic.org.

Have a cell phone and 20 minutes to spare? You could help with the Synod this fall by being a scribe. All you have to do is enter the responses from your group with your phone and send them off to the archdiocese. Contact Mary (952-758-0464) or Laura (952-758-5131) in the Faith Formation office if you're interested.



Bl. Karl's Corner

O Mighty God, for the sake of the Sacred Heart of Your Son, help us and all nations in our time of need. Take our prayers and sacrifices as an expiation for injustices everywhere. Help us to follow the

example of Your servant Karl of Austria, who, despite having suffered indignities, slander, and exile, remained faithful and sought always to do Your will. May his fidelity soon bring him to the honor of public veneration as a saint. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who with You lives and reigns, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen

R.I.P. Irene 'Dottie' Pyka (1927-2021) Please keep the soul of Irene in your prayers. She was anxiously awaiting the completion of the Bl. Karl Chapel and offered many prayers for its success. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.

Join us Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for our Bl. Karl Mass at St. John's. Latin rosary begins at 5:00 p.m.. Latin materials are provided. For more information, email: bl.Karl.UnionHill@gmail.com or visit www.emperorcharles.org

Bl. Karl of Austria, Pray for us!

The meeting of Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women will be Monday, August 23, 6:30 pm at St. John's Koenig Hall. We will be updated on the progress of the restoration projects of St. John and St. Scholastica. All women are invited to these meetings.

COLLECTION INFORMATION ~ St. Wenceslaus Site Sunday August 08

Total Collected for 08/08	\$9,868
Under Challenge for Week	\$5,446
Actual Collections YTD	\$80,934
Under Challenge YTD	\$10,950
Challenge for Next Week	\$15,314

Thank you for your generosity!

Benefit Banquet for Relevant Radio 1330 AM and Catholic Schools: All are cordially invited to join Relevant Radio Executive Director Father Francis Hoffman ("Father Rocky") and radio show hosts Patrick Madrid, Father Richard Simon, Glen Lewerenz, and Paul Sadek, as we honor Saint Joseph at the 10th Annual Christ Brings Hope Benefit Banquet. This festive evening will take place at the DoubleTree - Bloomington/ Minneapolis South on Thursday, September 16, 2021. Gifts made to Relevant Radio that evening will be matched to assist with tuition funds of participating Catholic schools. For details, visit the Events tab at www.relevantradio.com or call Celine at 612-643-4117. Space is limited! Register today!



FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY Disciples of Christ (grades 1-9)

Fall is just around the corner, and with that is the beginning of a school year and the startup of our Faith Formation program – YAY! For our 1-5 grade children, we will again use the St. Mary's Press Bible and study. We will return to meeting on campus Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm. There will also be the option for an at-home study for all grades but second.

We are excited to be offering a new curriculum for our 6 & 7 graders. This will be a fun, interactive way for our young tweens and teens to grow in their relationship with Jesus while learning more about our Catholic faith. We are excited to bring this new curriculum to our families on Wednesday nights.

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ODENTHAL LANDSCAPING 612-703-4803 Our 8 & 9 grade Confirmation Preparation program will take place on Sunday morning and include 10:30 Mass. Those 8th graders at St Wenceslaus School will receive this first year of Confirmation within their religion classes at the school. All others will be joining us on Sunday mornings. These groups meet about 15 times throughout the year.

We are excited to get our students back on campus and involved in their parish community! Please register soon. Here is the link: https://npcatholic.org/2021-22-disciples-of-christ-grades-1-9-registration-form Register today!

Needed: small group leaders: We have an exciting opportunity for conversation on the needs of our archdiocese moving forward, with the Synod discussions this fall. While existing small groups can meet at a time and place of their own choosing, the bulk of our meetings will take place on six Thursdays beginning Sept. 23. We are in need of trained facilitators to help with the discussions. The materials provided make it an easy job, and a short online training will be provided in early Sept. It would be ideal if facilitators could commit to being present all six weeks. Please consider volunteering for this opportunity. Contact mary.higgins@npcatholic.org (952-758-0464) or laura. schoenecker@npcatholic.org (952-758-5131) to sign on or for more information.

SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

Dear Parishioners, Dear Parents, Grandparents, Friends of SWS,



Welcome to the 21-22 school year. It is going to be a great one. I can assure you that we have a fantastic group of teachers and staff members here at SWS. We have the energy

and experience to make our school the best no matter what comes our way while we put the growth and learning of our students as a high priority.

By enrolling in our school, your children will be cared for and loved. We treat them as we would our own family, and that makes SWS an extraordinary place. Above all, we have grace, hope, and strength because God is the center of each day, of each activity, and each decision. We are a blessing, and we are blessed.

May the Powers of Heaven pour out to our SWS family as we come together for this 21-22 year.

Kim Doyle, Principal

Pray Often, Work Hard, Trust God

Sunday, Aug 15, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Some assumptions prove true

Catholicism acknowledges twin sources in scripture and tradition. While our faith is biblically rooted, we embrace an expanding truth discerned by saints and mystics, church doctors, and popes. Mary's Assumption isn't narrated in the gospels and wasn't taught dogmatically until 1950. It evolved from the second-century appreciation of Mary as the New Eve: preserved from sin at conception and therefore not subject to sin's effects in death. Liturgists, saints, and theologians promoted the Assumption for centuries, and devout Catholics championed this understanding. Finally, Pope Pius XII bowed to the "sense of the faithful" and made it official in 1950.

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28 (621); Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet."

Monday, Aug 16, 2021

MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Concern yourself with the greatest Kingdom

Royal families are typically concerned about succession and making sure they have an heir. They want their lineage to survive them. Many monarchs eventually failed at that, including King Saint Stephen I of Hungary, who founded the country in the year 1000 and made it Christian. Only one of his sons lived to adulthood but died before Stephen did. What Stephen did leave behind is a country that is still majority Catholic. We might not be remembered for sowing faith long into the future here on Earth—but if we remain faithful, we could end up with royal treasure in heaven.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22 (419). "Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?"

Tuesday, Aug 17, 2021

Pray for the persecuted

On this day in 1798, Our Lady of La Vang first appeared to Vietnamese victims of persecution. When Vietnam's emperor outlawed Catholicism, inciting brutality and martyrdom, believers fled to the rain forest of La Vang. They sought Mary's consolation, gathering beneath a large tree to pray the Rosary. They began seeing an apparition of Mother and Child, flanked by angels. She comforted them and is said to have pointed out nearby healing plants. Our Lady of La Vang is honored in the United States with a chapel at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Ask her to intercede for victims of racist hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). "We have given up everything and followed you."

Wednesday, Aug 18, 2021

Let's work on making work better

The U.S. Catholic Bishops have spoken on *The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers*, saying in part: "The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages" Food for thought at a time when workers' reluctance to return to low-paid, unfulfilling

jobs is much in the news. Is the problem with the worker—or the workplace?

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16 (421). "Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Thursday, Aug 19, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Take this devotion to heart

The Sacred Heart of Jesus image is ubiquitous in the Catholic world, and today we celebrate one of the people who helped create a devotion to it, John Eudes, a French priest (1601-80), who also founded the Eudists, the Congregation of Jesus and Mary. The Sacred Heart image is a heart encircled by a crown of thorns often depicted with radiating rays of light and placed on the chest of Jesus. The image is physical and mystical, a reminder of Christ's bodily sacrifice and mysterious in its supernatural appearance. Seek out this image and allow it to shape your prayer today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14 (422). "Everything is ready; come to the feast."

Friday, Aug 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

All hail Doctor Mellifluous

No, Mellifluous is not the newest superhero villain; it's a title for one of the greatest heroes of the Roman Catholic faith. Bernard of Clairvaux earned the nickname because his writings were eloquent, as suggested by the Latin root of his nickname: "flowing honey." This gift was founded on his deep love of God, scripture, and the church's tradition. His description of the Holy Spirit as the "kiss" between God the Father and Jesus the Son gives us a beautiful example of how to image the relationship of love among the three persons of the Trinity. Following in the good doctor's footsteps, how have you experienced the kiss of the Holy Spirit in your own relationships?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40 (423). "For wherever you go, I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

Saturday, Aug 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE

The year of living humbly

Prior to COVID-19, plagues mentioned in history books seemed like remote disasters that only happened in times and places where rats roamed streets filled with sewage. Now that we've been humbled by our continued vulnerability to unseen agents of disease and death, perhaps we can bring a renewed appreciation to Pius X, who endeared himself to the people of northern Italy because of his efforts tending the sick during the cholera plague of the early 1870s. Take a moment this week to thank someone who has tended the sick during our very modern plague.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12 (424). "The greatest among you must be your servant."

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 AUGUST 16 - AUGUST 22, 2021

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

Monday, August 16
7:30 amRosary SW
Tuesday, August 17
8:00 am Heather Cotter 🕆 - Mass SW
Wednesday, August 18
8:00 amRay & Dorothy Schoenecker पे - Mass SW
5:30 pmMass SJ
Thursday, August 19
8:00 amTom Shaughnessy पै - Mass SW
Friday, August 20
8:00 am Mass SW
3:00 pm Confessions SW
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet SW
5:35Rosary SW
Saturday, August 21
4:00 – 4:40 Confessions SW
5:00 pm Merlin Moore ਹੈ - Mass SW
7:30 pmConfessions SJ
8:15 pmMass SJ
Sunday, August 22
8:00 am Mary Margaret Walker 🕆,
Theresa Hinderscheit ∜ - Mass SS
8:30 am Mass for the People - Mass SW
10:00 amDick & Nan Eischens ម៉ - Mass SJ
10:30am Marian E. Sindelar 🕆 - Mass SW



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SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2021 -AUGUST 22, 2021



Monday, August 16:

Jgs 2:11-19 / Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 17:

Jgs 6:11-24a / Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 18:

Jgs 9:6-15 / Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 19:

Jgs 11:29-39a / Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 20:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 / Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 21:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 / Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 22:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b / Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 / Jn 6:60-69

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MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2021 -AUGUST 22, 2021

Please check with parish office or website calendar for meeting information. www.npcatholic.org

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

If you or someone you know has been abused, exploited, or harassed by a clergy member, religious brother or sister, lay employee or volunteer of a parish or Catholic school, your first call should be to law enforcement. You are also encouraged to contact the archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program at 651-291-4475.

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