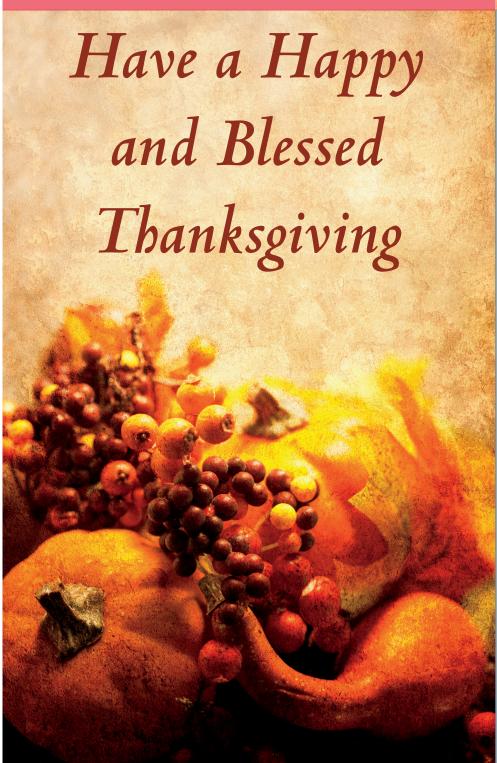
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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 PM SW*

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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* <u>Monday:</u> 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**

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Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm 952-758-3225

Parish Offices Closed Thursday & Friday for Thanksgiving

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 Marlene Dohmen: 952-492-6879

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Padre's Pen – Who Wants To Go For A Walk? Continued...

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago in my column about walking the Portuguese Camino with me in 2024. This is a shorter version of the long one I did in 2018. This will be about 80 miles and run from September 23 to October 4. I have the sample itinerary below. You can go to the following website for the full information:

https://www.206tours.com/cms/frtheisen/

Space on this trip is limited to no more than 25 people. The cost will be about \$5,500 (depending on the airport, etc). If you have an interest, please go to the web address and check it out. Also, let me know if you have questions, especially if you sign up for the trip.

Camino as Follows (or similar):

- One Night: Sep 24 Sep 25 Hotel Vincci Porto in Porto
- Two Nights: Sep 25 Sep 27 Parador de Tui in Tiu
- One Night: Sep 27 Sep 28 Alvear Suites / Pazo Torres de Agrelo in Redondela
- One Night: Sep 28 Sep 29 Parador de Pontevedra in Pontevedra
- One Night: Sep 29 Sep 30 Hotel Torre del Rio / Hotel Acuña in Caldas de Reis
- One Night: Sep 30 Oct 1 Pazo de Lestrove / A Casa Antigua do Monte in Padron
- Three Nights: Oct 1 Oct 4 San Francisco Hotel Monumento, Santiago de Compostela

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- Wine and Mineral Water with Dinners
- Transfers as per Itinerary
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- Headsets Where Needed
- The Assistance of a Professional Local Catholic Guide
- Sightseeing and Admissions Fees as per Itinerary
- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities

Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!



Ad Christum per Mariam,

Fr. Theisen

PARISH NEWS

Bless the Newly Baptized.

Welcome, and congratulations to Caden John Kocina, son of Michael and Taylor Kocina. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion.

Christmas Adopt-a-Family & Santa Anonymous

Starting in mid-October, the Le Sueur County Department of Human Services sent out Adopt-a-Family forms to families in need. Parents then chose three items and listed the sizes of their children. These forms were forwarded to our group (anonymously) where they were then numbered. The families are listed on SignUpGenius. These lists were made available on **November 12.** See below for the QR code or SignUpGenius link.



https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AEAC2FA6FDC61-45407830-adopt#/

There are still many needy families available on the list.

For more information, call Kathy McNamara - 952-200-4949.

St. Scholastica Church Cleaning - Help Wanted!

Church basement and kitchen cleaning in preparation for the Country Style Breakfast at St Scholastica will be on Wednesday, November 29 beginning at 4:30 pm. All men, women, and families are invited to come and help prepare for this fundraiser as many hands make light work.

The Giving Tree

St. John the Evangelist will again be sponsoring a Giving Tree this year, which will be put up by the first weekend of Advent. Please stop by and pick out a paper ornament(s) of your choice - there will be various age ranges for both boys and girls. Gifts may be purchased or can be handmade, wrapped, or unwrapped. We ask that you have your gifts topped with the paper ornament under the tree by December 13. These gifts will be delivered to Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis. If you have any questions or need someone to pick up your gift(s), please contact Lori Huebl via phone (952) 492-3635 or email lori.huebl@gmail.com.

Light our Advent Wreath!

We are looking for individuals, families, groups, etc. to come up and light our Advent Wreath at the beginning of Mass. Our smaller wreath will be much easier to light (and absolutely no need to climb a ladder). This is a special way to get involved and embrace the Advent season.



You can sign up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA5A823AAFACE9-advent

Financial - Weeks of 11/12/2023 St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected 11/12	\$11,811
Under Budget YTD	\$20,552
Actual Collections YTD	

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected 11/12	\$3,844
Under Budget YTD	\$114
Actual Collections YTD	\$64,592

Thank you for your support!

Blessed Karl's Corner - A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Rosary and Mass will take place at their usual time this Wednesday. The Rosary will be offered in thanksgiving for all of our many blessings. We are so thankful to the many people who are able to make it out and participate in the Wednesday Rosary and Mass, as well as the various Bl. Karl events. Thank you!

CCW News.

Unfortunately due to supplier issues, we are unable to host our annual pie sale this year. Please keep an eye out for future possibilities.



Please join us for Mass at 8:00 am on Thanksgiving at St Wenceslaus.

This is our annual collection for our Financial Assistance Fund/Emergency Need Fund. This past year has been particularly hard and we have aided many people with food, housing, and other needs. Please be generous.

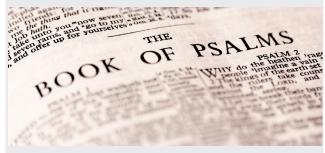


SCHOOL NEWS

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



Art Room Projects - Donations Wanted

- Old Picture Frames
- Ribbon
- Felt
- Any acrylic or spray paint
- Glitter/sequence/gems/buttons
- Canning rings
- Toilet paper and/or paper towel rolls
- New box of Kleenex

No more empty gallon jugs, pine cones, magazines, or wine corks –

We have already received an abundance!

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

We thank you, God, for blessing our school. SWS has always had wonderful teachers and staff members who believe in the mission of Catholic education. We have had terrific families who seek out our school as an extension of their family in teaching the faith. We have had amazing supporters who donate and make sure the school has what it needs to provide for the work to be done. In doing God's work here on earth, God provides now and has from the beginning, gifted SWS with good people. In this time of thankfulness and realizing our blessings, we thank everyone who is and has been a part of SWS. We thank God above all!

Thank you for your generous donations to the Peace Center this past Wednesday!

As a school community, we collected 798 pounds of food to donate to the Peace Center. The volunteers there were blown away! We appreciate everyone's generosity.



Catholic Schools have TALENT! The CSCOE- Shine On Showcase of Talent Performing Arts Auditions are OPEN!

All 4th through 8th grade students in Minnesota are invited to submit an audition tape from now until December 15. Please share this website with your families. Putting together an audition would be a great activity for your students over the Thanksgiving weekend! https://cscoe-mn.org/shine-on/

Basketball Referees Are Needed.

Male or female – if you know basketball, we need you. Our boys team of grades 4-7 will have 6-8 home games beginning on 12/5. All games start at 4:00 or 4:30 PM. We need a ref to play. Open to high school or college students, parents, grandparents, or any relative/neighbor. You do not need to be a professional. Our games are simple and are learning experiences for our players. Those parents with younger students at SWS – please consider!

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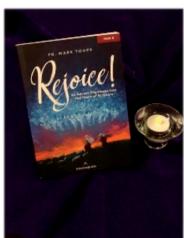




All women are invited to attend this night of reflection, relaxation, and renewal. We will add more tables if we need to. A link for the sign-up can be found in the Friday Flocknote from this week. Registration is required by December 4. This first-time event will occur in the PAC on Thursday, December 7 from 7-8:30 pm. Call Laura at 952-758-5131 with questions. Invite some friends and join us! Be sure to sign up today!

The Advent Books are in!

Please consider joining a group for this short study from Ascension Press. You can do the study on your own ... join a group, or form your own group. The discussions can be so beneficial in helping us grow in our faith. Information regarding groups can be found in the book. The books will be located in the back of each church site.





Happy Thanksgiving!

We wish our Disciples of Christ families, and everyone, a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Due to the celebration of this holiday, we will not be having our session on Wednesday, November 22. We will resume sessions on Wednesday, November 29, right before the beginning of Advent! See you all back on campus then!

Synod Evangelization Team Update:

The Synod Evangelization Team (SET) will be meeting on November 28 to discuss our steps moving forward. We have many from our parish who gave an enthusiastic "yes!" to continue on in this journey. Please keep the team and these future small group leaders in your prayers as we move forward to better serve YOU in this ministry.











Do you have unworn shoes?









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. They are looking for clean shoes of all types: dance shoes, sneakers, boots, dress shoes, casual shoes, sandals, and even sports cleats! These shoes will have a second life to those in need. 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! Questions? Email Lisa Wiener at <a href="https://www.wiener.gov/wiener.

St. Wenceslaus Outdoor Live Nativity

Bringing the Light of Christ to the Parade of Lights

Friday, December, 1

5:30PM - 6:30PM

We are excited to bring Christmas' true meaning to the New Prague Parade of Lights again this year! The Live Nativity will take place BEFORE the parade on our front lawn and we are looking for help! Click on the link below for ways you can volunteer:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA5A823AAFACE9-live#/



Or, contact Lynn in the parish office at 952-758-3225 or lynn.sticha@npcatholic.org.

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, November 20

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 / Lk 18:35-43 5:30 pm Mass SW - *Bella Hertaus †*

Tuesday, November 21

2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10

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

Wednesday, November 22

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 / Lk 19:11-28

8:00 am School Mass SW - Catherine Stenberg †

5:30 pm Mass SJ - Viola Michel †

Thursday, November 23* Happy Thanksgiving

1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44

8:00 am Mass SW - Genevieve Metzdorff †,

Don Sirek †

Friday, November 24**

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 17:26-37

8:00 am Mass SW - Wally, Kathy, & Rob Kubes †

Noon Benediction

Saturday, November 25

1 Mc 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - Albert & Odona Kubes †

8:15 pm Mass SJ - Judith Glisczinski †

Sunday, November 26

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 / Mt 25:31-46

8:00 am Mass SS - Julia Odenthal †

8:30 am Mass SW - Delores Pumper t,

Richard Bisek †

10:00 am Mass SJ - Camilla Hartmann †

10:30 am Mass SW - Mass for the People

*Parish offices closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

**No confessions, Benediction at noon.

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