TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -SEPTEMBER 24, 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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Lois Giesen: 952-758-2138

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SW Lynn Sticha: 952-758-3225 **WCC** Pamela Sherlock: 952-758-0477

Padre's Pen - Archangels and Angels

As I mentioned last week, our Patronal Feast of St. Wenceslaus is this week, September 28. It is a day to storm heaven for the good of our parish, people, and area. Also, don't forget to support our school with the school marathon on Saturday morning. This is one of the major fundraisers for our school and helps us make our budgets. Immediately following our Patronal Feast is another major Feast. On Friday, September 29, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Archangels (not to forget the Feast of our Guardian Angels on October 2). The Lord in His great mercy has given us the protection and help of these purely spiritual creatures. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession." (CCC 336). St. Augustine tells us that "Angel" is the name of their office, not of their nature. Their nature is spiritual.

In the case of the Archangels whose names we know, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, their names give us some insight as to their nature or mission in the order of creation. Michael whose name means "Who is like unto God" is the great leader of the hosts of God's creatures protecting God's people from the fallen angels. Gabriel whose name means "Power of God" is the great messenger of the Incarnation and the Holy Spirit's power to bring us salvation. Raphael whose name means "God heals" can bring us great solace in times of physical ailments and protection from demonic activity (read through the Book of Tobit to see this powerful Archangel's mission). Put these three Archangels together with our own assigned Guardian Angel and we can be sure of the spiritual assistance we need in these very troubled times.

Saint Wenceslaus Pray for Us!
The Feast of St. Wenceslaus is September 28.

Since we are surrounded by these heavenly helpers, I recommend that we take advantage of their presence. Pray the "Saint Michael the Archangel" prayer daily. Greet and speak/pray to your Guardian Angel. Ask Gabriel the Archangel to announce the power of the Holy Spirit in your lives. Plead for Raphael the Archangel to accompany and protect you in life's journey as he did for Tobiah in the Sacred Scriptures. Don't let a day go by without interacting with these great protectors and intercessors.

PARISH NEWS



🥰 Bless the Newly Baptized.

Welcome, and congratulations to Violet Joy Weinandt, daughter of Austin & Kelsey Weinandt. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion.

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. Questions? Contact Judy Deutsch at 614-843-1196 or email judymdeutsch@gmail.com.

WCC CCW News.

CCW news from Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women of St. John and St. Scholastica churches. 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.

School Marathon and Catholic United Financial.

St John Union Hill Catholic United Financial is sponsoring youth members who attend Catholic school. To receive this donation please call Nancy Webb at 952-297-5464 by Tuesday, September 26. The money will be sent directly to the school.

Saturday, September 30 - 40 Days for Life.

Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 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. Any questions, please call Victoria Pauling at 952-393-8056.

A Huge Thank You to Everyone Who Attended the Patriotic Rosary!

The voices of the choir and congregation were very powerful and inspiring. Thank you to the students from Holy Cross, St. Wenceslaus, Chesterton, and Providence Academy and choir members from St. Scholastica for joining St. John's choir to sing Mary hymns before the rosary and Patriotic songs during the rosary. The New Prague American Legion Color Guard and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus added to the atmosphere of joy and hope as George Tupy led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Fr. Joseph Gifford concluded with a powerful message of hope and a blessing. A big thanks to Catholic United Financial for supporting the Patriotic Rosary.

Financial - Weeks of 09/17 St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected 09/17	\$18,573
Under Budget YTD	\$10,607
Actual Collections YTD	\$165,864

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected 09/17	\$3,389
Under Budget YTD	\$3,871
Actual Collections YTD	\$34.952

Thank you for your support!

Blessed Karl's Corner -

As Karl tried to decide the best way to unite the various peoples living within the Hungarian lands, America responded negatively to his "Imperial Manifesto". On October 24, Italy, who had changed to the Allied side in hopes of gaining more land, reinforced with French, British, and American troops launched a major offensive on the Dual Monarchy. Despite their various national backgrounds, the troops of the Dual Monarchy held firm for three days. After that, Magyar and Slovak units began to return home.

Karl informed Kaiser Wilhelm that he was suing for a separate peace. At last, he was free from the alliance that had hindered his peace work. But it was too late. Without the alliance, the individual nationalities within the Empire felt emboldened to declare their independence.

Join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm for our Bl. Karl Mass at St. John's. Latin rosary begins at 5:00 pm.

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 7 pm, 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.



Kitchen Volunteers.

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

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

What an impression St. Wenceslaus School and Church have had on this community for so many years. We are located in the heart of our town because we were established at a time when German Catholics and Czech Catholics immigrated and settled in this area. Their faith is what brought the two origins together. People in the 1800s worshiped together, socialized together at the church, raised funds for their causes, and educated their children together. Yes, St. Wenceslaus was the heart of their lives.

Now in the 21st century, although there are so many advanced things to draw our attention away from our parish and our school, I believe that the heart of St. Wenceslaus should remain strong. What a great place for people to worship together. Where can you find friends with like values to socialize with? What a great cause to still raise funds for. And wow, do we have an excellent school where families can educate their children together!

Over Dozinky weekend I witnessed people gathered in groups connected by family ties and by ties from the church and from the school. The churchyard was filled with people belonging to "our group." Families were bonding while enjoying the festivities. Those who walked/rode with our parade unit were greeted with cheers and compliments from others who were watching. I observed a direct connection to our parish. Our heart remains in the center of New Prague and is living here at St. Wenceslaus.

Marathon News!

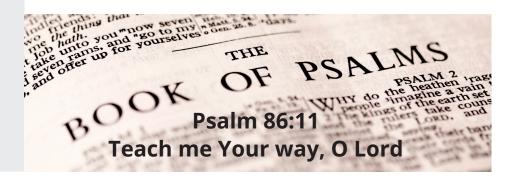
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Join us Saturday, September 30 – 9:00-10:30 AM as students walk/run around the school campus, have food, and win prizes.

There is still time to donate! Cash, check, or donate online. Each donation will be credited to a designated student to count toward their

Marathon Donation Link: saintwenceslaus.ejoinme.org/marathon2023

Kim Doyle, Principal



FAITH FORMATION

Women in the New Prague area!

We are again hosting our autumn WON (Women Only Night) event on Sunday, November 5, with a fabulous speaker coming to enlighten us with her words and wisdom. As the event date draws closer more information will be made available. Please be sure you invite your friends and get the date on the calendar. It is a fabulous night to share with other women. Bring old friends; make new friends. Join us! Doors will open at 6:00 pm for refreshments and socializing.

We can all do our part!

Making a parish family-friendly is not just the work of the pastor and staff. It is a call to all of us! The presence of children is a beautiful gift to our Church. Young families are a sign that our parish is alive and growing! It can be a little intimidating if you have exuberant children. Parents: Thank you for bringing your children to the celebration of the Mass. Fellow parishioners: Please welcome these children and give a smile or word of encouragement to their parents. Jesus said; "Let the children come to me". Let's do our part to help make that happen!

The "72."

God did it again ... ask and you shall receive! We began our first sessions of our formation and training on Tuesday. When all the dust settles, it looks like we will be at 70-75 participants. Thank you for your participation, for your prayers, and for your encouragement! We are very excited to see where this will take us. Please keep watching the bulletin for updates.

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.





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



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Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC).

Sunday, September 24, at 8:30 am Mass, begins our first week of this beautiful ministry for children ages 4 through 4th grade. Taylor and Jenny NEED YOUR HELP! Volunteers will be absent from Mass during the readings and the homily, but you will help to proclaim the readings in a child-friendly manner and do a pre-planned activity with them. We offer this as a team of two (or more). This is a great opportunity for parents and teens to share their faith with each other and with some beautiful children. It could be a nice time to spend with a friend, grandmas, grandpas, or husbands and wives - pray together inspiring others! Please join this group down in the chapel to see if this is something you could help with. The more volunteers we get, the less time commitment it is for everyone. Call Laura for more information, or to volunteer! 952-758-5131.



St. Wenceslaus School

145th All School Reunion

Saturday, October 7, 2023







Reunion for all connected with St. Wenceslaus Catholic School between 1878 and 2023.

(even if you did not graduate)

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Attend a great night of socializing and reminiscing.

4:30 PM Mass at St. Wenceslaus Church 5:15-6:30 PM Social Hour throughout the entire school campus 6:30 PM - Buffet Dinner and Program in the Parish Activity Center register online at: https://saintwenceslaus.ejoinme.org/reunion145

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.

Adoration Every Friday!

Greetings fellow parishioners. Did you know that we offer Eucharistic Adoration every Friday of the month? Adoration takes place in church after 8:00 am Mass until 6:00 pm when Father closes with Benediction. On the *First Saturday* of the month, we have 24-hour Adoration beginning Friday after Mass and going through the night until 8:00 am Mass on *First Saturday*. Adoration is in the chapel for the 24-hour First Saturday weekends. Synod Small Group training is encouraging us to spend more time in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. You are welcome anytime! If you have questions or are feeling called to be more involved in this ministry, please call or text Ann Soderlund at 612-669-4014.

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, September 25

Ezr 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18

5:30 pm Mass SW - Genevieve Metzdorff †

Tuesday, September 26

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Lk 8:19-21 8:00 am Mass SW - Marion Anderson †

Wednesday, September 27

Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6

8:00 am Mass SW - Dennis, Marty,

& Jack Witt †

5:30 pm Mass SJ - CCW Our Lady of Good Help

Thursday, September 28 Feast of St. Wenceslaus

Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9

8:00 am School Mass SW - Tom Pexa t

Friday, September 29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 *or* Rv 12:7-12ab / Jn 1:47-51 8:00 am Mass SW - John Jirak, Mary Mielke,

& Shawn Jirak †

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Confessions SW

Saturday, September 30

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a / Lk 9:43b-45

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - Armella Hinderscheit † 8:15 pm Mass SJ - Genevieve Metzdorff †

Sunday, October 01

Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5 / Mt 21:28-32

8:00 am Mass SS - Mass for the People

8:30 am Mass SW - Jean Ann Bisek †, Wally Kubes †

10:00 am Mass SJ - Genevieve Metzdorff † 10:30 am Mass SW - Robert Bednar †

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