THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 23, 2023

# ST WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC PARISH

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

Cf. Lk 24:32





# **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** 

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

#### 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 is 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

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Lois Giesen: 952-758-2138

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## PADRE'S PEN — SOUND SYSTEMS AND MAINTENANCE

Greetings and Easter Blessings on this third Sunday celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. A few updates for you this week:

Sound System - Just before Easter I contacted EMI (the company contracted to install our new sound system). The sound system components are still arriving slowly at their warehouse due to the supply chain issues our whole country has been experiencing. As of Friday, March 31, they were in the process of painting our speakers, so they will match the color of our church. Also, all components for the new system have arrived, except the wireless microphones. They do not yet have a potential delivery date for those yet. We are patiently waiting and hoping that our entire system will be in soon.

Construction around St. Wenceslaus - There will be a lot of activity on our roofs to repair/replace damage from last summer's hailstorm.

Also, you will see a lot of activity on the north side of the rectory. Through some generous donors who want to help prepare for the possibility of a second resident priest next year and to get our own parish vehicle into the garage and out of the elements, we have gone through the process to get bids and all the proper approvals (parish and finance councils, city, and Archdiocese) for a garage addition. This will be a two-car addition as well as some rectory sewer line work (as a preventative maintenance measure, remove and replace the old clay/tile sewer line to the city sewer system). This work will coincide with the roof work from the hail damage, so there will be a seamless transition from the current garage to the new section. There will be matching brick so that the look of our campus does not significantly change. On that note, we had three generous donors for this project. We are looking to top off the total cost of the project from any other donors. We are in need of about \$13,000 more.

If there is anyone interested in helping with this remaining balance, please contact me and we can sit down over some coffee, and I'll give the particulars on the whole project.

Construction at St. John and St. Scholastica - We continue with our efforts out west. We are finishing the north and east faces of the steeple at St. John as well as completing a handicap-accessible bathroom in Koenig Hall. We are looking at some landscaping work to get the water properly drained away from the north side of the church. At St. Scholastica, we have some interior roofing work to complete in the sacristy area and get our cabinetry re-installed in that area.

While funds are getting tighter, we have not had to seek any loans at any of our sites for any of the work we are doing and still remain debt free. Again, any additional donations for our maintenance and upkeep work are greatly appreciated.

# PARISH NEWS



## Bless the Newly Baptized.

Welcome and congratulations to *Harrison Joseph Simon*, son of Michael & Sydney Simon, and *Graham Henry Schoenecker*, son of Jon & Sarah Schoenecker. We rejoice with your families on this joyful occasion.

#### **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 CCW's annual flower fundraiser is happening in May at Cedar Brook Garden Center. Please look for the flyer soon.

# Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women is having a meeting Monday, May 1 at 6:30 pm.

Join us at Koenig Hall, with Rosary at 6:30 pm, a light lunch, and May Basket stories, followed by the meeting.

# The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's Conference

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's Conference will be held on April 28, at St. Peter Catholic Church, in Mendota. Registration begins at 8 am and the cost is \$75.

# Next week we take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet their faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

#### St. Joseph Cemetery Board Meeting Announcement.

St. Joseph Cemetery Board's annual meeting will be held Saturday, May 06 at 1:30 pm at the Lakefront Bar & Grill in Lexington, MN. All are welcome to attend.

### St. John Cemetery Board Meeting Announcement.

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

### Tootsie Roll Drive.

The Knights of Columbus' "Tootsie Roll Drive" helps local programs, and people with intellectual and physical disabilities. 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.

# Financial - Week of 04/09/2023

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Total Collected 04/09/23	\$20,664
Under Budget YTD	\$976
Actual Collections YTD	

### **Western Catholic Churches**

Total Collected 04/09/23	\$3,045
Over Budget YTD	+\$7,384
Actual Collections YTD	

## Thank you for your support!

## 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 D-H!

Marcellino D'Ambrosio: *Jesus, the Way, the Truth & the Life* 

Duane & Carrie Daunt: Man Your Post

Anthony Esolen: *Real Music, A Guide to the Timeless Hymns of the Church* 

Gerolamo Fazzini: *Diaries of the Chinese Martyrs* Leonard Feeney: *Mother Seton, Saint Elizabeth of New York* 

Mary Kathleen Glavich: Essential Guide to Catholic Terms

Michael D Greanney: *Ten Battles Every Catholic Should Know* 

Carrie Gress: Marian Option

Romano Guardini: *Rosary of Our Lady* Mark Hart: *100 Saints,* and *100 Things* Miriam James Heidland: *Loved as I Am* 

Rev. Victor Hoagland: *Mary the Mother of God* Allen R Hunt: *Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody* 





# SCHOOL NEWS

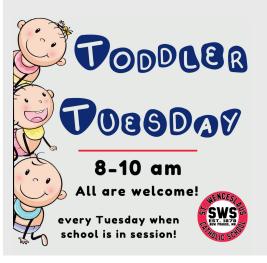
## **Our Mission Statement**

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,

## Let us all be holy people of God.

Teaching our children morals and values is critical. There are so many things in our society that are sinful or simply inappropriate. People begin to normalize situations or acts of our today's culture as something that is correct. We all have our opinion and everyone wants to be free to say and do what they want. But is this what God wants? Our faith life should be our guide to the rights and wrongs of life and culture. Jesus laid out a pretty straight course to learn and follow. His disciples went forth after His Resurrection to preach. What do you think they spoke about? My guess is that they taught people how to be good to each other and care for society through kindness, generosity, and love. Our Catholic school helps with this formation. However, it is the responsibility of the parents first and foremost to teach and model good morals and values in life showing respect and dignity for all, practicing forgiveness, and cultivating love. When students come to us with these skills started, then our school can far exceed our expectations as we intentionally form good, holy, and confident learners and leaders.

# 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

# Making a parish family-friendly is not just the work of the pastor and staff. It is a call to all of us!

The presence of children is a beautiful gift to our Church. Young families are a sign that our parish is alive and growing! It can be a little intimidating if you have exuberant children. Parents: Thank you for bringing your children to the celebration of the Mass. Fellow parishioners: Please welcome these children and give a smile or word of encouragement to their parents. Jesus said; "Let the children come to me." Let's follow His example!

## Are you ready for an exciting Summer?

Join us for Summer Stretch Thursdays in July and the first Thursday of August! We will participate in service projects in the mornings and afternoons will be full of adventures from the MN Zoo, Mall of America, and Valley Fair. Early bird pricing is \$150 until May 1 and \$200 after. Open to current 5th-12th graders.



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

JULY 6, JULY 13, JULY 20, JULY 27, AND AUGUST 3

COST: EARLYBIRD BEFORE MAY 1 - \$150 AFTER MAY 1 - \$200 CURRENT 5TH-7TH FOR PARTICIPANTS 8TH-12TH FOR LEADERS

# 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 are available in the back of each Church site. We will once again be offering this with St.Patrick and St.Catherine and hope your children will be able to join us. For questions, contact Laura at: 952-758-5131 or email: laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org

# **Prayers Please...**

# April 30 is our Sending Mass for this year's Confimation class.

God of all ages, You send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, look kindly on our candidates for Confirmation as they seek to hear your voice.

We pray that You send Your Spirit to enlighten, guide, strengthen, console, and open their hearts as they continue to seek a closer relationship with You. Help them to truly know the deep and abiding love you have for each of them and fill them with the joy of your presence.

As our community prepares these teens for Confirmation, make us an instrument of your love, teach us to reverence what is holy in others and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that You continue to guide and sustain us and teach us the Way of Love. We praise you through Christ our Lord. Amen

# Did you get your Baccalaureate Mass and dinner invitation?

Postcard invitations for the 2023 Baccalaureate Mass and Dinner were sent a while ago, please make sure to RSVP with family size and a picture of your graduate. If you did not receive one please reach out to Britt LaVigne in the Faith Formation Office



Please RSVP with your family size and your senior's portrait to: Britt LaVigne brittney.lavigne@npcatholic.org



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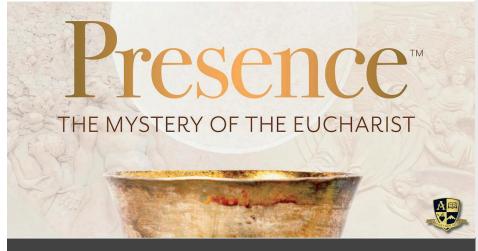
Our parish will pop up, you can then register using your email address.

Call the faith formation office if you have any questions. 952-758-5131. Thank you - Happy viewing!

## **April is the Month of the Eucharist!**

If you missed our latest in-person study group, *Presence*, you can still participate on Formed! Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the *fons et culmen* or "source and summit" of the Christian life. *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

https://watch.formed.org/presence



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# **Mass Intentions & Readings**

#### Monday, April 24

Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29 7:30 am - Rosary SW

#### Feast of St. Mark - Tuesday, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16:15-20 8:00 am - Mass SW

#### Wednesday, April 26

Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40 8:00 am - Mass SW John & Tom Hanzel † 5:30 pm - Mass SJ The Poor Souls in Purgatory

#### Thursday, April 27

Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51 8:00 am - Mass SW Marian Anderson †

#### Friday, April 28

Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59 8:00 am - Mass SW *Mary Rossbach †* 3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions SW

# **Saturday, April 29** Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69

3:30 pm - Confessions SW 4:30 pm - Mass SW Bob Hanzel † 7:30 pm - Confessions SJ 8:15 pm - Mass SJ Dorothy Lipinski †

#### Sunday, April 30

8:00 am - Mass SS Bob Hauer † 8:30 am - Mass SW Camilla Hartmann †, Stanley Puncochar † 10:00 am - Mass SJ Armella Hinderscheit † 10:30 am - Mass SW

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

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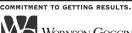
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