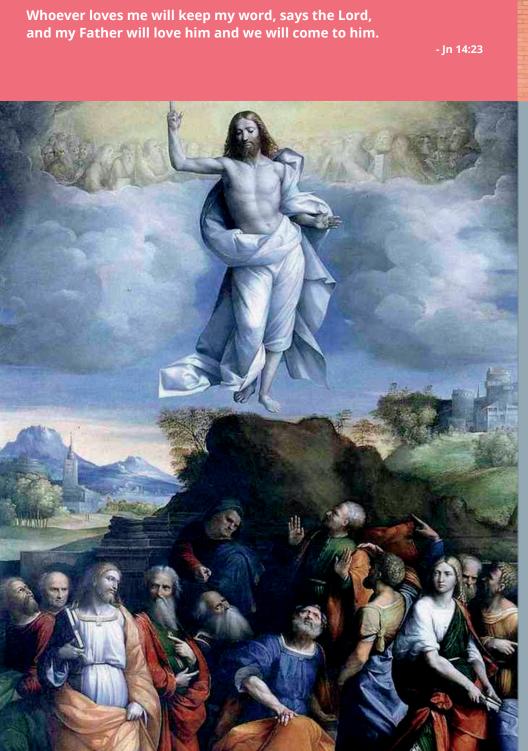
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# ST WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC PARISH





# **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.

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# YOU'RE INVITED!

The Church of St. Peter, in Mendota, is hosting the International Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit on June 16, 17, and 18. What is a Eucharistic miracle? Eucharistic miracles are extraordinary events or phenomena, which manifest the Real Presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine in a way that we can discern with our ordinary senses. The manifestation may be as simple as a host floating on air or as astonishing as a host becoming visible human flesh. This international exhibition was created and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis in 2002. It consists of an extensive collection of photographs and historical records representing a sampling of ancient and modern Eucharistic miracles that have taken place in various parts of the world. The collection was assembled by the Vatican to mark the Year of the Eucharist (2004-2005). After being shown at more than 500 parishes in Italy, it is now traveling the rest of the world.

Please join us as we journey (hopefully by bus) there on Friday, June 16. We will leave St. Wencelaus at 7:45 am and celebrate Mass at St. Peter at 9:00 am. Daily Mass at St. Peter is held in the historic church, the oldest Catholic Church in Minnesota. Below is a tentative itinerary for the day.

- Leave St. Wenceslaus for the Church of St. Peter at 7:45 am.
- Mass at St. Peter's at 9:00 am in the historic church. View exhibit 9:45 am 12:30 pm.
- Bus leaves St. Peter's for lunch at 12:45 pm.
- Arrive at Eagan's Promenade Shopping Center around 1:00 pm.
- Lunch/free time 1:00 pm 2:30 pm.
- Leave the mall for New Prague at 2:30 pm and arrive back in New Prague at 3:15 pm.

We need at least 30 people for bus transportation. Please register by calling Amber Dudley at 952-758-0464 by June 7.

# To always be close to Jesus; that's my life plan. – Bl. Carlo Acutis

With these words, Carlo Acutis, a teen who died after a swift battle with leukemia, outlines the distinguishing feature of his brief existence: to live with Jesus, for Jesus, and in Jesus. "I'm happy to die because I've lived my life without wasting even a minute of it doing things that wouldn't have pleased God." Carlo also asks the same thing of us - to emulate the Gospel with our life, so that we can be a beacon lighting the way for others. Carlo's love and reverence for the Eucharist were exceptional and he had many worthy words about it: "The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven!" and, "If we get in front of the sun, we get sun tans, but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become Saints." From an early age, Carlo started compiling examples of Eucharistic miracles. Please come with us to view his short life's work.

# PARISH NEWS



### Bless the Newly Baptized.

Welcome and congratulations to *Mckenzie Claire Kveene*, daughter of Anthony & Laura Kveene, and *Olivia Grace Turner*, daughter of Zachary & Kaitlyn Turner. We rejoice with your families on this joyful occasion.

# SAVE THE DATE Corpus Christi Celebration! PRAYER, PROCESSION, PICNIC

All parishioners of St Wenceslaus, St Scholastica, and St John, families, friends, and neighbors are invited to join in celebrating the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist on Sunday, June 11, with 10:00 am Mass at St John, followed by a procession, and family picnic on the lawn at St John, Union Hill. Our outdoor procession with Father carrying the Eucharist in the monstrance is a public proclamation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Picnic activities include gravity box basketball, kickball, face painting, corn hole, prizes for kids, burgers, bars, and ice cream. All are welcome to join in this event on Sunday, June 11. It will be a life-changing, beautiful day and most pleasing to God.

### St. John the Evangelist Cleanup Day.

Mark your calendar for Monday, June 5, from 4:00-8:00 pm to clean at St. John the Evangelist in Union Hill. This is the annual cleaning where your entire family is invited to help. Please bring shovels and rakes, buckets, and wash rags. This is a great gettogether to meet new parishioners, work hard, and enjoy lunch served by Catholic United Financial.

#### An Invitation From the Green Team.

There are several ways for you to help maintain our St. Wenceslause gardens and help keep our plantings healthy and looking good all summer. These opportunities are open to students, adults, families, friends, and groups. You can signup here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aeac2fa6fdc61-green1#/

# **Live Stream Help Needed!**

Hello, we are looking for a few intrepid souls to help with our weekend or weekday live stream. If you can open and send an email, you are more than qualified! In high school? You can help too! Please contact Pamela with any interest or questions you may have at pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org or 952-758-0477. Thank you!

#### Save the Date.

The St. Wenceslaus Church Festival will be on Sunday, August 13. More details about this wonderful event will be coming out soon.

### Quilt Frame and Stand Available.

Because our Mission Sewing Ministry will be quilting at home for now, they have some items available for free at church. For more information call the parish office. Please thank them for years of dedication to our parish and to those in need.

### Financial - Week of 05/14/2023 St. Wenceslaus

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Actual Collections YTD	.\$722,509
Under Budget YTD	\$3,962
Total Collected	\$23,269

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Total Collected	\$4,034
Over Budget YTD	+\$6,849
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# **Blessed Karl's Corner -**

Before returning to our overview of Bl. Karl's life, we will offer a few thoughts on what makes him a suitable intercessor for our era. Although no longer holding the title, he was, in effect, the last Holy Roman Emperor. It was a role he did not take lightly. Karl recognized that all authority comes from God, and sought always to reign as a steward of the True King. We can seek his intercession for our leaders today, both in our country and in the world. Many seem to forget that the power they enjoy is a gift from God and should be regarded as such.

Karl attempted to be a peacemaker, both within his kingdom among his various peoples and abroad. Again, we see where his intercession is fitting to our times of various hostilities. Karl was a model husband and father too. Because the life of the family is under strain in our modern time, we can seek Karl and Zita's intercession. They both lived through tough times, marked by hardship, heartbreak, and great changes. But through it all, they worked to keep the integrity of their family, recognizing its important role in God's earthly kingdom.

Join us Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for our Bl. Karl Mass at St. John's. Latin rosary begins at 5:00 pm. Latin materials are provided. For more information email: <a href="mailto:bl.Karl.UnionHill@gmail.com">bl.Karl.UnionHill@gmail.com</a> or visit <a href="mailto:www.emperorcharles.org">www.emperorcharles.org</a>. For those interested in saying a Latin rosary at home, Cardinal Burke leads the rosary in Latin on his Facebook page.



# **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.



# **Job Opening**

Seeking a full-time cook (to help Katie). Join our team for the 23-24 school year. Hours 7:00-2:00 pm. Contact Kim Doyle or Katie Cleveland if interested. 952-758-3133

### **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,

We are very proud of all of our graduates. This includes the class of 2023 and all those who have graduated from the beginning. In 1908 the first student graduated from the 8th grade. She was in a class of one! The following year there were five graduates. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, each graduating class was around 60 students strong. Can you imagine the powerful impact that these graduates had on the community? SWS was a force to be reckoned with in the areas of leadership, academics, sports, and of course, participation in the strong Catholic roots of our faith.

Our graduates have held our mission as a Catholic School together in a strong bond with each other and with great favors to the school. Today, our strong alumni force continues to be a blessing. Alumni have started and are growing a fruitful endowment fund that makes tuition assistance possible for today's students. Our alumni attend our fundraisers, they make donations, and they contribute to our school at the end of their lives with gifts beyond measure. We are so thankful for the sentiment that our alumni have for the work of the school.

It is also so joyful to see alumni who have kept in touch with each other over many years. Every alum has wonderful stories to share and so many fond memories of their school days. We look forward to our upcoming 145th class reunion, where all can come together in the halls of SWS once again. Please spread the word to young and older alumni and to those who came to school but may have left earlier than when they were in the 8th grade. All are welcome to our reunion on Saturday, October 7. And to those who parented our students, you are all invited to join in too. Thank you for sending your kids to SWS. More to come about this exciting event in the months ahead.

Kim Doyle, Principal





# **FAITH FORMATION**

**Register by May 23!** 



"Totally Yours"

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 back of each Church site. Registration is on our parish website and is due by May 23. 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



Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education for the good of all mankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they grow even more grateful and wise.

Amen.

Prayer for our

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CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY
PREPARE TO BE CONFIRMED
AT ST. DOMINICS ON
MAY 21, 3PM

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them make each of them an instrument of Your love. Teach them to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what they do not understand. Deepen their faith in the Gospel and help them to pass it on by your example. We pray that You will continue to guide them and sustain them. Through Christ our Lord, Amen





# Congratulations on your Confirmation

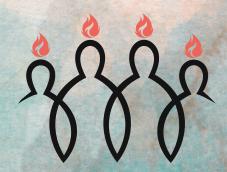
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Spirit of God, grant me: The gift of wisdom to see the world through your eyes, the gift of counsel to make difficult decisions, the gifts of knowledge and understanding to use my mind to know you and to love you. The gift of fortitude to have the courage to live in the faith, despite the difficulties and disappointments. The gift of piety to be able to express my special love and commitment to you, and the right kind of awesome fear that makes me pause to wonder and revere God's Love. Amen.





# THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US

## The Holy Rosary

The most popular prayer after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the Holy Rosary, to which many popes have richly granted indulgences. Coming from Latin, rosary means 'a garland of roses', indicating that through reciting it, we should gather 'flowers of piety' to 'place' at Our Lady's feet, and the 'fruits of every virtue' to instill into our hearts. Legend has it that, as a young monk prayed the Hail Marys of the Rosary, Mary took his Aves as rosebuds, symbolizing love, and wove them into a garland to place on her head.

Mother Mary appeared in 1214 with a rosary in her hand to St. Dominic Guzman, as an answer to his prayers for her help during the Albigensian heresy which was destroying Christendom at that time. Teaching him how to pray the Rosary as she wanted, and encouraging its widespread use, she further revealed to St. Dominic and later to Blessed Alain de la Roche, a Dominican priest, promises for the faithful who devoutly pray the Rosary. Blessed Alain made known the "fifteen rosary promises," and promoted that people pray the Rosary in groups, forever altering the way people pray this.

As Pope St. Pius V ordered the worldwide recitation of the Holy Rosary in 1571 to deliver Western Christendom from the Turks, we, too, should also turn to the most powerful weapon, the Rosary, against the evil of our times, as we are still threatened by many hostile powers. Whether you pray the Rosary or a decade of it daily, have fallen away from praying it, or do not know how to pray it, this month of May, Mary's month, is a perfect time to continue to pick up your rosaries, to recommit to praying it, or to make the time to learn how. Father Patrick Peyton, the modern apostle of the Family Rosary, said it best in, "the family that prays together, stays together," and "A world at prayer is a world at peace." Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!



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# **Mass Intentions & Readings**

#### Monday, May 22

Acts 19:1-8 / In 16:29-33 7:30 am Rosary SW

### Tuesday, May 23

Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a 8:00 am Mass SW - Clarence & Mary Jirak †

### Wednesday, May 24

Acts 20:28-38 / In 17:11b-19 8:00 am Mass SW - Wally Kubes † 5:30 pm Mass SJ - Olivia Lemke

### Thursday, May 25

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:21 8:00 am Mass SW - Don Sirek †

### Friday, May 26

Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19 8:00 am NO Mass SW 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet NO Confessions SW NO Benediction

### Saturday, May 27

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Jn 21:20-25 3:30 pm Confessions SW 4:30 pm Mass SW - Dorothy Lipinski †, Alice M. Schmitz †, Tom Pexa †

8:15 pm Mass SJ - The Poor Souls in Purgatory

# Sunday, May 28 **Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Veni, Sancte Spiritus / Jn 20:19-23 8:00 am Mass SS - Julia Odenthal † 8:30 am Mass SW - Richard Korbel † 10:00 am Mass SJ - Mass for the People 10:30 am Mass SW - Odette Alenuma †

Friday, May 26 NO Mass, NO Confessions Monday, May 29 **NO Memorial Day Mass** Tuesday, May 30 NO Mass

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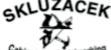
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