THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 29, 2023



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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.

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Padre's Pen - Mass Intentions This Coming Year

As we prepare for our annual Memorial Service (this Sunday at 3:00 pm at St. Wenceslaus Church) for parishioners and family members who have passed away this past year, it's a good opportunity to speak a little about Mass intentions, requirements, policy, and best practices. We have approximately 600 Masses per year in our parish dispersed through our three churches. The number of Masses are split about even between weekday and Sunday/Holy Days. First, let's look at the requirements.

The first requirement by Canon Law is that the pastor must insure that there is a Mass offered for the people of the parish (Missa Pro Populo) on one of the main Sunday Masses and on Holy Days of Obligation. This means that the people of the parish are guaranteed that their priest prays specifically for them about 55 times per year. The second requirement is that we may not accept more Mass intentions than we can offer in a 1-year time frame. These requirements leave us with about 550 Masses available for specific intentions in a year (300 for daily Masses and 250 or so Sunday/Holy Day Masses). Knowing the number of Masses available, let's look at our policies to make the request for Mass intentions more equitable throughout the year.

Lynn at the front desk coordinates the calendar for Mass intentions. I have directed her to open up the 2024 calendar for intentions starting November 1, and for her to only open up the first half of the year (January 1 through June 30, 2024). The second half of the year will open up March 15 of 2024.

In each half of the year, we ask no one schedule more than 4 Sunday/Holy Day Masses for an intention or more than 20 total intentions (i.e., 4 Sunday and 16 weekday Masses).

We are implementing these policies to insure that the greatest number of people get the opportunity to offer Mass intentions for loved ones. The normal offering for a Mass intention is \$10 and when an individual comes into the office with \$250 to \$500 dollars, they are using 5% to 10% of available intentions. And since most people ask for a Sunday intention, those go very quickly. Also, we do want to keep available the opportunity for the family of newly deceased members to have Masses offered during the initial period of grieving.

If you have already scheduled Masses and have a desire for additional Masses, you may check with Lynn in the front office on the first of each month to see if there are any openings available for an additional Mass intention or two.

Finally, as we implement these policies, please be patient with us. We want to see how this system works and will make adjustments if the desired effect of equitable access to Mass intentions isn't achieved.

PARISH NEWS

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.

St. John Church Cleaning.

Fall church and school basement cleaning at St. John, is scheduled for Monday, October 30. The church and school will be open for cleaning from 9 -11 am and 3 - 5 pm. Please bring a mop, rags, and a bucket. Men, women, and children are encouraged to help.

Archbishop John Ireland 4th Degree Breakfast:

On Sunday, November 5, join us at the KC Hall for a Pancake & Sausage breakfast! Serving 8 am - Noon. Takeouts available.

Have shoes in your closet that you never wear?

Our church community would like to help support the New Prague High School Dance Team with their goal of collecting 2,500 new or gently used shoes to send to Haiti, Cambodia, and Ghana. In need of all types: dance shoes, sneakers, boots, dress shoes, casual shoes, sandals, and even sports cleats! A marked box will be in Martha's Corner in the church basement. Shoe requirements: clean, no holes, intact soles, no broken straps or buckles. Thanks in advance for your support!

Adopt a Family 2023 is underway!

We invite you to think about being involved this year with shopping for a family through the SignUpGenius link which will be published the weekend of November 12. We are also looking for more volunteers to help with the workload of the program. The work has been divided into 14 committees. Each committee is chaired by a member of our original group. Opportunities include a variety of jobs: mailings, SignUpGenius, organizing pickups of family shopping lists, shopping for families using donations, organizing personal care products, gathering and organizing the bags of gifts, transportation, and distribution. For more details, contact Kathy McNamara at 952-200-4949.



Financial - Weeks of 10/22/2023 St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected 10/22	\$8,332
Under Budget YTD	\$16,197
Actual Collections YTD	\$233,803

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected 10/22	\$2,817
Under Budget YTD	
Actual Collections YTD	

Thank you for your support!

Blessed Karl's Corner -

With all the different nationalities declaring independence, and Austria and Hungary looking to separate themselves from the old ways, the empire fell into chaos. Karl appointed his cousin, whose family had long lived in Hungary, as his viceroy to Hungary. Then he looked for whom to appoint as prime minister. He was wont to appoint a certain Count Karolyi; however, his cousin soon did so to appease the growing mob. Hungary had separated itself and elected Karolyi as the first president of the People's Republic of Hungary. Meanwhile, the war had not yet ended, and the confusion caused by what was going on at home did not help the troops on the Italian front. At last, the Austrians asked the Italians for a ceasefire. Italy agreed but was purposefully vague in its terms. When the Austrians laid down their arms, the Italians claimed it was not yet time for the cease-fire and easily captured a large chunk of the Austrian army. This did not help the mood of the people at home in Vienna.

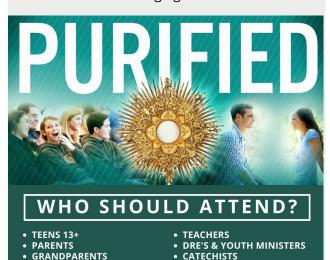




SCHOOL NEWS

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.



CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

Kitchen Volunteers.

PARISHIONERS

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

Art Room Projects - Donations Wanted

- · Empty Gallon jugs
- Magazines
- Pinecones
- Wood wine corks
- Old Christmas cards-new or used
- Any acrylic or spray paint
- Glitter/sequence/gems/buttons



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

The Handmade Market was this weekend, Saturday, October 28. We hope you were able to carve out a few minutes to attend. There were 60 vendors with excellent gifts for your family and friends.



Wow! - Thinking of Snow Yet?

Our city snow plows are ready to go with artwork on the plow blades done by our 6-8 grade students.

We are building a St. Wenceslaus School Ofrenda.

An Ofrenda is built to honor lost loved ones. Offerings are placed on this altar to help us remember, learn about, and celebrate the people or pets we love who are no longer with us. It is rooted in the Aztec belief that during Dia de los Muertos the souls of lost loved ones can return from the land of the dead, feast on the smells of the food and drinks on the Ofrenda, and be with their beloved families again. We are entering a contest through the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence and could win up to \$1000 in student-guided grant money if we win! Any contributions to our student and teacher's altar are welcome! Plus, this could be a great way to share cherished memories, time, and love with our children!

Kim Doyle, Principal

Looking for more ways to help the school raise money, right here in our local community?

Coborns More Reward Points

- 1. Go to: moreRewards.com
- 2. Create an account
- 3. Proceed to login
- 4. Go to: manage my membership
- 5. Choose school reward
- 6. Select: St. Wenceslaus Catholic School

Psalm 86:11

Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart so that I may honor you.



FAITH FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN WHO WISH

Box of Joy - November 4, 9:00 am in the PAC

Box of joy is an annual Christmas shoebox gift ministry across the US and facilitated by Cross Catholic United. Participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope. We encourage everyone to pack a box of joy! Donations are accepted in gifts, cash, or checks. Checks can be made out to Cross Catholic Outreach. Donations can be dropped off at Martha's Corner in the church basement. Questions? Contact Britt LaVigne 952-758-0456

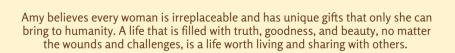
Synod Evangelization Team Update:

Over 70 of our parishioners have spent 6 weeks learning from the archdiocese on how to effectively invite people into our small groups while growing in knowledge and confidence to share our faith with others. This learning has been centered around the Greek word "Oikos", which means house or household. In the context of evangelization, it is the people that we live with, work with, and socialize with. Our lives come into contact with these people so frequently that they should know of our Catholic identity and be curious to have a dialogue about our faith. We first have to pray daily about who in our lives needs support for what they are going through. Secondly, we must act in service towards them to make them feel cared for. Thirdly, once they are open and have trust that we are genuine, we can start sharing about our faith.

Youth Alive Bible Study

First and third Saturday of the month. Join us in the Faith Formation Office at 9:30 am!







Heavens House Halloween Carnival

Thank you to everyone who made this event a success! If you donated candy, acted as a Saint, helped with set-up and tear-down...THANK YOU! A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for donating the hot dog meal!



New Prague, MN 56071

Prayer of Remembrance

- Bryan Tupy
- Robert Pierce
- Janet Busch
- Dorothy Kocina
- Jane Busch
- Russ Vohnoutka
- Mary Proshek
- Camilla Hartmann
- · John Barten Jr.
- Betty Tupy
- Thomas Fahey
- Bob Hanzel
- Mike McHugh
- Mary Lucille Jirak
- Donna Busta
- Dick Krava
- Dorothy Lipinski
- Marie Flicek
- · Julius "Sonny" Bisek
- Bernadine Svoboda
- Chuck Wann
- Arnita Novotny
- Chad Solheid
- Robert Becker
- JoAnn Doyle

- Dr. Carl Burkland
- Patricia Gorr
- Wally Kubes
- Thomas Pexa
- Ray Cooney
- William Hoffman
- Larry Peters
- Marcia Leverson
- Audrey Watzek
- Bernice A. Lapic
- Bella Hertaus
- Kenneth M. Piazza
- Marian Topic
- Darlene Pelcl
- Beverly Meyer
- Linda Warnemunde
- Genevieve Metzdorff
- LeRoy Geiger
- Edward Schnurr
- Agnes Kratochvil
- Viola Michel
- · Judith Glisczinski
- Irene Busch
- Mike Liepold
- Glen Schoenbauer



We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection that knit us as one through our lives do not unravel with death.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US

All Soul's Day Prayers.

On Thursday, November 2, join us at St. Wenceslaus as we pray the Rosary from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers will lead the Rosary every half hour. Mass will be celebrated at noon in the Cemetery Chapel.

9:00 - 9:30	11:00 - 11:30	1:00 - 1:30
Carolyn Dorzinski	Jean Geiger	Vi Chromy
9:30 - 10:00 Diane Vaughan	11:30 - noon Karen Lee	1:30 - 2:00 Joanie Tupy & Sr. Kathy Trenda
10:00 - 10:30	Noon	2:00 - 2:30
Ann Schoenbauer	Mass - Cemetery Chapel	Darlene Witt
10:30 - 11:00	12:30 - 1:00	2:30 - 3:00
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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, October 30

Rom 8:12-17 / Lk 13:10-17 5:30 pm Mass SW - Marie Flicek †

Tuesday, October 31

Rom 8:18-25 / Lk 13:18-21

8:00 am Mass SW - Catherine Stenberg †

Wednesday, November 01 Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a

8:00 am School Mass SW - Mass for the People

5:30 pm Mass SJ - Viola Michel †

Thursday, November 02

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 6:3-9 / Jn 6:37-40

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

John & Vera Kock †

Noon Mass SW Cemetery Chapel

Friday, November 03

Rom 9:1-5 / Lk 14:1-6

8:00 am Mass SW - Clarence & Mary Jirak †

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

Saturday, November 04

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 / Lk 14:1, 7-11

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - Dorothy Kocina † 8:15 pm Mass SJ - Mass for the People

Sunday, November 05

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 / 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 / Mt 23:1-12

8:00 am Mass SS - Bob Hauer † 8:30 am Mass SW - Don Geiger † 10:00 am Mass SJ - Judith Glisczinski †

10:30 am Mass SW - Jeanette Horejsi †

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