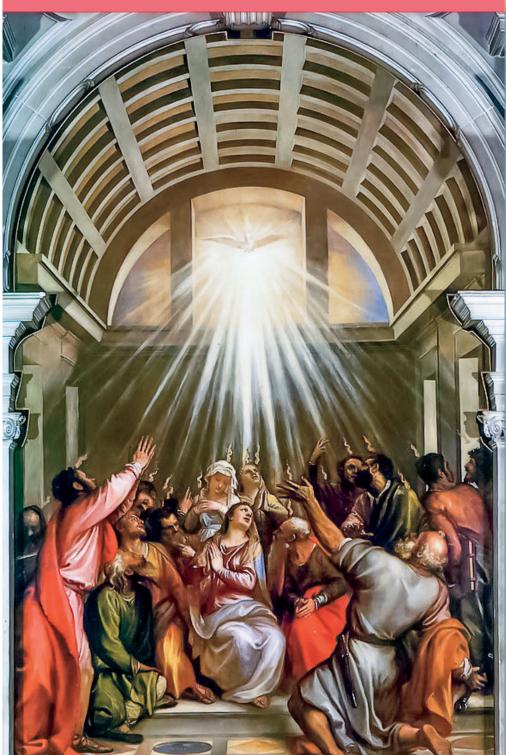
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# **Mass Schedule**

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

Parish Office CLOSED Monday, May 29

#### **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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## PADRE'S PEN — CONFIRMATIONS, HOLY SPIRIT, & FIRST FRIDAYS

Last weekend I had the great privilege of assisting Archbishop Hebda with Confirmations at St. Dominic in Northfield. It was a first in my life as a priest. Standing next to our Archbishop and anointing our young people with the Holy Chrism and praying for a flowering of the Holy Spirit in their lives was both interiorly moving and humbling.

Nevertheless, that is what the Holy Spirit has done throughout the history of the Church. We celebrate Pentecost this weekend. It is the birthday of the Church. Almost 2000 years ago, a group of Christ's followers were gathered in prayer. They were made up of people who abandoned, denied, and misunderstood Jesus through His life, ministry, Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Despite their failures, the Holy Spirit descended upon them as tongues of flame and sent them out into the world to proclaim the Good News. The Holy Spirit has repeated that same process throughout the history of the Church. Sinners and unworthy souls receive the divine life of God through the fire of His love, time and time again. It goes to show that life in the Church and salvation itself is God's work in us!

It was moving, in that I stood next to a successor of the Apostles and was the hands and voice of the Holy Spirit for those who received the Sacrament. It was humbling, in that the Holy Spirit of God would choose to work through such an unworthy minister.

I pray that our young people who were confirmed last weekend will accept wholeheartedly the gift of God they received. I pray that this Pentecost weekend we will all accept the same gift, conform our lives more closely to Christ in His Church, and allow Jesus Christ to complete the good work He continues in us.

I am in Texas this weekend at the ordination of a good friend, but I will be back in town Tuesday evening. Therefore, there will not be a Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery this year or Mass on Tuesday morning. Daily Mass will return Wednesday, May 31.

Remember it is First Friday this week. The Bread and Water Rosary Brigade is still offering up prayers and fasting for our country, culture, and Church. We pray a shorter form of the Patriotic Rosary at 5:00 pm in the chapel along with our fasting. Any and all may join us in these devotions.

Also, as we enter summer, please note that the Parish Office closes at noon on Fridays plus the bulletin runs on a two-week schedule.

Ad Christum per Mariam,

Fr. Theisen

# PARISH NEWS



#### Bless the Newly Baptized.

Welcome and congratulations to *Baker Milo Buthe*, son of Chase & Ashley Buthe. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion.

#### 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. Please bring shovels and rakes, buckets, and wash rags. This is a great gettogether to meet new parishioners and work hard. Bring the entire family to help clean and enjoy lunch served by Catholic United Financial before leaving.

#### St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Cleanup Day.

The Cemetery Council will be doing its annual post-Memorial Day cemetery clean-up on Monday, June 12 at 5:00 pm. Prior to this date, please remove all decorations that the Council would deem unsightly (such as fresh flowers that have died) or those decorations that would be in the way of the cemetery staff as they mow and trim around the graves. Your cooperation in helping them keep our cemetery beautiful is deeply appreciated!

#### An Invitation From the Green Team.

Much help is needed! 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: 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.

#### Financial - Week of 05/21/2023 St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected	\$9.001
Under Budget YTD	•
Actual Collections YTD	

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Total Collected	\$2,847
Over Budget YTD	•
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#### Thank you for your support!

#### **Blessed Karl's Corner -**

Memorial Day guest Saint-to-be: Medal of Honor recipient (posthumously in 2013) Father Emil Joseph Kapaun. Fr. Kapaun was born on Holy Thursday, in 1916, in the German-Bohemian town of Pilsen, Kansas. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1940 and entered the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps on July 12, 1944. He served in Burma and India during the rest of WWII.

In January 1950, Fr. Kapaun was sent to Yokohama, Japan, to join the peacekeeping forces there. When North Korea invaded South Korea in June, his unit was among the first American troops sent to assist the South Koreans. Fr. Kapaun was taken prisoner on November 2, 1950, as he stayed behind with the wounded. His fellow prisoners were convinced their captors singled him out due to the unwavering faith he was always willing to share. When Fr. Kapaun fell ill, his fellow POWs tried to keep their captors from finding out, as they would use the opportunity to take him to the hospital, which often resulted in the sick prisoners dying in the Death House.

Unfortunately, even though he was recovering, his illness was discovered, and he was taken to the 'hospital'. Fr. Kapaun told his fellow soldiers not to protest, saying, "Don't worry about me, I'm going where I always wanted to go, and when I get there, I'll say a prayer for all of you." He died two days later in the Death House, on May 23, 1951. His cause for sainthood has been opened by the Diocese in Wichita, with miracles already being attributed to his intercession. More information can be found at: <a href="frkapaun.org">frkapaun.org</a>. Booklets and prayer cards will be available in the Bl. Karl Chapel. Servant of God, Father Emil J. Kapaun, Pray for Us!



# **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,

Congratulations to our 8th-grade Graduates. They have been an exceptional class with great leadership skills and talent. We are proud to see how they developed spiritually over the years with us, especially in their final years at our school. We are certain they will make an impact on the world around them in the future and wish them great success in high school and beyond.

Felix Barten, Olivia Brimhall, Lotte Cleveland, Molly Connelly, Emma Duffy, Isabel Egan, Ella Fischer, Gallagher Gorr, Anna Ingebrand, Liam King, Karolyn Knettel, Katherine Millard, Lauren Moeding, Elle Neiderhiser, Caroline Nelson, Evan Otremba, Herbie Roufs, Addie Simon, Lucy Sticha, Maddie Weiers, Mac Wieskus.

Kim Doyle, Principal

## CONGRATULATIONS

St. Wenceslans Class of 2023

Blessings as you continue on your journey.





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# **FAITH FORMATION**

There is still time to register - although a t-shirt is no longer guaranteed!

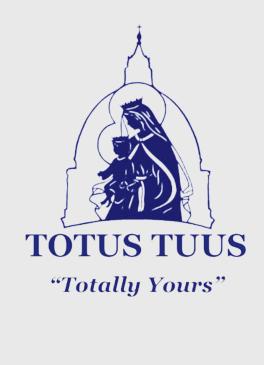
Totus Tuus is our VBS for children entering grades 1-6 (June 12-16; 9-2:30 pm) and grades 7-12 (June 11-15; 6:15-8:30 pm).

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. For questions, contact Laura at 952-758-5131 or email: laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org

### Hard to imagine – BUT we are ready for registrations for our next year of Wednesday night Disciples of Christ, Confirmation, and Youth Alive!

The link is on our parish website or you can click here: <u>Registrations</u> or <u>https://npcatholic.org/registration-and-forms</u>

Please note the cost will be increasing by \$25 on August 1. Additionally, we are always looking for adults and high school teens to journey with us as catechists, co-catechists, or helpers. You do receive one child free and all the materials, lesson plans, and supplies are provided. Grow in your own faith as you help these children know and love Jesus! Please don't delay, sign up today!







Congrats

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.

# **Celebrate with us!**

# Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 11, at St. John the Evangelist in Union Hill

Prayer: Mass - 10:00 am.

**Procession:** Eucharistic procession to three altars with Benediction - seating available for those with mobility challenges.

Picnic: Burgers, Beverages, and Activities for all.



Free Will Donation will be used to fund new steps and sidewalks and general repairs at St John.





## THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US

#### First Saturdays - A Marian Tradition.

Every Saturday (in a very old tradition of the Church) belongs to Mary, Mother of God. It is a day to remember our Heavenly Mother with special devotion. St. Wenceslaus offers the opportunity to fulfill Our Lady's request of special prayers, rosary, and Mass every First Saturday beginning at 7:30 am. A holy hour of Adoration, including confession, is also offered at St. John the Evangelist every First Saturday evening at 7:00 pm, preceding the 8:15 pm Mass. Perhaps make some time this upcoming First Saturday, June 03, for Mary, the Mother of God, our Heavenly Mother. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. watch.formed.org/videos/sat urday-devotions

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### **Mass Intentions & Readings**

#### Monday, May 29 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 / Jn 19:25-34 7:30 am Rosary SW

**NO Memorial Day Mass** 

#### Tuesday, May 30

Sir 35:1-12 / Mk 10:28-31

**NO Mass** 

#### Wednesday, May 31 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 / Lk 1:39-56 8:00 am Mass SW - Living & Deceased Family Members of John Simon Jr. † 5:30 pm Mass SJ

#### Thursday, June 01

Sir 42:15-25 / Mk 10:46-52 8:00 am Mass SW - *Marian Anderson †* 

#### Friday, June 02\*

Sir 44:1, 9-13 / Mk 11:11-26

8:00 am Mass SW

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Confessions SW

#### Saturday, June 03 First Saturday Devotions

Sir 51:12 cd-20 / Mk 11:27-33

7:30 am - Rosary and Benediction SW

8:00 am - Mass SW

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - Alice M. Schmitz †

8:15 pm Mass SJ - Robert Becker †

# Sunday, June 04 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Cor 13:11-13 / Jn 3:16-18

8:00 am Mass SS - Bob Hauer †

8:30 am Mass SW - Richard Korbel †

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

10:30 am Mass SW - Mass for the People

#### \*Overnight Adoration in the chapel

#### Monday, June 05

Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8 / Mk 12:1-12 7:30 am Rosary SW

#### Tuesday, June 06

Tb 2:9-14 / Mk 12:13-17 8:00 am Mass SW - *Marian Simon †* 

#### Wednesday, June 07

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a / Mk 12:18-27 8:00 am Mass SW - Cletus & Bertha Witt † 5:30 pm Mass SJ - Dorothy Lipinski †

#### Thursday, June 08

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a / Mk 12:28-34 8:00 am Mass SW - Camilla Hartmann †, George Horejsi †, Barbara Hennes †, Luann Hennes †

#### Friday, June 09

Tb 11:5-17 / Mk 12:35-37

8:00 am Mass SW - Deceased Family Members of Ed Wieskus †

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3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Confessions SW

#### Saturday, June 10

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 / Mk 12:38-44

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - Mass for the People

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

#### Sunday, June 11 Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Cor 10:16-17 / Sequence — Lauda Sion / In 6:51-58

8:00 am Mass SS - Bob Hauer † 8:30 am Mass SW - Richard Korbel †

10:00 am Mass SJ - Jeanette Becker and Family 10:30 am Mass SW - Ralph & Lucille Schmitz †

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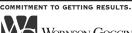
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