TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 15, 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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BeFrienders Ann Schoenbauer: 758 -3456 or Lois Giesen: 952-758-2138

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Padre's Pen - St. John Capital Update & More

Moving on to St. John this week for updates. First, what have we done since July 1, 2019?

- Paid the required portion of the Capital Campaign Expenses.
- Paid the 2% assessments to the Archdiocese (we can't get around this one).
- Cleaned out the rectory and church basements and abated asbestos.
- Paid for condition reports.
- Put temporary patches on the roof and steeple.
- Built a stairwell into the steeple and cleaned out the steeple (eight to ten inches of dirt and guano).
- Tuck pointed church, rectory, and steeple (both the interior and exterior of the steeple).
- Re-shingled Koenig Hall, church, rectory, and steeple.
- Razed the kitchen addition, added a handicap ramp, door, ADA bathroom, and updated electrical connections.
- Installed concrete footings and metal pillars for the settling rectory.
- Shimmed/leveled the rectory floor.
- Scraped, plastered, and painted water-damaged areas in the church.
- Repaired/replaced exterior metalwork and gable areas.
- Repaired/restored gutters and fascia.
- Repaired/restored window moldings.
- Razed the convent house and brought in clean fill.
- Installed a new ADA-compliant bathroom and furnace room in Koenig Hall.
- Installed drain tile, new sidewalks, and re-landscaped the north and south sides of the church.
- Removed/replaced and brought up to code steps at the main entrance and south entrance of the church, and the west entrance to Koenig Hall.
- This list is not exhaustive or all-inclusive.

We did all this and more with a combination of Capital Campaign donations, insurance payments, fundraising, and the "rainy day" CDs. No operational funds (i.e. regular Sunday offerings) were used for the Capital Projects.

The numbers are as follows (rounded):

Total income/raised: \$753,000 Total expenses: \$699,000

Total remaining for Capital Projects: \$54,000

We have come a long way with faith, hope, love, and a lot of sweat equity! THANK YOU! Looking ahead, some items we should consider are: repair/restoration of our stained glass windows, renovating Koenig Hall, and updating the boiler/heating system. We have a great maintenance committee who will make a plan for future work. I just simply ask for your ongoing faith in God and support for our Church and community.

PARISH NEWS



Bless the Newly Baptized.

Welcome, and congratulations to *Bernadette Victoria Dotson*, daughter of James and Rosie Dotson. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion.

Ministry Minute.

Did you know we have a Card Ministry? There is a group of ladies in our parish who chair our greeting card ministry for those who reside in our community senior buildings. Lynn Paden, Carolyn Dorzinski, Kathy Doyle, and Mary Jo Coons prepare greeting card kits three times a year:



fall, Christmas, and spring. Then they ask volunteers to join them in assembling the kits. We would like to thank all of those who have participated in this ministry and would like to invite others who would like to share their time and talent to make these cards. If you are interested, please contact MaryCarol Wolf at 952-758-0463 or MaryCarol.Wolf@npcatholic.org.

All Parish Members are Welcome at the Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women Mission Event.

Please join the SW Deanery CCW at their annual Mission Event on Thursday, October 19, at St. John the Baptist in Jordan, MN. Doors open at 5:15 pm and admission is a donation of school supplies, educational games, cards, et cetera. Father Greg Gallagher, OMI, of the Tekakwith Indian Mission, White Earth Reservation will speak. Call Mary Wick for more at 507-744-5154 or mary.wick@swsaints.org.

Green Team 2023 - Final Update.

Third graders enjoyed a garden tour of the campus last month. They were very surprised to count at least 13 beautiful gardens around the buildings that attract lots of birds and pollinators and three large rain gardens that collect and purify rainwater from the parking lots as well as attracting pollinators. A dozen flower pots also added beauty, and we managed to keep the squirrels out this year! Many thanks to the Green Team weekly volunteers (and two classes of 4th graders) and those who adopted gardens during another challenging summer of lots of heat and very little rain. They worked at planting, watering (a lot!), weeding, pruning, fertilizing, transplanting, mulching, and fall clean up. Al Sticha, Ann Christy, Jean Lim, and Mary Pat Carpentier assisted 4th graders with fall cleanup this year. We are in need of even more volunteers to care for so many gardens. Contact Kathy McNamara (952-200-4949) for more information about how you could help.

Special thanks for these donations: Hidden Hollow Greenhouse in Webster for plants, Joe and Carol Sticha family and Cedarbrook Garden Center, Peggy Gleason for autumnal plants, and Steve Rynda for mulch. Donations may be directed to the St. Wenceslaus Gardens fund.

Financial - Week of 10/08 2023 St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected 10/08	\$8,718
Under Budget YTD	\$20,858
Actual Collections YTD	\$199,730

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected 10/08	\$1,969
Under Budget YTD	\$565
Actual Collections YTD	

Thank you for your support!

Blessed Karl's Corner -

Join us at St. John the Evangelist, Union Hill next Saturday, as we celebrate Bl. Karl of Austria's Feast Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by treats in the Koenig Hall. From the beginning, Emperor Charles conceived of his office as a holy service to his people. His chief concern was to follow the Christian vocation to holiness also in his political actions. For this reason, his thoughts turned to social assistance. May he be an example for all of us, especially for those who have political responsibilities in Europe today! Pope Saint John Paul II Homily, Mass of Beatification, Saint Peter's Square, October 3, 2004.

World Mission Sunday- October 21/22, 2023 – "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate World Mission Sunday with the entire Church on the weekend of October 21/22. This year we consider the missionary journeys and encounters of Christ in mission dioceses worldwide. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith helps through their immense work supporting and nurturing 1,100 new and struggling mission dioceses around the world. Join those around the world celebrating World Mission Sunday and express your missionary spirit by praying and financially supporting the Church's missions. Thank you.





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.

Psalm 86:11 Teach me Your way, O Lord





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,

Do you ever feel like you need a mother? Maybe your mother is older or has passed from this earth, and you wish that you still had her to share your day with, to get advice from, or to comfort you. We do have a mother who is there for us. It is Mary, the Blessed Mother. She is there to intercede for us, to guide us, and to give us comfort. The month of October is a typical time when we pray and recognize the wonderful gift that Jesus has given to us as He shares His Mother with us.

We use the Rosary as a tool to focus on the life of Jesus and how that journey might change our lives. The Holy Rosary comes in all colors and sizes. It is beautiful. It comes from special places or people in our lives. It gets blessed. We can use it to connect with our Mother Mary, and when we do, that brings great comfort and inspiration to our lives.

Kim Doyle, Principal

Handmade Market is coming soon! We have 60 vendors ready to display and sell their handcrafted items at our school's Annual Handmade Market on October 28. This event is directed by our School Parent Association, a group of our school parents who work to make our school a better, happier place for students and staff. Spread the word! This is a fun day for groups of gals to shop here together. We also serve breakfast treats and lunch for a fee.

SWS Handmade Market



Join us for this unique shopping experience!

October 28, 2023 9 AM - 2 PM St. Wenceslaus School PAC

FAITH FORMATION

The Leaves are falling!

The leaves are beginning to fall a bit. How beautiful they are, but can be a mess to clean up! We have some amazing volunteers ready and willing to help you out!

On Sunday, November 5, our confirmation youth will be traveling through our community to help those who want help. If you would like them to stop at your yard and clean up those leaves, call our Youth Minister, Britt at 952-758-0486. We need your name, address, and phone number.

We do not charge for this service

but ask that you provide your own leaf bags. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars for November 15, 2023. Purified - Jason Evert!

The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours. Jason Evert will be speaking here at St Wenceslaus. This life-changing event is for families and teens over 13.

Tickets are \$20. You can register at https://chastity.com/purified/ For information contact Britt Lavigne at Brittney.lavigne@npcatholic.org or 952-758-0486.

Be on the watch for small group ministries forming in January/February ... here is another testimonial for how it has impacted one of our parishioner's lives:

My husband and I were fortunate enough to join a small couples Lenten group in 2020. Although COVID-19 canceled our in-person group sessions that year, we continued meeting via Zoom and have resumed in-person gatherings ever since. The value and takeaway we glean from this group is priceless. Not only have we cumulatively deepened our faith through scripture, lessons, prayer, and discussions, but the group topics have also inspired further discussions at home. Our faith is a lifelong journey, and as parents, making our group sessions a priority in our sometimes-hectic lives provides the opportunity to model to our children the importance of making time for God, too. I am so thankful for our small group; we have grown from acquaintances to dear friends who are now instrumental people in our lives. If you have any reservations about joining a group, I highly recommend you push yourself out of your comfort zone. The reward will be great! ~ Sara Zweber

Archdiocesan Synod Progress:

Small group implementation for year 1 of the synod has been a great success so far! We have now completed 4 of the 7 weekly training sessions with participation exceeding the original goal of 72 parishioners. Thank you to all who have been a part of this process! We look forward to many of the small groups forming around Ash Wednesday in spring 2024.

You Will Be My Witnesses

Heavens House Carnival

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10/28 5:30PM-7:30PM

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Heaven's House.

Did you see the new format for this fun family event? We will begin with 4:30 Mass on Saturday, October 28. After Mass, we will all enjoy a FREE hot dog supper, offered by our local Knights of Columbus. From there we will move on to the actual Heaven's House with Saints (portrayed by Confirmation teens) games, face painting, and treats! We would appreciate reservations so we can have a good estimate for our local Knights, but all are welcome! Call Britt at 952-758-0486 to register. Hope to see YOU there.

Liturgy of the Word for Children.

We are up and running and have had great turnouts. We had about 20 kids and a few adults who joined Taylor and Jennifer Hanson for our first sessions. How wonderful to have this ministry available for our aged 4 through 4th grade youth. We want to be able to offer this each week, however, there are times when Jenny and Taylor cannot be there. We do have a couple of volunteers, but we could REALLY use more. Come down one week and see what is going on. Have questions? Talk with Jenny and Taylor or call Laura at 952-758-5131. You can make a difference!

MEA Break.

We want to remind you that we will NOT be having class on Wednesday, October 18. There is no school on October 19 and 20, so we give our families and catechists that night off. Have a safe and wonderful MEA break. See you all back here on October 25.

To All Of Our Many Volunteers. Join Us At Our:



Volunteer Appreciation

Progressive Dinner Party

Thursday, October 26 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

We are grateful for YOU and everything you do for our parish! To show our appreciation, we are hosting a progressive dinner to showcase all of our newly renovated spaces.



Drinks - 5:30 PM Priest's Garage



Appetizers - 6:00 PM Church Basement



Entree - 6:30 PM
Parish Activity Center (PAC)



Dessert - 7:00 PM Father Gifford's Office - (PAC)

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US

Prayer of Remembrance Service.

It is at this time of year when nature begins to enter into its winter sleep that we are reminded of our loved ones who have died. On October 29, at 3:00 pm, at



St. Wenceslaus Church, we will be remembering in prayer all those from our community who have died since All Souls Day of last year. We invite all who grieve the death of a loved one to pray with us that afternoon. Hospitality on the lower level of the church will follow our prayer.

Floral Remembrance Memorials.

The beautiful flowers that adorn our altar and sanctuary throughout the year are a special part of our liturgical celebrations. We remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. We would like to offer you an opportunity to remember your loved ones throughout the year with fresh flowers for our altars. There are forms in the back of church.

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, October 16

Rom 1:1-7 / Lk 11:29-32

5:30 pm Mass SW - Beverly Marie Meyer †

Tuesday, October 17

Rom 1:16-25 / Lk 11:37-41

8:00 am Mass SW - Raymond Cooney †

Wednesday, October 18

2 Tm 4:10-17b / Lk 10:1-9

8:00 am School Mass SW - Roger Zaun † 5:30 pm Mass SJ - Genevieve Metzdorff †

Thursday, October 19

Rom 3:21-30 / Lk 11:47-54

8:00 am Mass SW - Living & Deceased Family

Members of Craig Turner

Friday, October 20

Rom 4:1-8 / Lk 12:1-7

8:00 am Mass SW - Dick & Nan Eischens t,

Don Sirek †

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Confessions SW

Saturday, October 21 Bl. Karl Feast Day

Rom 4:13, 16-18 / Lk 12:8-12

9:30 am Mass SI

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - Living & Deceased Family

Members of Stanley & Mary Chromy †

8:15 pm Mass SJ - Ray & Dorothy Schoenecker †

Sunday, October 22

Is 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21

8:00 am Mass SS - Bob Hauer †

8:30 am Mass SW - Gladys Tupy †

10:00 am Mass SJ - Genevieve Metzdorff †

10:30 am Mass SW - Mass for the People

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