**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY - APRIL 16, 2023** 

## ST WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC PARISH

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

-Jn 20:2



## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4:30 PM SW\*

8:15 PM SJ

Sunday: 8:00 AM SS

8:30 AM SW 10:00 AM SJ

10.00 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

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Parish Office Closed Thursday, April 20

#### SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

**Anointing of the Sick** - Available to those who are seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call the office.

**Confirmation** Preparation required. Call Britt LaVigne at 952-758-0486.

**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.

Scripture Study Wednesday 7:00-8:00 am -Church Basement.

Prayer Chain Judy Siemon: 952-758-2220

Carol Bauer: 952-457-4057

Marlene Dohmen: 952-492-6879

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Lois Giesen: 952-758-2138

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## PADRE'S PEN — DIVINE MERCY, AUDITS, & OFFICE CLOSURE

What a blessed celebration of the Holy Triduum we had! Our pews were full, the music was great, all our ministers stepped up and knocked it out of the ballpark, and our environment committee did an awesome job making all the transitions and giving us a beautiful and noble experience in our buildings (all three of our churches).

We continue the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection this weekend with the Celebration of the Divine Mercy. Please join us if you are able out at St. John for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between the end of the 10:00 Mass and the 3:00 hour. We will then pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and there will be Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

I also want to give a big shout-out and "thank you" to two anonymous donors who provided St. Wenceslaus Church with a beautiful Divine Mercy image for display in our church. We will hang it in the back of our church right next to the west exit so we can be reminded of our Lord's merciful love every time we exit the church.

## I pray that the grace of Christ's Resurrection will continue to bless you all during this Easter Season and beyond.

Some house-keeping announcements as well:

- Every 3 years the Archdiocese requires us to have a review/audit. It is called an A.U.P. Review (Agreed-Upon Procedures Review). Ruth (primarily) and our team have already provided much of our documentation to the auditing company and will be here this week to finalize the review. We don't expect any big surprises and look forward to their report.
- Also, this week the Parish Offices will be Closed Thursday, April 20 for an Archdiocesan Synod Implementation/Training event. We will re-open on Friday, April 21 for normal business hours.

Finally, I pray that the grace of Christ's Resurrection will continue to bless you all during this Easter Season and beyond.

> Ad Christum per Mariam, Fr. Theisen

# PARISH NEWS

## St. John Cemetery Board Meeting Announcement.

St. John's Cemetery Board annual meeting will be held Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm at the St. John rectory office. All are welcome to attend.

## "Love one another as I have loved you."

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available weekends are May 5-7, 2023 in Buffalo, MN, and Oct 6-8, 2023 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-234-7440.

### **Tootsie Roll Drive.**

The Knights of Columbus not only conduct the "Tootsie Roll Drive" in their efforts to help people with intellectual and physical disabilities but also partner with the Special Olympics since its founding. The KC's also work with local programs that help those individuals on a daily basis.

New Prague KC's will be collecting cash donations after the weekend Masses of April 29-30 within the New Prague Area Catholic Community as well as Most Holy Trinity and St. Patrick Catholic Churches. You can also use the QR code below to donate electronically.





### **CCW News:**

The Southwest Deanery Open Meeting is on April 18 at St. Mary's in Le Center, MN. The evening begins with Mass at 5:00 pm. Anyone interested in attending please call Mary Wick at 507-213-0349.

## **SPRING SPRING SPRING! Spring is for Planting!**

The Council of Catholic Women's annual flower fundraiser is happening in May at Cedar Brook Garden Center. Please keep an eye out for the flyer.

## **Carlson's Mobile Pillow Cleaning**

will be at St Wenceslaus Church next Saturday, April 22, 7:00 am-1:00 pm, with Friday off on April 21, 6:00-8:00 pm. Custom pillow cleaning service as well as new pillows available for sale, plus new ticking of your choice, on-the-spot cleaning, and return the same day! Proceeds benefit Pro-Life programs. Please contact Peggy Eckstein with questions: 763-229-9896.

### Financial - Week of 04/09/2023 St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected 04/09/23	\$10,657
Under Budget YTD	\$6,895
Actual Collections YTD	\$646,047

### **Western Catholic Churches**

Total Collected 04/09/23	\$5,705
Over Budget YTD	+\$7,574
Actual Collections YTD	

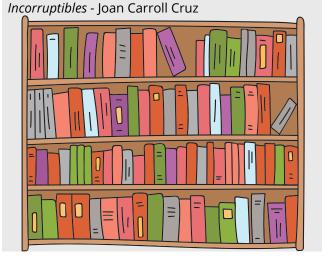
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## Blessed Karl's Corner -The Blessed Karl Bookshelf

Did you know there is a bookshelf in the Blessed Karl Chapel at St. John the Evangelist? The books have been provided by Catholic United Financial St. John Union Hill Council #37 and are available for you to check out. Below is a list of titles, authors A-C - be sure and check it out!

*Pray, Decide, and Don't Worry -* Bobby & Jackie Angel

You Are Enough - Danielle Bean
In Sinu Jesu: When Heart Speaks to Heart: The Journal
of a Priest at Prayer - A Benedictine Monk
Come Rack! Come Rope! - Benson, Robert Hugh
Tattoos on the Heart - Fr. Gregory Boyle
Living in the Father's Love - Lisa Brenninkmeyer
Consecration to St. Joseph - Donald H. Calloway
My Sisters The Saints - Colleen Carroll Campbell
Heroes & Heretics - Phillip Campbell
Amazing Grace for Families - Jeff Cavins
Amazing Grace for Survivors - Jeff Cavins
Venerable Catherine Laboure - Rev. Edmond Craprez
Eucharistic Miracles - Joan Carroll Cruz





# SCHOOL NEWS

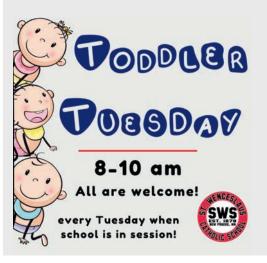
## **Our Mission Statement**

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,

## Happy Easter! Alleluia Alleluia!

Let us rejoice and be glad! God is so great. I am amazed at the miracles that continually happen all around us each day. The greatest miracle of all comes with the Easter Resurrection. Can you imagine what that does for each of us? St. Wenceslaus Catholic School exists to bring this faith to our children, their families, our supporters, and our staff.

## Summer Club House will be Open – Fun plans are being made for the summer months.

Fun is soon to begin at the summer Club House. We are excited to have our students back for a full agenda of pool days, crafts, field trips, and more. We ask each family to re-enroll for the summer (there is no additional cost if your child is already in the program). We need to know which days and weeks you will be using our programs so that we can plan our staff accordingly. Registration is required, check with the office.

## **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

## **Prayers Please...**

## Traditionally Baptism is the first of the three sacraments of Initiation in our Catholic faith.

Many of our younger parishioners will be graced with the other two very soon. On May 6 & 7, 43 of our children will be joining us at the Lord's table for the first time. We welcome them in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

On May 21, most of our ninth-grade youth will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament deepens and reinvigorates the gifts of the Holy Spirit that they received at their Baptism. With the graces received through this sacrament, these young adults will be better equipped to go out into the world to love and serve as beloved children of God.

We ask you to keep these children and youth in your prayers as they take these next steps in their Christian initiation. If you have questions about either of these sacraments, please contact Laura at 952-758-5131. Blessings on your Easter season!



## 9-5 PM SUMMER STRETCH 2023 DATES: THURSDAYS:

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## 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 pm) 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.

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Our Women Only Night (WON) is back! We are excited to be offering this event again. Our guest speaker, Mary Clare Stroh, is from Faribault, MN. The evening will begin in the St. Wenceslaus PAC with music and social time followed by Mary Clare's talk: "Making Requests Known to God: A Story of Restoration and Trust".









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## Week of April 16, 2023



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## **Mass Intentions & Readings**

#### Monday, April 17

Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8 7:30 am - Rosary SW

#### Tuesday, April 18

Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15 8:00 am - Mass SW Living & Deceased Family Members of John Simon Jr. †

#### Wednesday, April 19

Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21 8:00 am - Mass SW Leo & Tami Odenthal † 5:30 pm - Mass SJ

### Thursday, April 20 - Parish Office Closed

Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36 8:00 am - Mass SW Joe † & Diane Vaughan

#### Friday, April 21

Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15 8:00 am - Mass SW Dick & Nan Eischens † 3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions SW

## Saturday, April 22

Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21 3:30 pm - Confessions SW 4:30 pm - Mass SW Don Sirek †, Albert & Odona Kubes †, Charles Erickson † 7:30 pm - Confessions SJ 8:15 pm - Mass SJ Poor Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday, April 23

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35 8:00 am - Mass SS 8:30 am - Mass SW Richard Meger † 10:00 am - Mass SJ Mass for the People 10:30 am - Mass SW Gladys Tupy †

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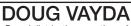
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