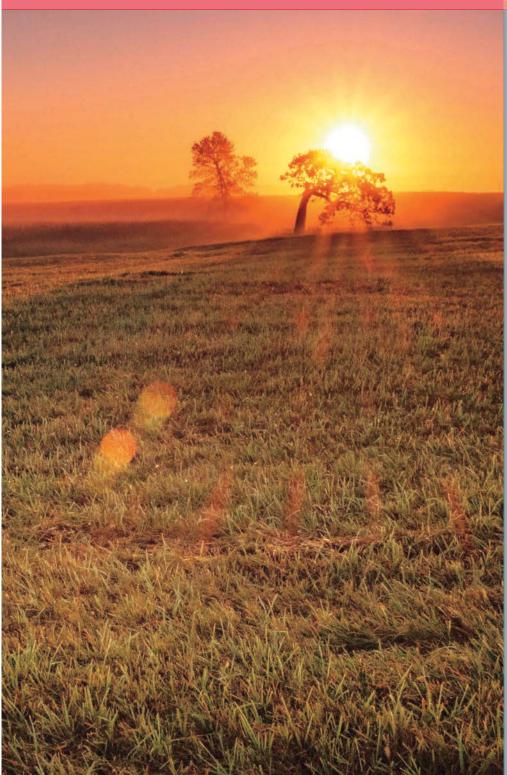
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On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

-Jn 20:1-9





Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 PM SW*

8:15 PM SJ

Sunday: 8:00 AM SS

8:30 AM SW

10:00 AM SJ

10:30 AM SW*

T/W/Th/F: 8:00 AM SW* Wednesday: 5:30 PM SJ

*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.

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WELCOME

WELCOME to the greater St Wenceslaus Catholic Parish, which includes the Church of St. Wenceslaus, 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. Please feel free to call, or stop by the parish office during office hours to register, or you may do so online. **#youbelonghere**

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Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm 952-758-3225

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

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Reconciliation See the schedule or call for an appointment.

Baptism Preparation required. Call the office. **Marriage** Initial in-person visit with priest, followed by six months to one-year preparation time required.

Rosary Monday – Friday 7:30 am in the church. **Fatima Prayer Cell -** Thursday in church after Mass.

Adoration Friday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. Friday before the First Saturday, Adoration is overnight in the chapel.

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PADRE'S PEN — BLESSED EASTER RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

I thought momentarily about putting "Happy Easter" as the title for this column but decided to go with "Blessed." Why? I certainly do want all of us to be happy and we should be ecstatically happy with Christ's victory over death because it is victory over death for His faithful followers as well. Therein lies the rub and why I wish you a Blessed Easter.

Without the grace of God, we are incapable of the holiness and goodness that conforms us to Christ and allows us to live good and righteous lives. Our God is so generous and loving that He makes that grace available to all humanity without distinction. Thus, the pagan, the non-believer, the atheist, the lukewarm who barely practice the faith, the believers, and unbelievers alike all can live good and virtuous lives. The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church from the 2nd Vatican Council declares, "Whatever good or truth is found amongst them [those not explicitly in the Church] is considered by the Church to be a preparation for the Gospel." (Lumen Gentium p16). By the grace of God humanity can live relatively "happy" lives, but it is an incomplete and worldly happiness.

Have a Blessed and Holy Easter Day and Season!

To have true happiness, we are in need of Christ's saving grace to soak into the very core of our being. We need the grace of Christ's Paschal Mystery to permeate every fiber of our being and transform us daily into the image of the one who suffered, died, and rose from the dead for us. This takes a lifetime of faith, prayer, obedience, piety, reconciliation for the times we have failed (ie: sinned), and charity (caritas: self-sacrificing love). It is allowing the grace of God already given to us to be activated and implemented in our lives – this is what I mean by having a Blessed Easter Resurrection of our Lord. May He complete and perfect the good work He has begun in you! Have a Blessed and Holy Easter Day and Season!

Final note: You hopefully noticed that our bulletin looks a bit different. We have been working on redesigning it for some time including adding color to the printed cover. We cannot afford the color printing every week (it's about \$135 per week). There are a few people who have said they would donate for some weekends, if there are any others who would like to see more color and would like to donate to that cause, contact the office. We thank this week's anonymous donor for the Easter Sunday color bulletin.

Ad Christum per Mariam, Fr. Theisen

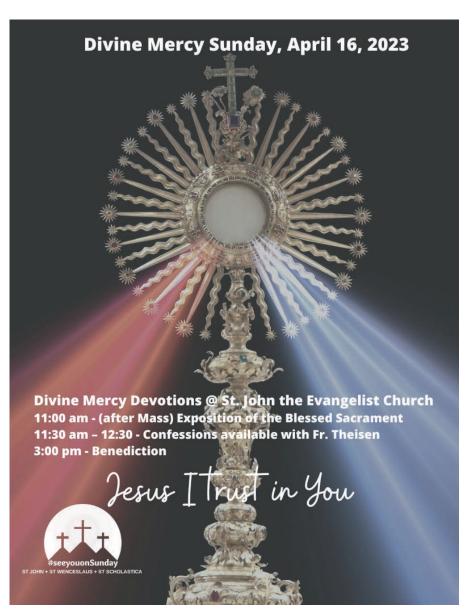
PARISH NEWS

Save the Date! Carlson's Mobile Pillow Cleaning

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Financial - Week of 04/02/2023

St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected 04/02/23	\$16,670
Under Budget YTD	\$2,846
Actual Collections YTD	\$635,390

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected 04/02/23	\$5,697
Over Budget YTD	•
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Thank you for your support!

Blessed Karl's Corner -A Happy and most Blessed Easter and Easter Season!

Last Saturday, we celebrated the one-year anniversary of our chapel's dedication, along with Bl. Karl's one-hundred and first death anniversary. This week, we'll reflect a little on why Bl. Karl is a fitting patron for our St. Wenceslaus Parish and parishioners. According to Suzanne Pearson, the North American Delegate to the Bl. Karl League, the ethnicities represented by those belonging to our parish represent a 'microcosm' of the empire that Karl was once entrusted with. She further went on to say that we should bear in mind Karl's promise to look after all his subjects, even those who had left for America. He kept them and their descendants in his prayers. Another connection that links him to us is that he has been called a thrice-crowned emperor. Here, we are one parish with three churches. Karl knew first-hand the challenges that such a setup can provide, but he also recognized the strength and beauty that can come when various groups unite under one banner, yet maintain their individuality. If not for the war, he would have worked for his countries to flourish under his rule. While he never had that opportunity in life we can be sure that he intercedes for us today.

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

Our Mission Statement

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School is a Christ-centered family community committed to the intellectual and spiritual formation of our students. We provide a high-quality academic program that builds leadership and self-confidence while nurturing a loving relationship with God and encouraging service to others.



Pot-o-Gold Tickets

Once again, the school is holding a raffle for a grand prize of \$20,000. Tickets can be purchased in the school office. Tickets cost \$100 each. There are only 650 tickets to be sold. The drawing will take place on June 9. You may stop by the school office, or you can call 758-3133 to purchase a ticket and have the stub sent to you.



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

Our Starry Night was a huge success!

Thank you again to everyone for any and all areas that you helped with and for all that you may have donated. All of us working together has been key to helping with our fundraisers this year. These funds help meet our budget. We also asked our guests and bidders to support our fund-a-need. We are so thankful to use these funds to enhance our school in so many ways each year. Special thanks to our school parents who joined forces to ensure that our Starry Night was successful. For everyone who stepped in to donate an item, beverage, cash, or other, we are thankful. For those of you who answered the call to come help, we truly appreciate your time and energy in doing so many jobs.

Catholic School is affordable!

If you would love to have your child attend our Catholic school, but you think you cannot afford the tuition, then read on! St. Wenceslaus makes sure that every child can enroll in our school. We have a variety of payment plans. We offer financial assistance to families in need. We encourage families to apply for the Aim Higher Scholarship or the Schulze Early Learning Scholarship. We work with you. We are now accepting registrations for the kindergarten class of fall 2023. Tours are available by contacting the school office. Email us at info@swsaints.org or call 952-758-3133 to learn more. Now registering for Preschool!

Spring Concert and Living Rosary

Our spring concert will take place on Thursday, May 4, 2023. Below is the schedule, we look forward to seeing you there!

9:00 am – Living Rosary in the church. (Students can sit with guests to pray).

9:30-10:00 am – Guests go to the gym. Students go to their classrooms.

10:00 am – Morning Concert – in the PAC.

6:30 pm – Evening Concert – in the PAC.

Kim Doyle, Principal

FAITH FORMATION

Totus Tuus ... Don't know Latin? ... me either, it means Totally Yours.

This is our VBS for children entering grades 1-6 (June 12-16; 9-2:30 am) and grades 7-12 (June 11-15; 6:15-8:30 pm). The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in their understanding of and strengthen their faith in, Jesus Christ. Is there anything more important? Brochures will be available soon in the back of each Church site. We will once again be offering this with St.Patrick and St.Catherine. We hope your children will be able to join us. For questions, contact Laura at: laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org or call 952-758-5131. Thank you.



Busy Bags in the Back of Church

We are happy to provide our youngest parishioners a Busy Bag to borrow during Mass. They are filled with items to help your child have a quiet activity or two to use during Mass. We also have a weekly "children's bulletin." All items are available in back of all our churches.

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According to our Church calendar, the month of April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist. Catholic teaching describes the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life. The word "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word eucharistia, which means thanksgiving. This April, we were blessed early with the Sacred Triduum, the summit of our liturgical year, marking the end of the Lenten season and leading us to the Mass of the Resurrection of Our Lord, at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil. Let us celebrate the Eucharist this month by seeking time in Adoration, by attending an additional Mass(es) during the week, and by partaking in the Feasts of the Easter Triduum. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, April 10

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15

7:30 am - Rosary SW

Tuesday, April 11

Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18

8:30 am - Mass SW

Dorothy Lipinski †

Wednesday, April 12

Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35

8:30 am - Mass SW

Deceased Family Members of Ed Wieskus †

5:30 pm - Mass SJ

The Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 13

Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48

8:30 am - Mass SW

Clarence & Mary Jirak †

Friday, April 14

Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14

Reynold F. Ruhland Jr. †

8:30 am - Mass SW

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions SW

Saturday, April 15

Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15

3:30 pm - Confessions SW

4:30 pm - Mass SW

Dorothy Kocina †, Leo & Tammy Odenthal †

7:30 pm - Confessions SJ

8:15 pm - Mass SJ

Camilla Hartmann †

Sunday, April 16 ~ Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31

8:00 am - Mass SS

8:30 am - Mass SW

Mass for the People

10:00 am - Mass SJ

Catherine Stenberg †

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10:30 am - Mass SW

Betty Tupy †

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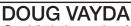
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