FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 08, 2022



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 8:30 am to 3:00 pm (8:30 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	

may be viewed on our website ~ <u>npcatholic.org</u>

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION nting of the Sick

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 4:00 to 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 Theisen



Padre's Pen ∼ Happy Mother's Day

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! And Mother's Day does not fall on the season opener for

fishing in Minnesota! Gentlemen, there is no excuse this year not to put the wonderful women in our lives up on a pedestal this weekend and honor them as the bearers of the gift of life.

I remind us all that our mothers don't just give us life in the first 9 months, but also throughout our lives in the love, wisdom, knowledge, and guidance they give us all our lives. I read an interesting article many years ago that outlined the statistics that when a man marries, he increases his life expectancy by about 5 years and his wife's life expectancy decreases by about the same amount. Our mothers and wives give us life. For our part, as husbands, sons, and daughters, we should give back some of that life. Mother's Day is a good place to start.

We also have a mother in heaven. The Blessed Virgin Mary gave her entire being into the hands of God, and overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, she conceived in her womb Jesus Christ the Lord and giver of all life. From the Cross, Jesus gave her to all of us as mother. At the end of her life in this world, Jesus Assumed her into heaven where she continues to advocate for us as our Mother in Heaven.

As we do our May Crowning ceremonies this weekend to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, we can also crown with honor all the great mothers who surround us with their love, which is both a reflection of and has its source in the divine love poured out to us from heaven above.

Ad Christum per Mariam,

Fr. Theisen

Parish Debt Last Month	Parish Debt This Month
\$84,527.50	\$69,759.76

Women Only Night

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire! - St Catherine of Siena

WOMEN ONLY NIGHT

W.O.M

Making Your Requests Known to God: A Story of Restoration & Trust

May 15, 2022, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Join us for Drinks, Fellowship, Worship
and our Amazing Speakers,
Mary Clare Melero and Catherine Bryant
NPACC- SW Site Parish Activities Center



To Register or for any questions or concerns
please contact:
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Do I really have to tell Him what I need when He knows my thoughts before I think them? Didn't He Design the deepest desires of my heart? How much more obvious can I make these darn thorns in my side before I start to lose my mind?!

Mary Clare and Catherine and will share their experiences in spiritual vulnerability and child-like faith when it comes to God the Father's provision in their lives. Join us for a time of storytelling through both spoken word and music, camaraderie with fellow women and a time of self-examination in prayer.

Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John & St. Scholastica

May 14/15 2022	Saturday St. John 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John 10:00 AM
Lector	MaryCarol Wolf	Marlene Dohmen	Julie Widmer
Eucharistic Ministers	MaryCarol Wolf	Judy Pauly	Theresa Ruhland
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

First Saturday 6:45 - 8:15 pm at St. John

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WEEK OF 05/01/2022

Total Collected for 05/01/22	\$3,922
Collections at Mass	\$2,412
Electronic Collections	\$1,510
Over Budget for Week	+\$768
Actual Collections YTD	\$142,180
Over Budget YTD	+\$3,410
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



St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Council News: Jim Lang has resigned as Chairman after serving for 26 years. Thank you, Jim, for your tireless dedication to our cemetery and parish. Don Mushitz (a long-term council member) has agreed to take over as chairman. We are looking for a Cemetery Administrator to do some burial plot selling and burial planning. This is a part-time (flexible hours) paid position. If you are interested in this position, or want more information, please call Ruth 952-758-3225. Have you noticed... our cemetery is beauti-

fully maintained? Take a walk in the cemetery, there's a good chance you will see our caretaker Rich Larson – let him know his good work is appreciated. Lastly, we are getting excited to have the Cemetery Chapel restored. Plans are being discussed and the work should begin sometime later this year.

Bl. Karl's Corner

Bl. Karl was the new emperor, but the official coronations would have to take place after the war. Only Hungary opted to still have the coronation ceremony despite the war. Had things gone differently, he would have been crowned king of Bohemia with St. Wenceslaus's crown. On an interesting note, Charles Coulombe writes in his book Blessed Charles of Austria: "In the thousand year- succession of Czech monarchs, he was the last king of Bohemia as Charles III. Alongside St. Wenceslaus, he is also the second Czech ruler to enter the pantheon of Czech saints. Blessed Charles and St. Wenceslaus of the Premyslid dynasty, who is still venerated as the founder of the traditions of Czech statehood, are linked in many ways - by both the similarities of their fate, as both ruled at difficult times and died at a young age, and bloodline."

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, St. Wenceslaus, Pray for us!



Month of Mary, Our Blessed Mother: The Thirteenth of May. In this month of May dedicated to our heavenly Mother, the thirteenth of May has special significance as the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children, Lucia (nine), Francisco (eight), and Jacinta (six), in the small village of Fatima, Portugal. Mary appeared to them six times between May 13,1917, and October 13, 1917. Prior to her appearance in 1917, May 13 was known as the feast of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament. In May 1868, St. Peter Julian Eymard, "The Apostle of the Eucharist", gave that title to Our Blessed Mother, in which to honor her relationship to the Holy Eucharist and to use her as a model for our duties and devotions to the Blessed Sacrament. These duties include, but are not limited to, making frequent visits to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and receiving Holy Communion as often as possible. Try to spend some extra time this month with Mother Mary, keeping in mind these words of St. Vincent de Paul, "Each of our days is marked with the protection of Mary, who is exceedingly anxious to be our Mother, when we desire to be her children." May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us, drawing us ever closer to her Son.

St. John the Evangelist Cemetery Cleanup at Union Hill Monday, May 16 at 6:00 pm. Please bring a rake or shovel. If weather doesn't permit, we will have cleanup the following Monday.

The New Prague Knights of Columbus Council 2023 are looking for Catholic gentlemen 18 years of age and older to consider joining the Knights **of Columbus.** The Knights are based on three degrees, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Some of our work you have tasted, fish fry's and breakfasts as fundraisers. The funds raised support many community organizations and needs like local area schools, food shelf, area churches, coats for kids, Alpha Women's Center, seminarians, Hope House, etc. This charitable work is made possible by the unity and fraternity of our lively Council 2023. A very meaningful way to join is to attend a ceremonial exemplification. This 35-minute ceremony is open to your entire family. To attend, please contact Jim Wagner for registration 612-940-0834. The next exemplification will be May 22nd at St. Johns Church at Union Hill after the 10:00 am Mass, 11:30. If you are unable to make this exemplification, it is possible to join online by going to <u>www.mnknights.org</u> and look for the Join heading. When prompted, our Council number is 2023. You may also contact the current Grand Knight for council 2023, Jim Wagner at 612-940-0834 for information about the Knights of Columbus. Also check out <u>newpraguekc.org</u> under the heading Contact, choose Join Us. Help us help those in need as a Knight of Columbus, your duty is to lead your family, help your parishes, and serve your community, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight. Please stand with the Knights as we support our communities. Vivat Jesus!

COLLECTION INFORMATION ~ St. Wenceslaus Site Week of 05/01/2022

Total Collected for 05/01/22	\$22,382
Collections at Mass	\$16,952
Electronic Collections	\$5,430
Over Challenge for Week	+\$7,068
Actual Collections YTD	\$677,180
Over Budget YTD	+\$3,364
Challenge for Next Week	\$15,314

Thank you for your generosity!

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available weekends are May 6-8, 2022, in Buffalo, MN and Oct 7-9, 2022, in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.



FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Hey parents - There is so much for your kids to be involved in this summer! Signups and details can be found on the parish website ... but here are some highlights:

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Summer Faith Formation: for children entering grades 1,3,4,5,6,7. mornings, May 31-June 10. Space is limited and will be open to non-parishioners May 20.

Totus Tuus VBS: Daytime, 9-2:30, for children entering grades 1-6, June 20-24

Totus Tuus Teens: grades 7&8, 9-12, June 19-23; 6:15-8:30 pm **Summer Festival Camp:** an overnight camp at Gustavus, For those entering grades 6-10; July 17-20

Summer Stretch: For those entering grades 6-8, Thursdays beginning in July

Summer Stretch leaders: For those entering grades 9-12 (half-price)

Youth Alive: For those entering grades 10-12, monthly events - watch for details.

Check your bulletin for updates and new events. For more information or questions, contact Laura at 952.758.5131 or Britt at 952.758.0486.



SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

<u>Dear Parishioners, Parents, Grand-parents, Friends of SWS,</u>

We are quickly coming to the ending of our 21-22 school year. It has been a busy year and one with many wonderful activities. We cannot be more thankful for all the

support and help that many have shown. Our students are thriving! We have seen such growth in them as a community connected to God, to each other, and their teachers. We hope that they have the Holy Spirit enlightening them in an even deeper way as they move forward. To keep our school financially sustainable, we hold a series of fundraising activities throughout the year. You have all made the fundraising events of 21-22 super successful. There are two more that will take place for our current fiscal year. We appreciate all that you have contributed during our current school year and ask you to push just a little bit more to finish out the school year. We need to sell our 650 Pot-O-Gold tickets and need your help to do so. You might even purchase one for yourself and take a chance on winning the \$20,000. We also have our golf tournament in June that is more fun than simply being a funding source for the school. This is guite the social event too, both rain or shine! Please join in and let's keep going strong for these final activities.

Kim Doyle, Principal

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



Sunday, May 08, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Be a goodness trafficker

Many of us are proud to be good at what we do whether it is a trade, craft, profession, or pastoral role. Yet few of us claim to be experts at our special task. Sister of Charity Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich of New Jersey is called a "genius of the soul" for her instructions on the mystical life collected after her death in 1927 under the title *Greater Perfection*. In a key closing lesson, she writes: "Union with God, then, is the spiritual height God calls everyone to achieve—anyone . . . who specializes in the traffic of eternal good, who says 'yes' constantly to God." On this Mother's Day, pray that every mother may become, and also nurture, "soul geniuses" and traffic in eternal good.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30 (51). "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Monday, May 09, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Flying in formation

Did you think that Catholic cardinals came to be so called because their red robes were reminiscent of the birds with the same name? Nope—it's actually the other way around. Cardinals—that is, the senior members of the clergy—wear red because it symbolizes their willingness to sacrifice for their faith. The birds came to be called cardinals because they reminded people of the red-clad men who make up the church's College of Cardinals. The word *cardinal* comes from the Latin word for "hinge"—upon which a gate or door opens. Pray for these leaders and their flocks to open their eyes, ears, and hearts as we find our way together into the future church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 (279). "The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice."

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF ÁVILA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Thank you, God

German Catholic mystic Meister Eckhart gets credit for these eloquent words: "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'Thank you,' it will be enough." More than a century later, another Catholic mystic would offer a slightly different view. Spanish priest Saint John of Ávila, recognized as a doctor of the church, wrote: "A single 'Blessed be God' in adversity is worth more than a thousand acts of thanksgiving in prosperity." But in the end, you can't go wrong following King David's direction in Psalm 34 to "Bless the Lord at all times"—even when it seems impossible.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). "He rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart."

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Cultivate a missionary's heart

Today we celebrate the feast of Servant of God Matteo Ricci, a Jesuit missionary to China during the 16th and 17th centuries. He was known for his multitudinous academic ventures for the benefit of his constituents and for his openness to (and adoption of) the local culture. He is famous for creating a Chinese map of the

known world, for his consultations with Chinese royalty on matters of astronomy and science, and for his assistance in translating important works from Latin to Chinese—and vice versa. Let your own gifts overflow in a life of witness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281). "So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation."

Thursday, May 12, 2022

MEMORIAL OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS; PANCRAS, MARTYR

Pray for the courage of conviction

Today we honor three martyrs, Saints Nereus, Achilleus, and Pancras. Attitudes toward martyrs can run hot and cold. "Ugh, they just want to be a martyr," we say about the self-aggrandizing who put their sacrifices on display. In one of his sermons, Saint Augustine chided false martyrs, those who flaunted punishments they received for promoting schismatic beliefs. But when we see the real deal, a person whose heart is so big that "sacrifice" feels less like pain and more like love, we applaud their martyrdom. Open our hearts, O God, so that we can sacrifice like that.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). "Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Friday, May 13, 2022

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Let a new era of peace begin

In 1917 during a time of great turmoil in Europe, three Portuguese children reported seeing an apparition of Mary in which, it was later revealed, the Blessed Mother called for people to imitate her faithfulness to Christ as a way to achieve peace. According to Carmelite Sister Lúcia dos Santos, one of the children of Fatima, Mary also promised that the consecration of Russia by the world's bishops would lead to an era of peace. Amid the devastation of Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine, the Catholic bishops of Ukraine requested Pope Francis to consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which he did on March 25, asking all the world's bishops to join him from their own dioceses. May we continue to follow Mary's example of discipleship as a way of achieving peace at home and abroad.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283/563A). "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

Saturday, May 14, 2022

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

The making of an apostle

There are alternate ways of becoming an apostle. Number one is being called directly by Jesus, as were the 12 apostles. Then there's today's saint, Matthias, who was chosen by drawing lots. Saint Paul was a self-proclaimed apostle. Junia and her partner Andronicus are called apostles in Romans 16:7. The church also designates apostles: Patrick was the "Apostle of Ireland," Boniface the "Apostle to the Germans," and Mary Magdalene has the honor of being the "Apostle to the Apostles." The word *apostle* means *sent*, so in a sense when we are sent forth at the end of Mass, we're *all* apostles. How does that change your understanding of who you are?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564). "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."

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 09 – MAY 15, 2022

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

Monday, May 09
7:30 am
Tuesday, May 10
8:00 am
Wednesday, May 11
8:00 amSWS Mass SW
5:30 pmMass SJ
Thursday, May 12
8:00 am
Friday, May 13
8:00 amStan Chromy $\hat{\tau}$ – Mass SW
3:00 pmDivine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions SW
Saturday, May 14
4:00 pmConfessions SW
5:00 pmMass SW
8:15 pm Mass for the People - Mass SJ
Sunday, May 15
8:00 amBob Stocker ម៉ា, &
Anna Mae Barklow 🕆 - Mass SS
8:30 amHelen C. Pomije 🕆 - Mass SW
10:00 amMass SJ
10:30 amGeorge &
Josephine Bachinski 🕆 - Mass SW



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SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF MAY 09 – MAY 15, 2022



Monday, May 09: Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 10:

Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 11: Acts 12:24-13:5a / Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 12: Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 13: Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15:9-17

Sunday, May 15:

Acts 14:21-27 / Rev 21:1-5a /

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MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF MAY 09 – MAY 15, 2022

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

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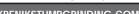
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