FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - AUGUST 06, 2023

# 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 – 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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# Padre's Pen – Welcome Father Gifford, Festival, & Top Six

The summer has gone by very fast and it is already August. That means two major things: Our new priest, Father Joseph Gifford is here with us, and it's time for our Parish Festival.

First and foremost, I want to send a hearty greeting out to Fr. Gifford! He brings us a great background in music and church knowledge, not to mention a youthfulness we have not seen in a while in our parishes. Please take time out this first weekend to meet and greet him after Masses at St. Wenceslaus. And on his second weekend with us (Festival weekend) take time after the Sunday Masses at St. John and St. Scholastica to meet and greet him. After those morning Masses, Fr. Gifford will be wandering around our Parish Festival and you will have another opportunity to greet and chat with him.

Speaking of the Parish Festival, this is our biggest parish fundraiser for the year, and it is a great opportunity to build up our community as the Mystical Body of Christ. It helps us make or break our budget. We need "all hands on deck" for volunteering and participating. You will find in the back of St. Wenceslaus, a large board listing the various options still available for volunteering. Please take the time to look it over and sign up for some aspect of our Festival. Or you can access the sign-up genius on our parish website. Also, please invite family and friends to join us for Festival Day. Finally, please pray for good weather and a safe and successful set-up, Festival, and take-down.

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, Mass Times

Monday, August 14, 5:30 pm SS Tuesday, August 15, 8:00 am SW Tuesday, August 15, 5:30 pm SJ

Finally, I want to give a big "Shout Out" to our Top Six who work so hard to put together a great Festival for our parish. Our Top Six are Adam Wiener, Erica Scheffler, Pete Sticha, Lynn Sticha, Rob Bruner, and Jodie Gregory. Thank you for your dedication to God and our parish. If you see them at the Festival (they wear red T-shirts), please take a moment to thank them.

Ad Christum per Mariam, Fr. Theisen

# PARISH NEWS



#### Bless the Newly Baptized.

Welcome, and congratulations to *Leila Rose Gross*, daughter of Jadon Gross & Daria Doyle, *Etta Louise Ebeling*, daughter of Caleb & Jordyn Ebeling, *Grayson James Eaton*, son of Dylan & Kera Eaton, *Nathan James Ruhland*, son of Stephen & Kellie Ruhland, and ceremony provided for previously baptized in hospital, *Charlie Thomas Ruhland*, son of Stephen & Kellie Ruhland. We rejoice with your families on this joyful occasion.

#### August: The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

According to the church calendar, the month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This beautiful, pure, immaculate heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our heavenly mother, is overflowing with love, not only for her beloved Son but for all of us, whom she takes as her children. May we be a reflection of her heart, by radiating, even a portion of, that love back to her, to Jesus, and to all we encounter in the world. "O Mary Immaculate, inflame our hearts with one ray of the burning love of thy pure heart." Additionally, August is a month filled with many feast days, beginning with the feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori, followed by St. Peter Julian Eymard, St. Jean Marie Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, the feast of the Transfiguration, St. Dominic, St. Lawrence, St. Clare, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and at the end of the month - St. Monica and St. Augustine. Most notable, however, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, celebrated on August 15, a holy day of obligation. "My heart hath rejoiced in God my Savior because He that is mighty hath done great things for me."

#### Welcome Father Joseph Gifford

St. Scholastica and St. John the Evangelist church sites welcome Father Joseph Gifford. There will be welcoming receptions with light refreshments on Sunday, August 13, following the 8:00 am (St. Scholastica) and 10:00 am (St. John) Masses. Please join us in personally welcoming him to our parish community.



#### Festival Tent Set-up & Take Down:

Any individuals interested in helping set up the large yellow tent and green canvas tent for the Festival are more than welcome to show up at the front of church any time after 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 10. Both tents will be taken down after the last raffle drawing (4:30 pm) on Sunday, August 13. Set up and take down takes many hands, if you are available for one or both, please consider lending an extra hand.

## Financial - Weeks of 07/23 - 07/30/2023 St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected 07/23	\$5,901
Total Collected 07/30	· ·
Under Budget YTD	\$3,913
Actual Collections YTD	

#### **Western Catholic Churches**

Total Collected 07/23	\$1,282
Total Collected 07/30	•
Over Budget YTD	•
Actual Collections YTD	

#### Thank you for your support!

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

As stated before, the whole Czernin, Clemenceau, letter incident (known as the Sixtus affair), greatly damaged Karl's reputation. But that wasn't all it did. As author Charles Coulombe writes, "The affair was a strong reminder of just how far apart the German and Austrian real needs and concerns were." Germany had nationalistic goals and ambitions, whereas Karl, Emperor over many peoples and countries followed Hapsburg tradition and thought in 'multi-national terms'. After the Sixtus affair, the 'Pan-Germans in Austria turned against the emperor; the German high command was resolved to snuff out any independence on the part of the dual monarchy; and Charles's (Karl) own cabinet ministers begged him to come to any possible arrangement with their more powerful ally'. Karl went to meet with the Kaiser and his generals on May 12.

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: <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>.

#### **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



Tuesday, Aug. 22 6:00-7:00 PM Playground Preschool to Grade 8

Students & families



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## **FAITH FORMATION**

#### A New Season of Faith!

Thank you to all who have registered for our Wednesday Night Disciples of Christ, our Sunday Confirmation Sessions, and our Teen Youth Alive group! We are very excited to have our youth back on campus as we grow in faith and love!

If you have not registered yet ... please go onto our parish website and sign up your child. The curriculum will be ordered at the beginning of next week. Each of these options provides opportunities for your child to know and love Jesus. It is the most important gift you can give your child ... the knowledge that they have a merciful loving God who wants a relationship with them! We are so happy to be able to accompany you on this life-long journey. Call Laura at 952-758-5131 for more information.

#### Say a little prayer ...

God has a plan for each one of us. Sometimes we get thrown off course. God is there to help get us back on track. In your prayers, be open to where God may be leading you. Consider if He is calling you to walk alongside our youth as a catechist, classroom helper, childcare provider (daytime for a mom's group forming), Sunday mornings with 8&9 grade youth, or as part of our Youth Alive team. Maybe He wants you to do the leadership training coming up this fall, maybe He will be encouraging you to join a small group. We don't know where we are being called, but we do know, He is calling. Be open to all the possibilities! Call Laura at 952-758-5131 to chat.





## Confirmation Teen & Parent Meeting

10 September 2023



9:30 AM



In the

Church

**Basement** 

## St. Wenceslaus Festival Sunday, August 13, 2023



# Worship

Saturday at 4:30pm Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am



# Eat/Dink 11:30am - 4:30pm Or Until Sold Out

S&S Chicken Magic

(In the Parish Activity Center)

Blue Loon Concessions, Ettlins Cafe, Taco Bien (West Side of Church)

Pork Stand, Ice Cream Stand, Beer Garden (Front Lawn)

Show Parish Activity Center

Kolacky, T-Rings, Tupperware, Inkling Candles, Kas Krafts, 31 Bags, Park Lane Jewelry, Lavender Barnyard, The Bee Shed

# Celebrate 11:30am - 4:30pm In or Near Big Tent

Live Music by: Colton Tupy, the Trouba Troubadours, and Mitchell Hall and the Tennessee Trio

Cash Raffle

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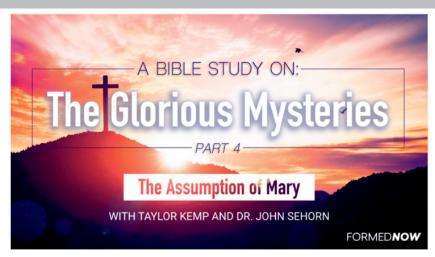
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**Bucket Raffle** 

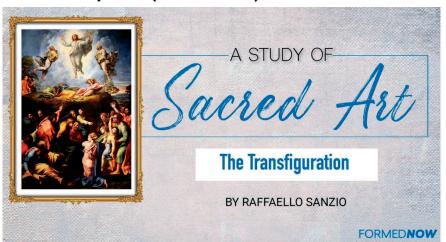
Split the Pot

Children's Games - On Playground

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# A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Assumption (Part 4 of 5)



### The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

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

#### Monday, August 07

Nm 11:4b-15 / Mt 14:13-21 7:30 am Rosary SW

#### Tuesday, August 08

Nm 12:1-13 / Mt 14:22-36 8:00 am Mass - *The Poor Souls* 

#### Wednesday, August 09

Nm 13:1-2, 25–14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35 / Mt 15: 21-28 8:00 am Mass - *Roger Zaun †* 5:30 pm Mass - *Tim & Amy Lemke* 

#### Thursday, August 10

Feast of Saint Lawrence - Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26 8:00 am Mass - Dick & Nan Eischens †

#### Friday, August 11

Dt 4:32-40 / Mt 16:24-28 8:00 am Mass SW - Jane Brezina † 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm Confessions SW

## **Saturday, August 12** Dt 6:4-13 / Mt 17:14-20

3:30 pm Confessions SW 4:30 pm Mass SW - Marian Anderson † 8:15 pm Mass SJ - The Poor Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday, August 13

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33 8:00 am Mass SS - Bob Hauer † 8:30 am Mass SW - Clarence & Mary Jirak † 10:00 am Mass SJ -10:30 am Mass SW - Mass for the People

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