

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 20, 2022



SAINT WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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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..... 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 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 Pen ~ WCC Update, Starry Night, 40 Days for Life, Stations of the Cross

I hope everyone is having a holy and fruitful Lent. I mentioned a couple weeks ago about doing some Capital Campaign updates. I have been able to secure a date and time for updating our Western Catholic Churches of St. John and St. Scholastica (St. Wenceslaus update will be later in April or May). Please mark your calendars for: Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

We will provide updates on all the work we have accomplished, how we are doing financially for the completion of our projects, and what we are looking at for the future maintenance issues for both of our churches. I will probably throw in a brief pastoral update as well. The bar will be open for beverages on a cash basis as well as a yet undetermined amount donated available for soda/beer. If you would like to bring a snack of some type to share, that would be most welcome. I look forward to being with you and sharing the progress we have made.

We are having our awesome Starry Night fundraiser for St. Wenceslaus School this upcoming Saturday. As of this writing, there are still some seats available to join us for an entertaining evening that supports our Catholic School. We hold this event right here in our Parish Activities Center. Sign up this week to come out and support our school!

Also, please sign up this weekend to join us in praying for life through the 40 Days for Life program. Join our parish community in prayer between 6 AM – 6 PM in front of Planned Parenthood (671 Vandalia Street, St. Paul, MN). For more information or if you need a ride, call Victoria Pauling @ 952-393-8056.

Finally, join us this Friday 7:00 pm at St. Wenceslaus for our weekly Stations of the Cross

***Ad Christum per Mariam,
Fr. Theisen***

Parish Debt Last Month	Parish Debt This Month
\$126,849.14	\$99,240.10

Festival Financial Report**2021 St. Wenceslaus Festival
Financial Report**

St. Wenceslaus August 2020 Festival – Financial Report			
Activity	Income	Expenses	Net Income
Baking and Coffee Shop	N/N	N/A	N/A
Bingo	\$1,170.35	\$412/50	\$757.85
Pull tabs	\$3,140.00	\$2,460.61	\$679.39
Bucket Raffle	\$5,772	\$1,031.67	\$4,740.33
Cash Awards	\$17,235.00	\$2,932.32	\$14,302.68
Cash Donations	\$98,911.00	\$0.00	\$98,911.00
Country Store	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dinner	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pork Burger/Brats	N/A	N/A	N/A
Children's Games	\$1,920	\$618.42	\$1,302.08
Mission Sewing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Beer Tent	\$3,091.00	\$1,283.30	\$1,807.70
Ice Cream Floats	\$1,026.00	\$259.55	\$766.45
Soda Pop	\$391.00		\$391.00
Food Trucks	\$411.00		\$411.00
Tent rentals, Advertising, Entertainment Expenses	\$874.68	\$5,596.74	<\$4,722.06>
Total	\$133,972.53	\$14,595.11	\$119,377.42
Festival Results History			
2016	\$54,504.19		
2017	\$54,197.43		
2018	\$55,293.73		
2019	\$56,533.67		
2020	\$116,213.87		
2021	\$119,377.42		

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John & St. Scholastica

March 26/27 2022	Saturday St. John 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John 10:00 AM
Lector	Sandy Kubes	Jenna Heimer	Jonila Weiers
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Kubes	Marlene Dohmen	Jonila Weiers
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 03/13/2022**

Total Collected for 03/13/22..... \$3,409

Collections at Mass \$2,109

Electronic Collections..... \$1,300

Over Budget for Week +\$255

Actual Collections YTD..... \$119,630

Over Budget YTD +\$2,938

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, 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 congratulations to *Adalyn Louise Ince*, daughter of Andrew Ince & Hannah Ruehling, *Braxton Michael Ruehling*, son of Jackson & Sara Ruehling, and *Adeline Grace McCormick*, daughter of Justin & Paige McCormick. We rejoice with your families on this joyful occasion!



Bl. Karl's Corner

"Everyone who knows me, know how much I love Austria and Hungary. I cannot stand back at their hour of need. Everyone who knows me, also know how much I am a soldier and trained as such for warfare. Nonetheless, how people can welcome this war - however just - with such jubilation, I simply cannot understand. Warfare, after all, is something appalling," Bl. Karl stated at the beginning of the Great War. He would spend his entire reign trying to find a peaceful end to the atrocities the war brought about, but to no avail.

Mark your calendars: April 1, 2022, Bl. Karl's 100th Death Anniversary, will see the opening of our Bl. Karl Chapel. Rosary begins at 5:00 p.m.. We hope to see you there!

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

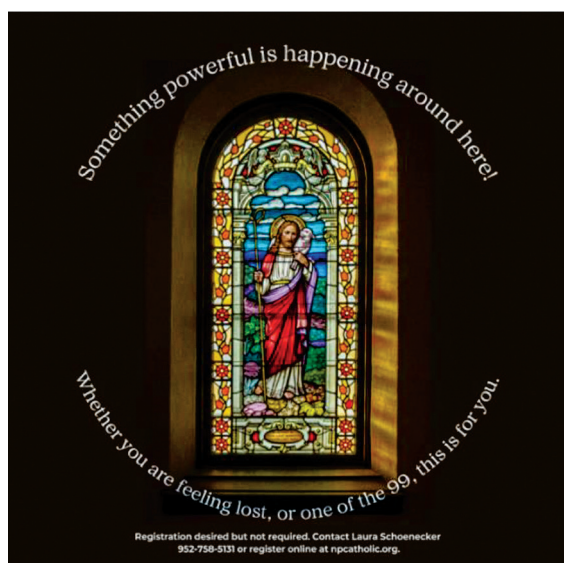
For those interested in saying a Latin rosary at home, Cardinal Burke leads the rosary in Latin on his Facebook page.

Bl. Karl of Austria, Servant of God Zita, Pray for us!

First Friday/First Saturday, 24-hour Adoration will be in the Chapel from now on. Starting April 1 and 2, our First Friday/First Saturday 24-hour Adoration will take place in the Chapel. After the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, April 1, Father will process to the chapel with the Blessed Sacrament for 24-hour Adoration. On Saturday, April 2, at 7:00 a.m., he will process back to the church for First Saturday Rosary, Benediction, and Mass. Going forward, we will have adoration in the Chapel each month on the First Friday/First Saturday weekend. On the remaining Fridays, Adoration will take place in the church.

Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. If you are interested in donating to the people of Ukraine, we now have a reputable means to do so. The New Prague Council 2023 Knights of Columbus are hosting a fundraiser in connection with Knights around the world. To donate, please follow this link or visit our website: <https://donate.kofccharities.org/fundraiser/3763998>

BeFriender Ministry: Have you ever been with someone who is going through a very difficult time and found that you just didn't know what to say? What if you knew that you don't need to say much at all - that listening is really all they need. Compassionate, active listening is the foundation of the BeFriender Ministry. After training, men and women are assigned to meet with someone who will be blessed by their nonjudgmental, caring presence. Does this sound like something you might be called to do? BeFrienders training will be offered here this spring. If you would like more information or know someone who might benefit from having a BeFriender, please call MaryCarol Wolf at 952-758-0463 or Ann Schoenbauer at 952-758-3456 by April 15 to reserve a place in the class.



COLLECTION INFORMATION ~ St. Wenceslaus Site Weeks of 03/13/2022

Total Collected for 03/13/22	\$24,134
Collections at Mass	\$13,307
Electronic Collections	\$10,827
Over Challenge for Week	+\$8,820
Actual Collections YTD	\$581,670
Over Challenge YTD	+\$15,052
Challenge for Next Week	\$15,314

Thank you for your generosity!

The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus.

Saint Joseph is more commonly known as the patron of fathers, families, and workers, as he so faithfully cared for Mary and Jesus. Moreover, though, he is honored as the patron of the Universal Church, patron of a happy death, as well as being known as the terror of demons. The Church celebrates Saint Joseph's Feast Day on March 19. Let us ask Saint Joseph to guide and protect our families:

"O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers."

The Roman Barten Memorial Benefit Breakfast, serving sausage, pancakes, and cinnamon rolls, is Sunday, March 20, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in New Prague. All proceeds go to help 3-year-old Emma Burns of rural Henderson. Emma endures 50 to 100 seizures a day and medication and a brain implant have not been successful. Please join family and friends to support Emma.

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Volunteers Needed!!!! Saturday, April 2, 2022 40 Days for Life - Lent 2022

Join our parish community in prayer between
6am - 6pm in front of Planned Parenthood,
671 Vandalia Street, St. Paul, Mn.

We have again committed to providing a minimum of two people each hour April 2, between 6:00 am - 6:00 pm to pray outside the abortion facility. All ages, families, and organizations are encouraged to volunteer. No training required...You already know how to pray! This is your chance to make a stand for the sanctity of Life during a prayerful vigil.

Sign up at St. Wenceslaus on the weekends of March 19/20 and March 26/27 (before/after Mass). For more information or if you need a ride, call Victoria Pauling @ 952-393-8056.

40 Days for Life

- Prayer and Fasting- people of faith praying and fasting to end abortion.
- Peaceful Vigil- a peaceful witness outside abortion facilities.
- Community Outreach- a positive ProLife message for the community.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!



FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The 99 Experience for the whole parish, March 27-29, 6:30-8:00 pm each evening, sharing the message that we are all loved, forgiven, called, and sent; Jesus is the answer to the hungers of the human heart. To register call Laura at 952.758.5131 www.npcatholic.org



SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

Dear Parishioners, Parents, Grandparents, Friends of SWS,

Wow! March is kind of a whirlwind month with all of the things that are taking place at SWS. From one event to the next, we move through this time of conferences, Stations of the Cross, fish fry, cardboard box city, family group activities in school, reconciliation, and now the Starry Night event.

There are definitely many balls that each of us juggles. The activity level does not take away from the one reason that we are a school. It is important to remember that we exist because of a mission to bring God into the lives of children and their families. We do this through prayer in Mass, throughout the day, and in other opportunities of our faith. We do this with traditional celebrations and practice. We do this by teaching and learning. We do this by passing on the fact the God loves us and loves our neighbor just as much. God is the one and only reason why we have a Catholic school and God definitely wants SWS to be here – just look at how He has infused your heart to be so generous to help our school succeed.

Kim Doyle, Principal

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

Sunday, Mar 20, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; FIRST SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

Something to smile about

The International Day of Happiness celebrated today isn't about wearing a smiley face. This U.N.-sponsored observance has concrete aims: to end poverty, reduce inequality, and protect the planet. Certainly that would bring happiness, but how do we attain such lofty goals? Consider 19-year-old Catherine Spaulding (1793-1853), who led six women in the forming of the Sisters of Nazareth in Kentucky. Ready or not, Catherine ran a school, orphanage, and nursed the sick during epidemics. Neither age nor inexperience deterred her sisters from answering the needs of their society. Answer this generation's call and discover a reason to smile.

TODAY'S READINGS: Year C: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9 (30). *"God called out to him from the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' He answered, 'Here I am.'"*

Monday, Mar 21, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Commit to a better world

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on this, the anniversary of police in South Africa killing 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid in 1960. All these decades later, the violence of racial discrimination continues. The catechism instructs Catholics that racism "must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design." This year's theme is "Youth standing up against racism" with a focus on how the pandemic has especially hindered the education and employment prospects of young people from minority backgrounds. No matter your age, make a commitment this Lent to help put a stop to racism once and for all.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30 (237). *"When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury."*

Tuesday, Mar 22, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Let living waters flow

It's World Water Day. This U.N. observance shines a light not only on the critical importance of a clean and adequate water supply—so essential, it's a basic human right—but also how it's endangered. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis identifies no less than five serious threats to our planet's water supply, some impacting our world right now, particularly among the poor. The 2005 murder of Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, an environmental martyr for her fierce protection of the Amazon and its people, highlights that the global "water wars" have already begun. Visit the website of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns for ways you can help.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). *"Deliver us by your wonders, and bring glory to your name, O Lord."*

Wednesday, Mar 23, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Time is of the essence

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo was a defender of the voiceless. A Spanish missionary to Peru who became archbishop of Lima, he defended the rights of the indigenous people who suffered terribly during Spanish colonization. His favorite saying was, "Time is not our own and we must give a strict account of it." Many times, it can

be easy to overlook those who are voiceless, to pass them on the street without a second thought. But as Saint Turibius taught, our time on Earth is limited, and we should spend it on the things that matter and can make a difference. Today, notice those around you who may not have a voice and reflect on how you can help them to be heard. Take a step toward doing so.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239).

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

Thursday, Mar 24, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Live your truth

Truth-telling is a central tenet of Judeo-Christian ethics. Today is World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights, a focus that is essential because the loss of human rights is often built on lies stripping a group of people of their God-given dignity. Like so many Christian virtues, truth and honesty in the social sphere begin in small ways, with individuals living lives of personal integrity and then expecting the same of their leaders. As Saint Augustine says, "The greatest kindness one can render to any person is leading him to truth."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240).

"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

Friday, Mar 25, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD; NO ABSTINENCE REQUIRED

Pregnant with possibilities

Mary's pregnancy seems to get the fast track: Annunciation, Visitation, and then boom, it's Christmas. But the Solemnity of the Annunciation is exactly nine months before Christmas, honoring the natural process of pregnancy. There are not many visibly pregnant Marys in Catholic iconography, but a few stand out. In the Americas, there's Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, with Mary wearing a black sash customary for pregnant indigenous women. In Europe, you'll find Madonna del Parto, often depicted with a book on her belly, an illusion to the Word of God embodied in her womb. These images have been open to many interpretations from the truth of the Incarnation to the important role of women in salvation history. What do the images of Mother Mary inspire in you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). *"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son."*

Saturday, Mar 26, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

The heart of mercy

We hear a lot about sacrifice during Lent. Not so much about mercy. Yet as the Lord reminds us in today's responsorial psalm (51), "It is mercy I desire, and not sacrifice." In a sense, mercy requires its own "giving up" activity. Giving up on getting our way, on keeping score, on getting even. Saint Thomas Aquinas defined mercy as the "compassion in our hearts." Let mercy, the love beating within, be your Lenten offering.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). *"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

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 MARCH 21 – MARCH 27, 2022

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

Monday, March 21

7:30 am Rosary SW

Tuesday, March 22

8:00 am Mass SW

Wednesday, March 23

8:00 am SWS Mass SW

5:30 pm Father Elgar Bockenfeld † - Mass SJ

Thursday, March 24

8:00 am Reynold F. Ruhland Jr. † - Mass SW

Friday, March 25 ~ Feast of the Annunciation

8:00 am Jean Jirik † - Mass SW

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions SW

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross - SW

Saturday, March 26

4:00 pm Confessions SW

5:00 pm Mass SW

8:15 pm Mass SJ

Sunday, March 278:00 am Mary Margaret Walker †,
..... Donald Odenthal † - Mass SS

8:30 am Val Theilman † - Mass SW

10:00 am Ralph Weiers † - Mass SJ

10:30 am Mass for the People - Mass SW

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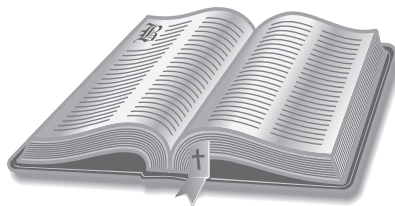
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On campus of SWS ~ 1950's building

PH 952-758-0480

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

PH 952-758-2327

SCRIPTURE READINGSWEEK OF MARCH 21 –
MARCH 27, 2022**Monday, March 21:**

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 22:

Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 23:

Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 24:

Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 25:Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 /
Lk 1:26-38**Saturday, March 26:**

Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 27:1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a /
Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41**MEETINGS & EVENTS
CALENDAR**WEEK OF MARCH 21 –
MARCH 27, 2022

**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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