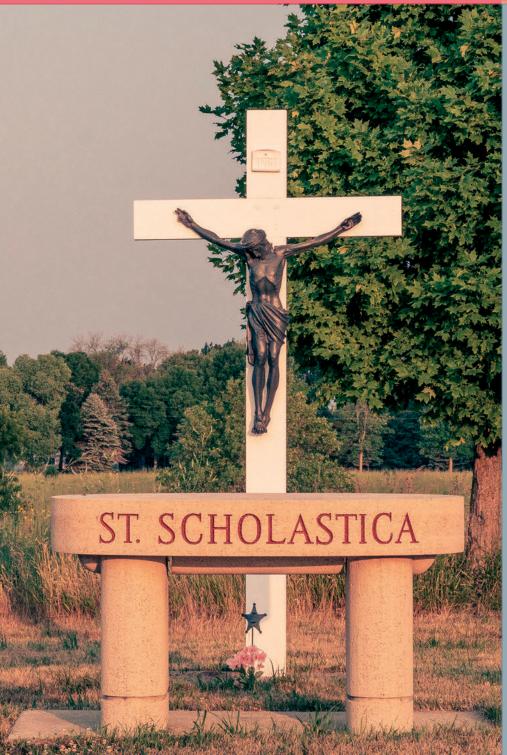
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Mass Schedule

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

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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FESTIVAL UPDATE FROM THE TOP SIX

Festival planning is coming along really well. We are excited to be hosting an event Saturday evening **just for teens**, to kick off our Festival weekend! All teens from our community are invited to attend a Silent Disco in our gym from 6 pm - 8 pm. Teens must register with Britt Lavigne: brittney.lavigne@npcatholic.org. Please note: There is a \$5 charge per teen (which includes pizza!).

There is a lot of excitement about a chicken dinner returning to our Festival! We are excited to be hosting S&S Chicken Magic this year. They will be grilling their chicken onsite and serving out of the Parish Activity Center. You will have an option of dark or white meat and the chicken will be served with Morty's homemade baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and roll. Tickets for this meal will be sold in the Parish Activity Center beginning at 8 am Sunday morning (buy your ticket early as there will be a limited number of chicken meals available)! This is in addition to our Pork Stand and Food Trucks (Blue Loon Concessions, Ettlins Cafe, and Taco Bien). Remember to leave room for a malt or root beer float too!

Kolackies and T-Rings will be sold in the Parish Activity Center near several vendors (make sure to check them out!) on Sunday ONLY. Be sure to stop by during the Festival to stock up on all your baked goods!

There are still several ways to get involved in this year's Festival! Come enjoy the day with fellow parishioners! Volunteering just an hour or two makes such a difference! There is a sign-up genius circulating with ways to help the day of...or you can call the Parish Office (952) 758-3225 and Lynn will get you signed up.

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094babab2fa3fac52-2023#/

We have been receiving prizes for Children's Games...thank you! If you are still interested in donating prizes, there is still time. Below is our Amazon Wish List. You can purchase straight from this list or you can choose something on your own! Either way, we sincerely appreciate your generosity.

www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3G7M1XCN5QO56?type=wishlist

If you haven't already, please pick up your Festival envelope in the back of church THIS WEEKEND! We will start mailing them out on Monday, July 24.

We look forward to celebrating with you all on Sunday, August 13! Come for the Polka Mass and stay for all the St. Wenceslaus Festival has to offer!

PARISH NEWS

Thank you from Father Skluzáček!

Thank you to so many parishioners and guests who came to my farewell reception on June 25, 2023. Thank you also to those who served and those who donated food. I shared the delicious cake and other goodies with the seminarians, who really appreciated them! I was moved by your kind expressions of gratitude to me for my four years of service at St. Wenceslaus, St. John's, and St. Scholastica. Thank you for the many cards and gifts. These past four years, I truly looked forward to my trip each weekend (unless the weather was bad). But even when the weather was bad, Fr. Theisen graciously hosted me at the rectory so I could time my trip for the best drive. Thank you for all your kindness to me these past four years. You are a great parish, and I'll be watching to see all the good developments in the coming years. I will have a "man on the ground" in the teaching parish seminarian assigned to St. Wenceslaus, so I'm sure I'll hear what's going on. Please know that you are welcome to visit The Saint Paul Seminary anytime that we are in session. Come and join us for Mass on a weekday or Sunday. Best to call ahead to confirm the times. And please continue to pray for me, all our priests and seminarians, and that the Lord will "choose from our homes" those who are needed for His work. You are in my prayers.

> S Panem Bohem (With the Lord God), Fr. Michael Skluzáček

Open Your Heart Summer Challenge.

During the summer months, food shelf donations are traditionally low: the Open Your Heart Summer Challenge aims to increase inventory in Minnesota food shelves during these difficult times. For the thousands of Minnesota families that rely on free breakfast and lunch programs during the school year, the summer makes it challenging for them to secure food. You can make a difference this year by donating to the Peace Center food shelf. To donate, you can mail your contribution or drop it off at the Peace Center Food Shelf: 313 Columbus Ave N., New Prague, MN 56071

Do you have used grocery bags piling up at home?

We are still making mats for those experiencing homelessness and have run out of bags to make plarn. Our dedicated crew of volunteers meets every Wednesday from 1 - 2 pm to plarn. There are two blue barrels in the St. Wenceslaus Church basement, right at the bottom of the stairs to drop off the bags. You are welcome to join us and learn how to make plarn for these mats at any time. (Crocheters are needed too!)

Yarn for Prayer Shawls Needed!

Yarn donations are needed for making prayer shawls to be wrapped with love around those who are homebound, hospitalized, or anyone going through a rough time in their lives. Yarn can be dropped off in the St. Wenceslaus Church basement. Please contact the Parish Office at 952-758-3225 if you would like to join this ministry.

Financial - Week of 07/02-09-16/2023 St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected 07/02	\$13,851
Total Collected 07/09	\$11,867
Total Collected 07/16	\$19,026
Under Budget YTD	+\$626
Actual Collections YTD	

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected 07/02	\$4,073
Total Collected 07/02	\$1,980
Total Collected 07/02	\$4,453
Over Budget YTD	+\$800
Actual Collections YTD	

Thank you for your support!

Blessed Karl's Corner -

...Czernin began talking about suicide. Karl had recovered enough to be able to be up and about and called Vienna's chief of police to see about arresting his Minister of Foreign Affairs before 'he did something terrible'. The police informed Karl that they could not do anything until after something had occurred. Czernin was persistent about Karl's signing the release disavowing the letter that Clemenceau had published. He promised it was only for personal matters and would never be published. Reluctantly, Karl eventually signed it, and that same night Czernin had it published. Clemenceau responded with his proof of the letter and Czernin resigned on April 14. As one would figure, the whole incident greatly damaged Karl's reputation. The Emperor had been hoping to find peace and was willing to work with anyone willing to work for that same goal. Being it was wartime, he had to go about it in indirect ways, and sadly, they backfired terribly on him, as we will cover in next week's corner.

Join us Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for our Bl. Karl Mass at St. John's. Latin rosary begins at 5:00 p.m.. Latin materials are provided. For more information email: bl.Karl.UnionHill@gmail.com or visit www.emperorcharles.org.

Quilters Wanted!

Quilting is starting up again at St. John the Evangelist this fall beginning September 12. Meetings will take place on Tuesday at Koenig Hall from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. If you would like to join or have any questions please call Marlene Dohmen at 952-492-6879.



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.





Dear Parishioners, Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of SWS,

Summer is moving quickly, and we are well on our way to planning for the fall school start-up. We have an important year coming up with our school accreditation taking place. This is when we study the school in all aspects and then set goals for the next five to seven years. Our staff and our School Advisory Council are aware of the standards that are looked at by MNSAA (Minnesota Non-Public School Accrediting Association). The reports are much work, but the outcomes are great because we will have a nice set of goals to move the school forward. You'll be hearing more about this in the months ahead.

We have a few open positions: two full-time school kitchen assistants for the 23-24 school year. September - May, possible part-time help. Assist with school meal preparation and serving. No experience is necessary. We are also looking for a primary-grade classroom teacher for the upcoming school year. Seeking qualified candidates. Please apply or share the posting with teachers who may be seeking a position.

Kim Doyle, Principal



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ST. WENCESLAUS SCHOOL SUMMER GRILL OUT

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FAITH FORMATION

Save \$25 by registering before August 1!

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 https://npcatholic.org/registration-and-forms

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!



"He who saves a soul, saves his own and satisfies for a multitude of sins."

-St. James the Apostle (Feast Day July 25)



The Way of Saint James

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

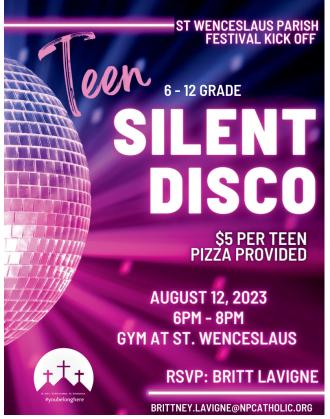
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Is the Spirit Calling You?

When Jesus spoke again to the people; he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Each of us, as believers, has that light of Jesus glowing within us. We are all called to share that light with others. Not always an easy task, but God gave us the Holy Spirit to be our advocate and guide on our life's journey. This fall, please consider joining a "leadership training" series at our parish. All are encouraged to pray about the possibility that the Holy Spirit is nudging you in this direction. It may prompt you to be the hospitality, administrator, participant, or one who invites others into participation. It may help you become more comfortable talking about God with family, friends, strangers... It may be something you will ponder and rest with. There will be no demands on you. You are a Disciple of Christ (a disciple is one who follows a teacher). As Disciples, God asks us to use our charisms or gifts to spread His light to others, in whatever way He is calling us to. Please prayerfully visit with the Holy Spirit and see if this is an area in which God is calling you to participate. Come Holy Spirit Come.





THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US

July is the Month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

"O God, who by the Precious Blood of your only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that, ever honoring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Admitted to your sacred table, O Lord, we have with joy drawn water from the fountains of the Savior: O may His blood, we beseech Thee, become within us a fountain of water springing up to eternal life. Amen."



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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, July 24

Ex 14:5-18 / Mt 12:38-42 7:30 am Rosary SW

Tuesday, July 25 Feast of Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28 8:00 am Mass SW - Marian Anderson †

Wednesday, July 26

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 / Mt 13:1-9 8:00 am Mass SW - *Bryan C. Tupy †* 5:30 pm Mass SJ - *Ella -*3rd Grade Religion Class

Thursday, July 27

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b / Mt 13:10-17 8:00 am Mass SW - *Tom Pexa †*

Friday, July 28

Ex 20:1-17 / Mt 13:18-23 8:00 am Mass SW - E.T. & Julia Schoenbauer † 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm Confessions SW

Saturday, July 29

Ex 24:3-8 / Jn 11:19-27 3:30 pm Confessions SW 4:30 pm Mass SW - Wally Kubes † 8:15 pm Mass SJ - Riley -3rd Grade Religion Class

Sunday, July 30

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 /
Mt 13:44-52
8:00 am Mass SS - Bob Hauer †
8:30 am Mass SW - Mass for the People
10:00 am Mass SJ
10:30 am Mass SW - Donald Tupy †,
Billie Tupy †, Living and Deceased Family
Members of Roman E. Bisek †

Monday, July 31

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 / Mt 13:31-35 7:30 am Rosary SW

Tuesday, August 01

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 / Mt 13:36-43 8:00 am Mass - *Tom Pexa †*

Wednesday, August 02

Ex 34:29-35 / Mt 13:44-46 8:00 am Mass - *Mary Rossbach †* 5:30 pm Mass

Thursday, August 03

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 / Mt 13:47-53 8:00 am Mass - Barbara Hennes †, Luann Hennes †

Friday, August 04*

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 / Mt 13:54-58 8:00 am Mass SW - *Chuck Wann †* 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm Confessions SW

Saturday, August 05 First Saturday Devotions

Lv 25:1, 8-17 / Mt 14:1-12 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 - Ray & Dorothy Lipinski †

Sunday, August 06

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mt 17:1-9 8:00 am Mass SS - Bob Hauer † 8:30 am Mass SW - Wally Kubes †, Raymond Cooney † 10:00 am Mass SJ - Mass for the People 10:30 am Mass SW - Armella Hinderscheit †

*Overnight Adoration is in the chapel.

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