

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 23 , 2022



The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives..

Cf. Lk 4:18

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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 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
(8:00 am to Noon on Fridays during the summer.)

Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 4:00 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 home bound 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 Britt LaVigne at 952-758-0486

Reconciliation

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



Padre's Administrative Assistant – Gets the Pen this Week!

Mark your calendars! We are very excited to announce that on Saturday, February 26 at 6:30pm we will be welcoming Christian Recording Artist, Jason Gray to St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church!

Join us for an inspiring and intimate evening of LIVE music! This special show, with limited attendance will be an intimate gathering in a way Jason hopes will feel less like a concert and more like a conversation between friends.

Tickets are free (but limited) with an opportunity for free will offering at the door.

About the Artist

Jason Gray is a leading contemporary Christian music artist, currently residing in Nashville, TN, and signed with Centricity Music. Jason recently released his 17th album, a 3-part project called, "Order, Disorder, Reorder". Here's what he has to say about it:

"Truly, truly, I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a seed; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." —John 12:24

"The human spirit is something like a muscle in that it must be pushed to its limits and torn down in order to grow. Three words to describe this process of transformation are order, disorder, and reorder. Order is when everything is going according to our plan. We're using all that we've learned so far to put our lives together with stability and security. Disorder is when our plan falls apart. We find we weren't as in control as we thought we were and there is more we need to learn. Reminded of our vulnerability, we are broken down and opened up enough to meet with God in a profound way. Reorder is when we emerge from disorder transformed by what we learned and by having met with God in a way that changed us. We are wiser, kinder, more humble, and stronger than before."

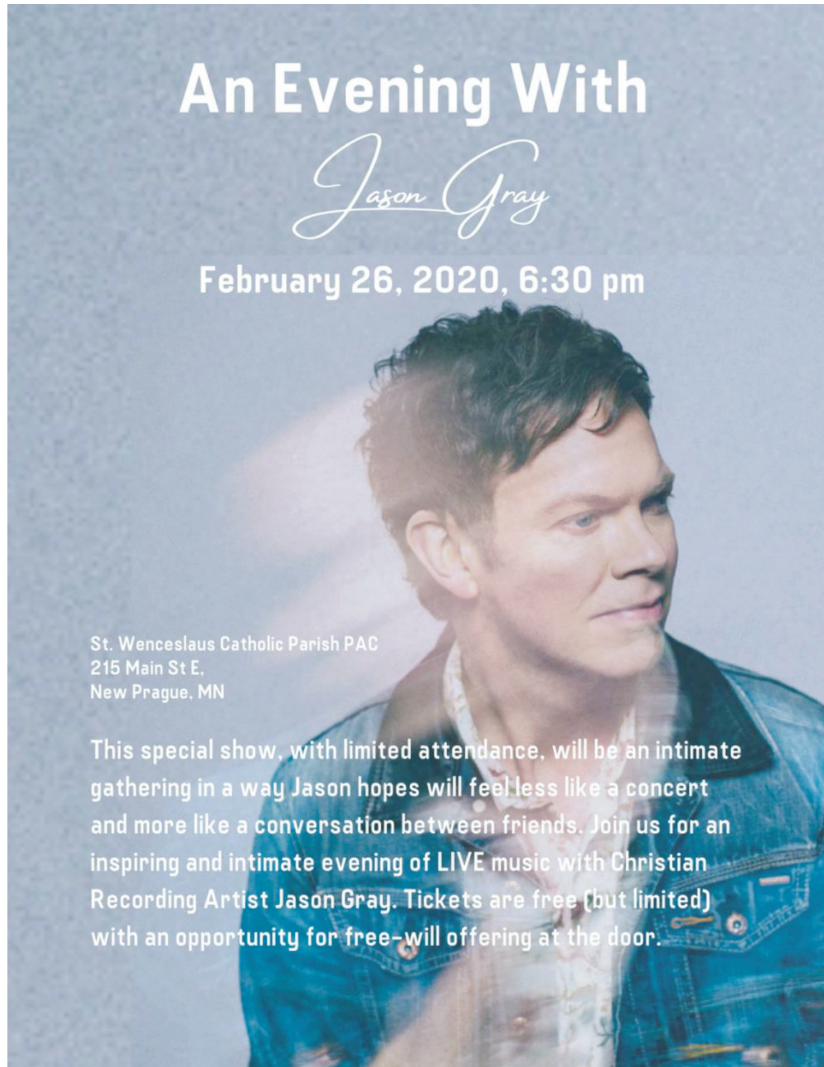
With a heart for connecting with others, Contemporary Christian singer-songwriter Jason Gray is known for the compassionate honesty and authenticity he offers through his music. Through this vulnerability, Jason has consistently reached listeners in a unique and compelling way, reflected in each of his projects.

Join us in the Parish Activity Center for an evening of LIVE music that will be sure to minister to your heart. Come for the music and stay for the refreshments and fellowship that will follow.

Go to our website to reserve your tickets today!

Parish Debt Last Month	Parish Debt This Month
\$155,903.68	\$ 141,403.60

Jason Gray



You can register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jason-gray-tickets-244459503957>

Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John & St. Scholastica

January 29/30 2022	Saturday St. John 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John 10:00 AM
Lector	Sandy Kubes	Karen Odenthal	Audrey Zurn
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Kubes	Marlene Dohmen	Jill Holden
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

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
WEEKS OF 01.02, 01.09, & 01.16**

Total Collected \$6,524
Collections at Mass \$5,224
Electronic Collections..... \$1,300
Over Budget +\$400
Over Budget YTD +\$4,192
Budget for Next Week \$3,154

Thank you for your support!

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PARISH AND AREA NEWS



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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



Sr. Smisek OP, takes a break from book signing to visit the Parish Office and donate a copy of her recent "Minnesota's 'Big Woods' Musicians".

K of C Free Throw Contest: The New Prague Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Council Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 30, 2022, from 1 pm to 2 pm. The contest is open to all girls and boys ages 9,10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. The competition will be held at the St. Wenceslaus Parish Activity Center. You may register the day of the event; registration will begin at 12:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Stasney at 952-393-1043.

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, there will be a pancake breakfast held at the KC Hall on Sunday, January 30. All proceeds go to St. Wenceslaus School. Before or after breakfast, please stop by the SWS Scholastic Book Fair in the Parish Activity Center.

Help Wanted: The Adopt A Spot Program is in need of two new volunteers. One for pews and one for altars. Please check the bulletin board in the West Vestibule near the elevator. Please take the envelope that contains the information regarding the area you would like to clean and sign the sheet, so we know who you are. Thank you for volunteering for this ministry. Your help is greatly appreciated. Adopt A Spot Committee.

New Prague Knights of Columbus are conducting their second annual "Pies for Life" pie sale. Pies include Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, French Silk, and Pecan. The KC's will be selling pies after Mass at the church entrances the weekends of Jan. 29-30 and Feb. 5-6. All pies are \$15.00 each. Order forms can also be found in the back of church, ordered online by going to newpraguekc.org or call 612-226-8378. Pies will be ready for pick up on Saturday morning Feb 12 at the KC Hall in New Prague. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to support Pro-Life activities in the New Prague area.

Soup Supper Coming Soon: Plans are to continue to host the 28th Annual Soup Supper here at St. Wenceslaus on Monday evening February 21. This continues to be the primary fundraiser to support our monthly Soup Kitchen meals and other Catholic Charities needs in St. Paul. Again, three different soups will be offered. We hope you will be able to support this Soup Supper and enjoy the soup. Questions, call Norb Sticha 758.3888.

Breaking news!!! Amber Dudley has graciously offered to host an Ascension Press study on the Book of Ephesians! We are so happy to be able to offer these wonderful studies to dig deeper into the Word of God. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30. It will begin February 8 - March 15 and April 5-19. One of the beautiful things about these studies is...if you miss a night, you can access the videos and keep up on your own. You will miss the fabulous discussion, but at least you will have the materials covered. Space is limited so register today!



God Bless the Newly Baptized

Welcome and congratulations to *Paige Marie Bastyr*, daughter of Tyler & Briana Bastyr. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion!

Bl. Karl's Corner

Karl and Zita were not in Vienna even two years before war would be declared. In the time between November 1912 and the fatal shots at Sarajevo on June 28, 1914, Karl was taking intensive general staff studies and furthering his understanding of being a military leader. On January 3, 1914, the family welcomed a daughter, Adelheid. Franz Ferdinand was in as good of health as ever, and the throne seemed a very long way off, as the family settled into what they figured would be their family life for many years to come before the throne would call.

Aside from being largely ignored by Emperor Franz Josef, Franz Ferdinand was content. As he wrote to his mother, *'You don't know, dearest Mama, how happy I am... I cannot thank God enough for my good fortune ... She (Sophie) is everything to me, my wife, my adviser, my doctor, my friend - in one word my whole happiness... And our children! They are at once my wonder and my pride. I could sit the whole day admiring them. I love them so much. And in the evening at home, when I smoke my cigar and read my newspapers, and Sophie knits, the children play about, and everything is so delightful and cozy!'*

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

For those interested in saying a Latin rosary at home, Cardinal Burke leads the rosary in Latin on his Facebook page.



**COLLECTION INFORMATION ~
St. Wenceslaus Site
Weeks of 01.02, 01.09, & 01.16**

Total Collected	\$40,022
Collections at Mass	\$29,080
Electronic Collections	\$10,942
Over Budget	+\$8,239
Over Budget YTD	+\$3,972
Challenge for Next Week	\$15,314

Thank you for your generosity!

Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Joseph A. Williams Tuesday, January 25, 1:00 pm, Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul. On December 10, Pope Francis named Father Joseph Williams, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The ordination of Joseph Williams to the Epis-

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copacy will take place on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, with a public reception to follow. If you plan to attend in-person, please remember that Archbishop Hebda has strongly encouraged mask-wearing at Mass, in light of the pandemic. The ordination will also be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis' Facebook page and aired on Metro Cable Channel 6.

Family, friends, and anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Suicide Grief Support Group. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25th from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM. Because of COVID 19 and its variants, this will be an online meeting. There will not be an in-person meeting. Please contact Tom Handrich at (952) 445-0107 for additional information and a Zoom link for the meeting.

Great News...WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS have resumed in-person. A Marriage Encounter Weekend can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next WWME is Feb. 11-13, 2022, in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. To apply or for more information call 612-756-8720 or go to www.twincitieswwme.org



FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

9th Grade Confirmation Retreat 2/13-8th Grade has regular class schedule.

Retreat runs 8:30 am - 6:00pm Attendance for 9th graders is mandatory. If your teen cannot attend, they are responsible for finding another approved confirmation retreat. 8th grade parents are encouraged to help volunteer for the dinner starting at 5pm! Contact Britt in the Faith Formation office with any questions



SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

Dear Parishioners, Parents, Grandparents, Friends of SWS,

We have so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead. We will celebrate for an entire week for Catholic Schools Week beginning on January 30. This celebration takes place each year throughout the country with thousands of Catholic School students, parents, and staff members.

There are 5,981 Catholic Schools similar to our school in the USA. We are all different but share the same goal to teach academics while also teaching our faith beliefs and practices to our students. Catholic Schools are not just schools, we are a way of life. God is incorporated so deeply into our existence and into every decision that we make for the growth, health and well being of all who connect with us. All of our work is intentional for growing in the Glory of God. How cool is that? A reason to celebrate!

Kim Doyle, Principal

"Be Still and Know that I am God" - Psalm 46:10

Sunday, Jan 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Those aren't fighting words

Most fights don't start with a punch, but with a word. That's because words are among the most powerful forces on the planet. Ideas divide or unite a society. Insults scar, just as kind words can heal. Our sacred story contained in scripture is a word meant to make the world whole. Pope Francis asks us to honor the word of God this Sunday. We begin by symbolically enthroning the Bible in our homes today: putting it in a place of honor. This reminds us of the deeper enthronement of God's word in our hearts. Make room for one Bible verse every day.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Monday, Jan 24, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

God, our shield and our strength

We live in tumultuous times for sure. But the world has been topsy-turvy before. Saint Francis de Sales lived during the religious, political, and social upheaval of the Protestant Reformation. And he became known for his gentleness and patience in the face of it. Leave it to him, the patron saint of writers, to pen a prayer that is timeless balm for troubled souls: "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations . . ." A balm for these troubled times.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). *"If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."*

Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Harden not your heart

Paul has always been a controversial figure. Before becoming a Christian, he was a persecutor of Jesus' followers. Paul's biblical words advising women to be submissive to their husbands have been alternately obeyed, rejected, and reinterpreted. But the word "conversion" on this feast reminds us what Christian life is about. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Saint Ambrose on the "two conversions" in Christian life—one of them a one-time event and the other ongoing. "There are water and tears, the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." What parts of your life still require repentance?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *"Jesus . . . appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."*

Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Stay the course

Evangelizing and living the gospel demands much of us. Saints Timothy and Titus serve as examples to us of holding fast to the faith among difficult circumstances. Friends and companions of Saint Paul, they ended up becoming bishops and leaders of the early church. They helped Paul to spread the gospel during those difficult early years. Timothy paid the ultimate price for encouraging others to embrace the emerging Christian faith.

Reflect on the ways you choose to follow Jesus Christ and embrace his mission despite the challenges and difficulties it presents.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:1-20 (520; Gospel 319). *"[T]hose sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."*

Thursday, Jan 27, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Wise counsel for the overwhelmed

On this memorial of Saint Angela Merici, 16th-century founder of the Ursuline Sisters, it makes sense to recall one of her many insights into faith-filled living. She advised the overwhelmed thus: "Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand." May you find that saving hand when you reach the end of your rope.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?"*

Friday, Jan 28, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Root yourself in honesty

G.K. Chesterton once said of philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas, "Being himself resolved to argue, to argue honestly, to answer everybody, to deal with everything, he produced books enough to sink a ship or stock a library." We could use a little more Thomas in our media, especially social media, because today we're not always sure if things are actually true or merely "internet true." For Thomas, honesty was key to communication. He considered it beautiful, honorable, and a reflection of moral goodness itself. May we take to heart his commitment to honesty in all of our communication.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."*

Saturday, Jan 29, 2022**Sea of hope**

Alonzo Ketcham Parker, a 19th-century travel writer, called the Sea of Galilee "a fifth gospel" due to the amount of biblical history that occurred on its shores. It is the site where Jesus performed many of his most renowned miracles, such as walking on water, calming the storm, and feeding the multitude. Villages and settlements dotted the shore in Jesus' day, and most of Jesus' followers probably gained their livelihood and nourished their families from its bounty. The nourishment continues every time we read the vivid accounts of biblical drama that occur on the holiest of seas. Dive in!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!' The wind ceased and there was great calm."*

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 24 – JANUARY 30, 2022

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

Monday, January 24

7:30 am Rosary SW

Tuesday, January 25

8:00 am Bryan Tupy † - Mass SW

Wednesday, January 26

8:00 am Mass SW

5:30 pm Father Elgar Bockenfeld † - Mass SJ

Thursday, January 27

8:00 am Mass SW

Friday, January 28

8:00 am Rose Ann Solheid † - Mass SW

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions

6:00 pm Benediction SW

Saturday, January 29

3:00 pm Confessions SW

4:00 pm Living & Deceased Family

..... Members of John Simon Jr † - Mass SW

8:15 pm Joseph & Irene Pyka † - Mass SJ

Sunday, January 30

8:00 am Mary Margaret Walker † - Mass SS

8:30 am Mass for the People - Mass SW

10:00 am Gert Meger † - Mass SJ

10:30 am Clarence Ginter †,

..... Stanley W. Chromy †, Mary R. Chromy †,

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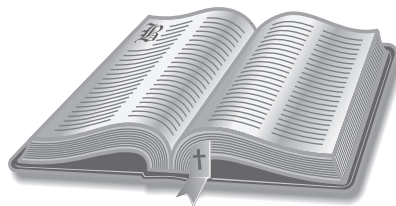
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF JANUARY 24 –
 JANUARY 30, 2022



Monday, January 24:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 25:

Acts 22:3-16 or. Acts 9:1-22 /
 Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday, January 26:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 / Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 27:

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 / Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 28:

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 /
 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 29:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 30:

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 / 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 / Lk 4:21-30

**MEETINGS & EVENTS
 CALENDAR**

WEEK OF JANUARY 24 –
 JANUARY 30, 2022

**Please check with
 parish office or
 website calendar for
 meeting information.**
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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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