**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 30, 2023** 

# ST WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC PARISH

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

- Jn 10:14



## 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

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## PARISH NEWS



#### Bless the Newly Baptized.

Welcome, and congratulations to *Bennett Julian Johnson*, son of Lucas & Katie Johnson. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion.

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

The CCW's annual flower fundraiser is happening May 7-13 at Cedar Brook Garden Center. More information will be in next weekend's bulletin.

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

Join us in Koenig Hall for the Rosary at 6:30 with potluck supper and a meeting to follow. Come and see the newly built ADA-accessible bathroom and the freshly painted walls of the school basement. Amy Lemke will update us on information from the Parish Council and the Synod. All women of St. John, St. Scholastica, and St. Wenceslaus are very welcome. There will be May baskets to greet you and door prizes to take home. Remember to bring a dish to pass.

#### 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.

## Thank you to all who helped make St. Scholastica's Palm Sunday Breakfast successful!

A BIG thank you to the committee members and all those who helped out and donated food, cash, and their time to make the Palm Sunday Breakfast a success. Many thanks to everyone who came out and supported our event through attendance!

#### May is the Month of Mary, Our Blessed Mother.

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this month, we pay special homage to our Heavenly Mother. When on the cross, Jesus, by entrusting Mary to St. John the Evangelist, gave all of us His mother to be our mother, too. Every time we honor Mary, she brings us closer to her Son, Jesus. Praying the rosary, praying litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and perhaps, making a consecration to Mary, are just a few ways of honoring Mary during her month. The crowning of statues/images of Our Lady is a beautiful custom expressing our love for Mary, the Mother of God, as our Queen. You have the opportunity of honoring Mary with a May Crowning at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 7, at St. John. It will be held in conjunction with the First Holy Communion celebration. Consider also crowning statues and/or images of Our Lady in your home. May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us, drawing us ever closer to her Son. Providentially, the Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker is celebrated on the first day of this month dedicated to Mary.

#### Financial - Week of 04/23/2023

#### St. Wenceslaus Total Collected 04/23/23

Total Collected 04/23/23	\$5,807
Under Budget YTD	\$9,875
Actual Collections YTD	

#### **Western Catholic Churches**

Total Collected 04/23/23	\$2,416
Over Budget YTD	· ·
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 J-P! (and a B)

Benedict XVI: YouCat

Mary Beth Jambor: Helping Kids Live Their Faith John Paul II: Crossing the Threshold of Hope

John Paul II: *Gospel of Life*Abby Johnson: *Unplanned*Fr. Josh Johnson: *Broken + Blessed* 

Matthew Kelly: *Life is Messy*Matthew Kelly: *Resisting Happiness* 

Matthew Kelly: The Biggest Lie in the History of

Christianity

Fr Nicolas J. Laforet: *Unbelief Its Causes and Cures* 

Marcel LeJeune: Contagious Catholic

Stella Maris Lilley: *On the Road with Padre Pio* Patrick Madrid: *Does the Bible Really Say That?* 

James Martin: Seven Last Words

Katie Prejean McGrady: Follow: Your Lifelong

Adventure with Jesus

Anthony J Jr Mioni: *The Popes Against Modern Errors*Diane Moczar: *Seven Lies About Catholic History*Msgr. George J Moorman: *Latin Mass Explained* 

New American Bible

Michael Francis Pennock: *Questions from Seventh Period: Doc Pennock Answers Teens' Questions on* 

Life, Love & the Catholic Faith Jacques Philippe: Called to Life

Jacques Philippe: Searching for and Maintaining

Peace

Matthew J Pinto: Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons?





## **SCHOOL NEWS**

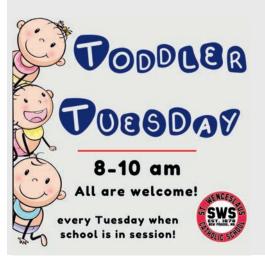
#### **Our Mission Statement**

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,

#### God Bless our SWS Staff.

We give thanks to our St. Wenceslaus Catholic School staff. And while this past week was staff appreciation week, we should show our appreciation year-round. Our school staff has done an incredible job in fostering the mission of our faith while also meeting the academic standards for the year. They have worked very hard once again as the SWS staff has done for years.

In my numerous years as an educator, I can honestly say that a career in education has become more and more difficult for many reasons. Not only has the covid pandemic impacted and challenged us like never before, but our society has changed in so many ways, which has created constant stress for teachers and the school. Careers in education are brave and noble, often taken for granted by many, and are prone to less appreciation overall.

As in past years, the staff at our school is above average. Not only do they exceed the regular routines of a school schedule, but our SWS staff continues to put their hearts and souls into helping other people's children day after day after day. They do it with a smile because they love what they do and believe in making an impact on every student whom they are entrusted with.

Please appreciate our school staff not only this week but always. They are helping you raise your sons, daughters, grandchildren, neighbors, and kids of your friends. They model faith, prayer, and a love for God. It is our hope that others catch this spirit of joy in their lives too.

#### Fun Plans are being made for Summer Club House!

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.

Kim Doyle, Principal



#### Now accepting registrations

for fall enrollment 2023-24 school year PreK - Grade 8







## **FAITH FORMATION**



#### Please pray for this year's Confirmation class as they receive the Rite of Sending at this Sunday's Mass

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

Totus Tuus 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 Totus Tuus 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

#### Have you rsvp'd for the Baccalaureate Mass and dinner?



Please RSVP family size and with a Senior Portrait to Britt LaVigne brittney.lavigne@npcatholic.org

## 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!

#### The Best Five Days of 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

# The Green Team Needs You!

An Invitation From the Green Team - 2023 We have many attractive rain gardens, perennial gardens, annual gardens, and planters that beautify our campus buildings and parking lots, attract pollinators, and help to collect rainwater. There are several ways for you to help maintain these gardens and keep our plantings healthy and looking good all summer. These opportunities are open to students, adults, families, friends, and groups.

- Adopt-a-Garden: Choose one location to work in. Extra help is available.
- Weekly Helpers: May October, watering, deadheading, and other easy chores around the gardens. You can choose your schedule.
- Special Garden Projects ie: spring planting, mulching, and fall clean-up.
- Donations: Funds for plants, mulch, fertilizer, and other garden expenses may be directed to the St. Wenceslaus Gardens fund at the parish office.

Thank you!
Kathy McNamara
Green Team Coordinator
Kathymac0711@gmail.com or 952-200-4949











## THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US

## Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker, for the Beginning of Your Workday

Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary and had the Son of God as your fellow worker. Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support. Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all. Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it. When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world. Amen.



Week of April 30, 2023



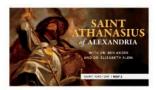
#### St. Joseph: Old and New (Part 1 of 4)

Join Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers as they comment on St. Joseph and his importance in the life of the Church. In this episode, they reflect on the Joseph of the Old and New Testament.



#### Litany of Saint Joseph

Join Dr. Christopher O. Blum as he prays the Litany of St. Joseph, asking for his intercession in your life and the lives of your loved ones.



#### Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.

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#### **Mass Intentions & Readings**

## Monday, May 01 - Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:11-189 7:30 am - Rosary SW

#### Tuesday, May 02

Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30 8:00 am - Mass SW - Ester McKenzie †

#### Wednesday, May 03

1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

8:00 am - Mass SW - JoAnn Doyle † 5:30 pm - Mass SJ - Robert Becker †

#### Thursday, May 04

Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20 8:00 am - Mass SW - *Carolyn † & Milo Rynda* 

#### Friday, May 05\*

Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6

8:00 am - Mass SW - Marty, Dennis, & Jack Witt † 3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions SW

## Saturday, May 06 - First Saturday Devotion First Communion

Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14

7:30 am - Rosary and Benediction SW

8:00 am - Mass SW

3:30 pm - Confessions SW

4:30 pm - Mass SW - Mass for the People

7:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions SJ

8:15 pm - Mass SJ - Dick Krava †

#### Sunday, May 07 First Communion

Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12

8:00 am - Mass SS - Leonard & Carol Pexa †

8:30 am - Mass SW - Red Rauschke †

10:00 am - Mass SJ - The Poor Souls in Purgatory

10:30 am - Mass SW - Robert Bednar †

\*First Friday/Saturday Adoration is in the Chapel

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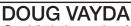
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