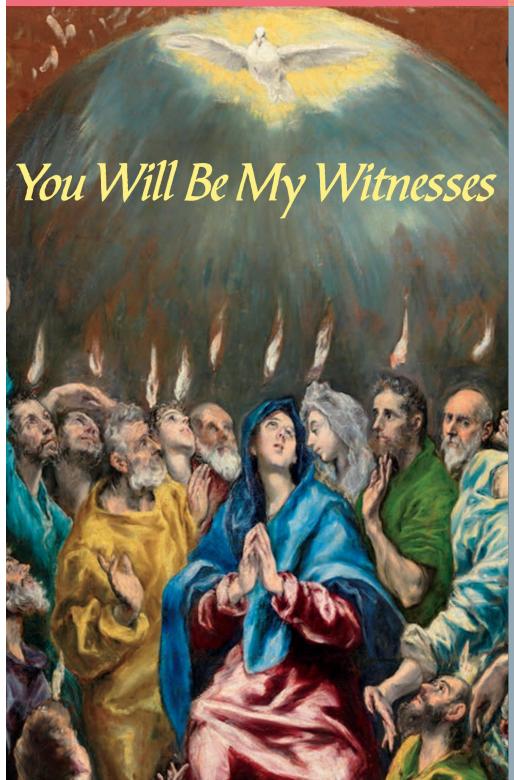
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# **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4:30 PM SW\*

Sunday:

8:30 AM SW

10:00 AM SJ

T/W/Th/F: Monday: Wednesday: 5:30 PM

\*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**

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**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 - Sacred Scripture: Inspired and Inerrant

I thought it might be a good idea to offer a little lesson in this week's column on the Sacred Scriptures. Specifically, the Church's teaching on Divine inspiration and inerrancy and Catholic interpretation principles. The longstanding teaching of the Catholic Church affirmed by the Second Vatican Council is that the Sacred Scriptures are the inspired Word of God and are therefore inerrant (without error). The Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum) from Vatican II presents the proper Catholic understanding of inspiration and inerrancy. In Short, God is the author of Sacred Scripture. The Sacred Scriptures are "... written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author, and have been handed on as such to the Church herself." (DV, 11) Further, those that God chose to write the scriptures, "made full use of their powers and faculties so that, though he [God] acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he [God] wanted to be written and no more." (DV,11) The same document goes on to state that the Sacred Scriptures "firmly, faithfully, and without error teach the truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to sacred scripture." (DV,11)

2 Timothy 3:16 states "All scripture is inspired by God..." Literally (from the Greek) this could be translated to "God-breathed." God did not just help the human authors or approve what they wrote, rather God inspired them from above as the principal author of the sacred scriptures, and the human writers are the instrumental authors. The human authors freely wrote the books of sacred scripture but wrote only that which God wanted.

Because God is the principal author of Sacred Scripture, and God cannot err, it follows that the Sacred Scriptures are without error. The inerrancy of Sacred Scripture guarantees that all the events and writings presented to us in the Sacred Scriptures are unified, true, and accurately present salvation history to us (not as an encyclopedia of scientific fact, but rather as the author viewed and described the world according to their senses). It follows that the first sense in which Catholics read the Sacred Scriptures is the literal sense - that is, to read and understand the writings as the original authors and readers would have read and understood them in their particular settings (e.g., understanding that there are poems, letters, parables, and other figurative language). After the literal sense, we move on to the spiritual sense which includes three subdivisions of allegorical, moral, and tropological senses. There is far more on this subject than I can fit into a short column, I'm going to end here with the exhortation read through the Vatican II Constitution on Divine Revelation. When reading please look at the footnotes to see how the teaching of the Church on inspiration and inerrancy of the Sacred Scriptures remains consistent through the history of the Church to this day.

# PARISH NEWS

#### SAVE THE DATE - 40 DAYS FOR LIFE / ST. WENCESLAUS

Saturday, September 30, 2023, 6:00 am – 6:00 pm - Parish Adopt-a-Day. The largest prayer movement dedicated to ending abortion in history – 40 DAYS FOR LIFE – will enter its 15th season in the Twin Cities this fall. This past year, the Minnesota Legislature, by a narrow margin, passed one of the most radical pro-abortion laws in our nation....which includes allowing abortions up to birth! Despite this devastating news, we must all remember that God is still on His throne and is sovereign over all of this. We ask you to continue to pray for His mercy, justice, and wisdom. Please join your fellow parishioners on Saturday, September 30 at the St. Paul Planned Parenthood to pray for an end to abortion. Sign-ups will be available at Masses at St. Wenceslaus on the weekends of September 16/17 and September 23/24. You can also call or leave a message with Victoria Pauling at 952-393-8056.

#### Holy Land Tour Opportunity.

Have you ever thought about traveling to the Holy Land... walking the same steps that Jesus walked? JeriCo Christian Journeys, along with Spiritual Director Fr. Robert Fitzpatrick, will be leading a trip to the Holy Land next year April 11 to 22. Without a doubt, this will be the most incredible trip you will have ever experienced.

Registrations are due by Sept. 1, 2023. For questions, contact Dick & Mary Jo Hruby. 952-758-2814.

#### Patriotic Rosary, September 10, 2023.

The eighth annual Patriotic Rosary will be prayed Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm, St. John the Evangelist, Union Hill. We gather to pray the Patriotic Rosary for protection and guidance for those serving in the military, for everyone serving in government, and in the leadership of our country. We also pray for everyone in each state in the United States.

## Carlson Pillow Cleaning.

Once again we will be offering this wonderful service here at St Wenceslaus in New Prague in the Parish Activity Center. All proceeds with go toward Pro-Life and Youth programs at St Wenceslaus. Pillow Cleaning: Carlson's Pillow Cleaning Service, Friday, Sept. 8, 6-8 pm, and Saturday, Sept 9, 7 am-1 pm. For any questions call Peggy at 763-229-9896 or online at www.carlsonpillow.com

#### Maui wildfire relief.

The devastating wildfire in Maui has claimed over 100 lives so far and destroyed the town of Lahaina. Other parts of Maui have been severely damaged also. If you would like to offer live sustaining relief for the people of Maui, you can donate at <u>Catholic Charities USA</u> and <u>Catholic Charities Hawaii</u>.

https://catholiccharities.org

https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org

# Financial - Weeks of 08/20/2023 St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected 08/20	\$7,481
Under Budget YTD	\$7,609
Actual Collections YTD	\$110,039

#### **Western Catholic Churches**

Total Collected 08/20	\$2,941
Over Budget YTD	•
Actual Collections YTD	

### Thank you for your support!

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

The end was near for the Hapsburg Empire, which had lasted since 1526, and Karl and Zita knew it. France had already recognized one of the empire's countries independently. Reinforced by the arrival of American troops, the Allies began their final offensive on August 8. Karl informed his German allies that his empire would not last much longer, certainly not to the end of the year. Again, he asked to sue for peace. Germany delayed. In September, Austria sent a separate request for an armistice to Wilson, but it was ignored. Bulgaria surrendered, opening up the southern front for Allied advancement. As things went from bad to worse, politicians in Vienna decided it was time to start listening to what their emperor thought should be done. Sadly, it was too late to save what was left of what was once called the Holy Roman Empire.

Join us Wednesdays at 5:30 pm 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 www.emperorcharles.org.

## Adult Washington DC Trip!

Stay tuned for more information about another trip to DC for adults with Jamie Schoenbauer!





# 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,

Last week our staff got really busy! All staff members came in on Monday to begin our workshop time together. We had much to organize and plan so that our students receive an excellent faith education, achieve academic goals, and develop into leaders who are prayerful, reliant on God, and kind to others. We also wish to achieve a unique family-centered community so that each family finds a "home" here at SWS. This obviously takes lots of work, time, and energy.

As our staff gears up for the challenges ahead, we also ask our school parents and supporters to gear up to help us. It takes the entire community to keep our programs positive and to develop ongoing and new ideas. Furthermore, as a Catholic school, we have a very specific mission to provide the best formation of our Catholic and Christian faith to our children. Our staff does this daily, but they cannot do it alone. We invite you to pray for a successful year for our school. Come to volunteer and join our activities. It will be a wonderful year.

## Kim Doyle, Principal



We would love to stay in touch! If you are an alumnus or alumna of St. Wenceslaus School, please send us your current email address to update our records.

#### Welcome Back to School!

We lean on God as we model, demonstrate, and teach our students to do the same. "Teach me Your way, O Lord" will be our school prayer for the upcoming year.

Psalm 86:11 Teach me Your way, O Lord





# **FAITH FORMATION**

#### What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, we invite you to join us in this 10-week study to learn more and go deeper. We will be offering this study twice a week, Tuesday mornings, 9:00 - 10:30 am, and Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Please join us! For more information, contact Amber Dudley at 952-758-0464 or <a href="mailto:amber.dudley@npcatholic.org">amber.dudley@npcatholic.org</a>.

## A New Season of Faith! Let's get started. September 13, 6:15 pm

All are invited to join us for our opening Mass for 1-7 grade youth at Saint Wenceslaus. After Mass, we will have a short parent meeting and the kids will have an opportunity to meet their catechists. Please pray for our children as they begin their new year as a Disciple of Christ. Keep all of our families in your prayers as together we grow in love, faith, and our relationship with Jesus. 2023-24 Disciples of Christ Grades 1-12 Registration Form | New Prague Area Catholic Community | New Prague, MN (npcatholic.org)

#### **Registration for grades 1-12**

If you have not registered your child/teen yet, it is not too late! We encourage you to sign them up today. It is the same form for Disciples of Christ on Wednesday nights for grades 1-7; Confirmation on several Sundays (Wednesday night make-up sessions) for grades 8&9; and our Youth Alive group for teens in 10-12 grade. If you have any questions, please contact <a href="mailto:laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org">laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org</a>

## Faith Formation isn't just for kids!

In so many aspects of life, we look forward to new experiences, new people, new challenges, and new growth opportunities. In no area of life is this more important than in our life with Jesus? We focus a lot on a child's journey, but not so much on our journey as adults. We are here to offer opportunities to help you encounter Jesus, and get to know Him in a new and different way. He wants a relationship with you. How are you making that happen?

## Some upcoming opportunities are:

- 7-week leadership training (daytime and evening sessions)
- Ascension Press Study What We Believe (daytime and evening sessions),
- Morning Mom's Bible Study (working on child-care)
- Women's Only Night Speaker
- Wednesday Morning Scripture Study (7:00 am)
- Weekday Masses

Watch for more information on all of these opportunities. If you have suggestions or ideas for more opportunities, please let us know. (amber.dudley@npcatholic.org, laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org) We are here to serve you and help you grow!

"In this world, you're either growing or you're dying so get in motion and grow."— Lou Holt.





# ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Sunday, September 10 = @St. John the Evangelist Union Hill. @6:30 pm

Inspired by Our Lady of Medjugorje, the Patriotic rosary is a powerful prayer for divine protection and mercy for our Nation









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# **Mass Intentions & Readings**

#### Monday, August 28

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 / Mt 23:13-22 5:30 pm Mass SW - Helen Weiers †

#### Tuesday, August 29

1 Thes 2:1-8 / Mk 6:17-29 8:00 am Mass SW - John Harty †

#### Wednesday, August 30

1 Thes 2:9-13 / Mt 23:27-32

8:00 am Mass SW

5:30 pm Mass SJ - Camilla Hartmann †

#### **Thursday, August 31**

1 Thes 3:7-13 / Mt 24:42-51

8:00 am Mass SW - Living & Deceased Family Members of John Simon Jr. †

#### Friday, September 01\*

1 Thes 4:1-8 / Mt 25:1-13

8:00 am Mass SW - Clarence, Mary, Milo, Gladys

& Shawn Jirak †

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Confessions SW

# Saturday, September 02 First Saturday Devotions

1 Thes 4:9-11 / Mt 25:14-30

7:30 am Rosary and Benediction SW

8:00 am Mass SW

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - Ralph & Lucille Schmitz †

8:15 pm Mass SJ - Andy Dalsin

#### Sunday, September 03

Jer 20:7-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Mt 16:21-27

8:00 am Mass SS - Bob Hauer †

8:30 am Mass SW - Mass for the People

10:00 am Mass SJ - Donald & Bernice Entinger †

10:30 am Mass SW - Merlin Moore †

\*Overnight Adoration is in the chapel.

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