TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

# ST WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC PARISH





## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4:30 PM SW\*

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\*
Monday: 5:30 PM 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.

**Prayer Chain** Judy Siemon: 952-758-2220 Carol Bauer: 952-457-4057

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#### Padre's Pen – St. Michael Prayer, Feast Day, Marathon, Parish Offices

A few miscellaneous items of interest for you this week...
I want to remind everyone about the reason we added the St. Michael prayer at the end of our weekend Masses. We are one of the remote sites for the Catechetical Institute program. The patron for the 2-Year program in which we are participating is St. Michael the Archangel. Thus, in praying the St. Michael prayer we are both praying for the class that will graduate next spring as well as invoking the protection of this prince of the Angelic Choirs for protection on our parish.

Also, remember that our parish Solemn Feast Day is September 28. In the order of liturgical precedence, the name/patronal feast day for a parish church is among the highest feast days for that church. That means the Feast of St. Wenceslaus is up there with Christmas, Easter, and the high feast days of our Lord and our Lady. Therefore, we move our School Mass day to Thursday, September 28, and we celebrate the Mass with the full complement of music, the Gloria, the Creed, and readings from the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospels.

With the Feast of St. Wenceslaus on September 28, it should be a reminder to all of us that it is also the School Marathon. This is one of the biggest fundraisers for our great school. I have not yet surpassed Ron McBroom in fundraising. Maybe this year will be the year. Or maybe, between Fr. Gifford and myself we can together surpass Ron in fundraising. In other words, both Fr. Gifford and myself appreciate any donations you make to our fundraising efforts for the school.

You may donate to the SWS Marathon in person, by mail, or simply use this link: saintwenceslaus.ejoinme.org/marathon2023

Finally, if you have not noticed, there have been some office moves. Ruth, Mary Carol, and Mary Bender have all moved their offices out of the rectory and have some newly renovated offices in the church basement. My office and Lynn's office remain on the front side of the rectory. All parish business should be addressed through the front door of the rectory building or through the offices in the church basement (we still have the envelope drop at the back door of the rectory, please continue using that until we can set something up at the front door). I want to thank our parishioners for their input as we looked at office possibilities and for the flexibility of our great parish staff. Look for more updates in the near future on our parish facilities.

Ad Christum per Mariam, Fr. Theisen

## PARISH NEWS

## OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Needs Your Help.

Join Judy as she welcomes and prepares new members into our Catholic Faith community. Be the welcoming presence and the smiling face they see at Mass. Join us for a session or two. Please prayerfully consider if you are called to this ministry - any questions? Contact Judy Deutsch at 614-843-1196 or email judymdeutsch@gmail.com.

#### **CCW News.**

Southwest Deanery Fall Institute is September 19, 2023 at St. Patrick - Shieldsville. Mass at 6 PM and meal following. The event's speaker is Catrin Wigfall of the Center of the American Experiment. For more information contact Mary Wick at mary.wick@swsaints.org.

#### **WCC CCW News**

CCW news from Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women of St. John and St. Scholastica Parishes.
Save the Date: October 2, 2023 - Koenig Hall, Union Hill Rosary at 6:15 pm, Silent Auction, Lunch at 6:30 pm, and short meeting to follow. For the Silent Auction, we are accepting donations of canned and homemade foods, fresh produce, gift baskets, and gently used items.

#### **Grief Support for Adults, Kids and Teens**

**SHIFT** is a 13-week program for kids and teens in grades K-12. Age-appropriate lessons and activities will help them explore their grief, and God's promises regarding comfort, healing, hope, and eternity.

GriefShare - Are you suffering after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend? GriefShare is a special weekly support group with facilitated small group discussions, designed to give encouragement and to help you rebuild your life. You don't have to go through the process alone. GriefShare is a revolving 13-week program which you are welcome to start at any time. SHIFT and GriefShare run simultaneously Monday, Sept. 18 - Dec. 18, 2023, 6:00 – 7:30 pm - St. Wenceslaus (Church Basement). For more information please contact: MaryCarol Wolf or Mary Bender at 952-758-3225. Welcome to anyone in the greater New Prague Area Community.

#### Two Weeks to Go - 40 Days for Life

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. 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.

### Financial - Weeks of 09/03/ & 09/10 St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected 09/03	\$15,482
Total Collected 09/10	\$10,389
Under Budget YTD	\$14,474
Actual Collections YTD	\$147,291

#### **Western Catholic Churches**

Total Collected 09/03	\$3,610
Total Collected 09/10	\$2,784
Over Budget YTD	\$4,025
Actual Collections YTD	\$31,563

#### Thank you for your support!

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

As the terrible war began to show signs of coming to an end, Karl began looking towards the future. Once there would no longer be the concern of war and trying to find peace, he would, at last, be able to concentrate on his empire. October 1918, seeing, at last, that they were not going to win, the German generals demanded that a request for peace be made to the Allies. On October 4, both Austria and Germany sent Wilson messages looking for peace. In Austria's note, they outlined the reforms hoped for by the Empire and requested time to restructure things. No response came. On October 16, Karl issued his "Imperial Manifesto", which stated his desire to recognize and give voices and homes to the various nationalities living within his empire. Hungary was its own separate issue and Karl was careful that the dealings in Austria would not affect 'the integrity of the lands of the holy Hungarian crown.'

#### IS THE HONEYMOON OVER?

It doesn't have to be! A Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Oct 6-8, 2023 in Buffalo, MN, and Feb 9-11, 2024 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-234-7440

KC Bingo is starting Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7pm, at the KC Hall in New Prague.



## 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,

One time of the week that everyone in our school looks forward to is the days when we have our school Mass. This is a relaxing time in our week when the entire school comes together for worship. The students enjoy their participation in the Mass, and they especially like it when their class is in charge of the Mass.

Catholic schools get an hour of complete focus on our faith as part of the regular school week. At SWS, our Mass times are a priority. We invite everyone to join us for this prayerful experience each week. Those school parents who are not Catholic are always welcome to join us. The children sit up front with their teachers, and all others can sit in the back. Participate as you are comfortable and as appropriate.

#### **Marathon News!**

We kicked off this event with the kids a couple of weeks ago. The annual marathon is one of four required fundraisers. This one brings great excitement to the school as kids earn prizes. Each student has a goal of collecting funds from family and friends. K-8 = \$200 and Prechool = \$100.

Join us on Saturday, September 30 – 9:00-10:30 AM. We walk/run around the school campus, have food, and win prizes. Money is collected ahead of time. You can collect cash, send a check, or anyone can donate online. Each donation will be credited to the designated student to count toward their total. A super easy way to spread the word is to send or post this link for friends to respond directly to the school with a donation.

Marathon Donation Link: <a href="mailto:saintwenceslaus.ejoinme.org/marathon2023">saintwenceslaus.ejoinme.org/marathon2023</a>

Kim Doyle, Principal

#### Kitchen Volunteers are needed.

We will take any time that you can give us. One day per week or one day per month- 2-3 hours per day or even 1 hour will help. Currently, we need people to wash dishes 8:00-9:30 AM and others to serve lunch and wash dishes – 10:30-12:30.

Please contact our school food services director, Katie, if you can help. katie.cleveland@swsaints.org



"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.

Our fall bible study began this week, *What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith*. It's not too late to join us, we still have room for a few more participants. There are 2 times available, Tuesday mornings, beginning September 12, 9 - 10:30 am, and Wednesday evenings, beginning September 13, 7 - 8:30 pm. Please join us! To register for either study please contact Amber Dudley at 952-758-0464 or amber.dudley@npcatholic.org.

## So excited to be welcoming Liturgy of the Word for Children back to our family ministries!

Beginning, September 24 and during most 8:30 Masses, the children will be called to the front of the church to be dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word. They will leave and hear The Word in a way that is more easily understood and discussed. They will re-join you during the Offertory time. This is for children aged 4 through 4th grade. Other adults are welcome to join the group to see if they may want to consider leading it a time or two. We would love to have you join this beautiful ministry!

#### The Mom's Group has begun, but it's not too late to join!

Mary Lynn Gross has felt the call to lead a Mom's group for our parish. This group will be meeting beginning September 14 from 9-10:30 am on the SW campus. The first several weeks will cover Called to be a Disciple, written by Mary Higgins, the next few weeks will be on scripture, and the last four will be an Advent study. We are able to provide childcare if that is an issue for you. Come for one session, join us for all. It will be a great way to meet new women and learn to know and love Jesus even more! Join us!

#### Time to try something new?

It would be so great to have a database of people we could call on to see if they could help with special Faith Formation projects or events... Some ideas may include ~ Childcare assistant, Hospitality, Catechist sub, Office help, LOWC, and other things! Talk to Laura if you want to consider having your name on this list.

Need help with those leaves?

On Sunday, November 5, The Confirmation and Faith Formation Youth from our parish will once again be helping people rake their lawns.

Please call Britt at the Faith Formation office; 952-758-0456 with your name, address, and phone number if you would like to have your lawn raked. There is no charge, but we ask that you provide your own leaf bags.

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St Wenceslaus Youth Ministry Event **Open to Youth 6th to 12th grade!** 



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## Another opportunity for growth and learning for YOU!

The Archdiocese is offering a Formation and Leadership Training Session for seven weeks this fall.

These sessions are more than just learning how to facilitate small groups. They will offer:

- A greater personal encounter with Christ
- A realization of your individual gifts/charisms
- A greater comfort in sharing God with others

We will offer a daytime (12:30-2:30 pm) session and an evening (6:30-8:30 pm) session beginning on Tuesday, September 19. The Holy Spirit is alive and active in YOU! Pray to see where your gifts could be used.

Here is a link to Archbishop Hebda's Post Synodal Pastoral Letter: You Will Be My Witnesses: https://www.archspm.org/synodletter/



You Will Be My Witnesses



Would you be interested in participating in a training and discernment session?

Do you want to learn about where God may be calling you?

Seven Sessions
Tuesday, Sept 19 - Nov 7
12:30-2:30 or 6:30-8:30 pm
Time for prayer, teaching &
small group sharing.

Please reach out.



## THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US



#### **Knights of Columbus #2023 Auxiliary Fall Potluck**

The Knights of Columbus Auxiliary will be hosting their Fall Potluck Supper on Monday evening September 25, at the KC Hall. Come and find out what the Auxiliary does in our community and also the many charities we support as well as our 3rd Degree and 4th Degree Knights. Our Social Hour begins at 6:00 PM with the potluck supper starting at 6:30 PM with a meeting to follow. Spouses are also invited to come to this event. You need not be a KC member to attend.

#### **September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows**

"And thy own soul a sword shall pierce..." Since the 12th Century, the month of September has been dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows or the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Our heavenly Mother's sorrows are the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus in the temple, Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary, Jesus dying on the Cross, Mary receives Jesus, and Jesus is placed in the tomb. "Happy the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which without dying earned the palm of martyrdom beneath the Cross of our Lord." Sorrowful Heart of Mary, Pray for us.

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

#### Monday, September 18

1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 7:1-10

5:30 pm Mass SW - Harry, Marion, Milo, Gladys, & Shawn Jirak †

#### **Tuesday, September 19**

1 Tm 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17

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

#### Wednesday, September 20

1 Tm 3:14-16 / Lk 7:31-35

8:00 am School Mass SW - *Poor Souls* 5:30 pm Mass SJ - *Carl Burkland †* 

#### **Thursday, September 21**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13

8:00 am Mass SW - Raymond † & Jan Cooney

#### Friday, September 22

1 Tm 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3

8:00 am Mass SW - Linda Warnemunde †

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm Confessions SW

#### Saturday, September 23

1 Tm 6:13-16 / Lk 8:4-15

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - Mass for the People 8:15 pm Mass SJ - Bill & Lillian Hoffman †

#### Sunday, September 24

Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Mt 20:1-16a

8:00 am Mass SS - Julia Odenthal †

8:30 am Mass SW - Camilla Hartmann t,

LeRoy Geiger †

10:00 am Mass SJ - Ralph Weiers †

10:30 am Mass SW - Russell Sindelar †

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