

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
FEBRUARY 11, 2024

ST WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC PARISH



Mass Schedule*

Saturday: 4:30 PMSW**

8:15 PMSJ

Sunday: 8:00 AMSS

8:30 AMSW

10:00 AMSJ

10:30 AMSW**

T/W/Th/F: 8:00 AMSW**

Monday: 5:30 PMSW


Wednesday: 5:30 PMSJ

**Our Livestreamed Masses & Rosary may be viewed on our website, npcatholic.org; on our Facebook Page, New Prague Catholic; or on YouTube. One License: 700. A-711205

*NOTE: Mass times may vary on
Holy Days & Holidays

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St. John - St. Wenceslaus - St. Scholastica

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 – Welcome Deacon Mickey & Sacraments of Initiation

“First of all, I am very pleased to announce that Deacon Mickey Redfearn has been permanently assigned as Deacon for our parish. Thanks to all who prayed for his assignment. We are greatly blessed to have our own parishioner assigned. Deacon Mickey and I will meet in the near future to come up with a good plan for his ministry with us that will balance his family and work life and the parish responsibilities he will have. We are very fortunate to have a vocation from our own parish assigned to us. Welcome home, Deacon Mickey.

This weekend there will be a little change at our 8:30 Mass. Normally, the Rite of Election for catechumens (adults preparing for baptism in the Church) occurs on the First Sunday of Lent. Due to exigent circumstances, we are allowed to move it to either the week before or after. We are moving it to the week before (this weekend).

We have a total of four people in our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program. Our one Catechumen, Isabelle Clancy, will take part in the Rite of Election this weekend as part of her preparation for Baptism at the Easter Vigil Mass this year. We will also celebrate additional rites during three other weeks in Lent. We have one person, Heather Peterson, who is baptized in another faith and will be received into the Church through a Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. Finally, we have two individuals, Garrett Sinz and John Slavik, who were baptized Catholic and will be Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communions.

Also, congratulations to Garrett and Heather who will soon begin their Marriage Preparation coursework, and to John Slavik and his fiancée Sarah Engstrom who have finished most of their Marriage Preparation work and will enter the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony this May in our parish.

I am deeply grateful to our OCIA Director, Judy Deutsch, who has worked so hard and done such a great job of preparing these adults to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. She has built this program up from scratch and has done a great job! It is not too early to make inquiries with her or me to be part of the program for next year.

Please pray for these four individuals, and for all our parishioners, who are preparing to receive the Sacraments this year. Jesus Christ's work is indeed being accomplished in our parish.

***Ad Christum per Mariam,
Fr. Theisen***

PARISH NEWS



Bless the Newly Baptized.

Welcome, and congratulations to *Walker Allen Bartholomaeus*, son of Joseph & Carly Bartholomaeus. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Saturday, March 23, 2024, will be our parish community's eighth "ADOPT A DAY" participation in 40 DAYS FOR LIFE. All are welcome! This is a great LENTEN OPPORTUNITY! Join fellow parishioners, friends, family, co-workers, small group members, coffee groups, fellow students, athletes, teachers, coaches, book clubs, babysitters....to pray in front of one of the Midwest's largest abortion facilities, Planned Parenthood in St. Paul, Minnesota!

WHAT IS 40 DAYS FOR LIFE? Prayer and Fasting – People of faith praying and fasting for the end to abortion. Peaceful Vigil – A peaceful witness outside abortion facilities in every state and around the world. Community Outreach – A positive Pro-Life message for the community. We have committed to providing a MINIMUM of 2 people each hour on SATURDAY, MARCH 23 from 6 am to 6 pm to pray outside the Planned Parenthood facility in St. Paul. This is your chance to stand for LIFE during a peaceful vigil. Sign-up tables will be at all St. Wenceslaus Masses the weekends of March 9/10 and March 16/17 or you can call Victoria Pauling at 952-393-8056 with questions, to sign up, or if you need a ride.

St. John the Evangelist Breakfast & Bake Sale.

Save the date! Sunday, March 10 at the New Prague Knights of Columbus Hall. Contributions go to ongoing needed repairs and upgrades at St. John. Padre's cheezy potatoes, sausage, and pancakes are back by popular request. Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women of St. John and St. Scholastica will have a bake sale at the breakfast. Please bring your homemade donations of baked and canned foods and jellies, eggs, and honey to the KC Hall on Sunday, March 10, from 7 am to 9 am. Your donations will be appreciated and joyfully accepted. The committee will be posted next week.

Ash Wednesday

February 14

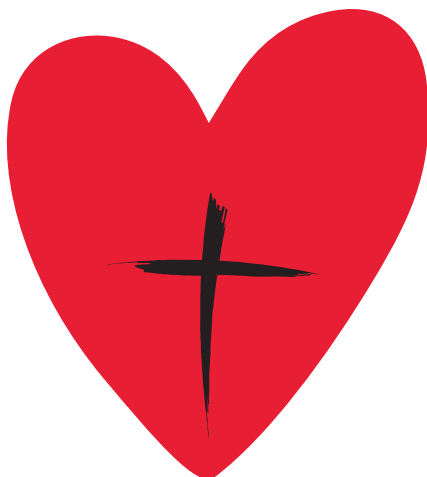
Masses with Ashes

8:00 am Mass SW

Noon Mass SW

5:30 pm Mass SJ

6:30 pm Mass SW



Financial - 02/04/2024

St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected.....\$12,563
Over Budget YTD.....+\$250
Actual Collections YTD.....\$508,550

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected.....\$2,519
Over Budget YTD.....+\$15,671
Actual Collections YTD.....\$119,200

Thank you for your support!

Blessed Karl's Corner -

Mass and rosary times remain the same for this Wednesday – Ash Wednesday.

Christmas Eve, 1918, saw a world finally free from armed conflict, but not at a restful peace. The war had ravaged the world and it would take time to heal. All over Vienna, the people toasted to the health of the Emperor. Karl Renner, Chancellor of the new republic, was said to have remarked, "Austria is a republic without Republicans!" He wanted Karl and Zita out of the country and determined to talk to them about going into exile.

Have a blessed and fruitful Lent!



Baby Bottle Collection

Do you want an easy way to help a mom choose life? Take a baby bottle to use as part of your Lenten almsgiving; proceeds will support Alpha Women's Center's prolife mobile clinic. Alpha Women's Center is a prolife Christian ministry that serves right here in Prior Lake and Shakopee, providing free medical and support services that show the love of Jesus to women with pregnancy needs. Fill your bottle with cash, change, or checks and return to the collection box in church March 22. Your donations help moms choose life!



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



SWS Productions 2024



February 22 @ 6 PM

February 23 @ 5:30 & 7:30 PM

St. Wenceslaus Parish Activity Center
General admission seating
Adult: \$6.00
Student: \$3.00
Call or email for tickets



Fish Fry

February 16

Lunch 11:00 am -1:00 pm
Dinner 4:30 pm -7:00 pm

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Dine in - park & enter main PAC doors - *west side*
Curbside to go - line up on Columbus Ave. - *facing south*.
Meals will be delivered to your vehicle!
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\$15 or \$17 at the door

MENU

Fried Fish
Cheesy Potatoes
Creamy Coleslaw
Cookie



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

Saint Wenceslaus Catholic School has been blessed with countless volunteers and supporters throughout our history. To recognize those who have gone above and beyond, we have created the Spirit of St. Wenceslaus Award. This award will be given to a person who has furthered the mission of the school, is a role model for our students, and has actively and outwardly lived the values of the school. The recipient of the award will designate the purpose of the Spirit of St. Wenceslaus Award fund, which is comprised of all donations towards the fund that are received during the year.

The inaugural recipient of the Spirit of St. Wenceslaus Award is Ron McBroom. Ron has been active in the parish since 1971 and in the St. Wenceslaus School community since 1975. He is a long-time supporter of the school and has been a champion of the annual Marathon for non-public education, raising more than \$10,000 each year. In addition to financial support, Ron outwardly demonstrates the values of the Catholic faith to the community and is a true role model for our students.

Please join us in celebrating the inaugural winner of the Spirit of St. Wenceslaus award – Ron McBroom- at our annual Starry Night Gala. Invitations are in the mail for everyone to attend the Starry Night this year. If you did not get one for some reason, please know that all school families and all parish members are on our mailing list for this event. We provide a website to register as well as a paper invitation. The Starry Night is an evening for adults in our community to come together to support the school. We host a social hour, a fabulous dinner, a silent auction, a live auction, and a fund-a-need. Guests are of all ages. This is a seated event; you can come with friends or come alone and we will seat you with people of a similar age. We hope you can attend and maybe even bring family, neighbors, and friends with you.

Kim Doyle, Principal

KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW NIGHT

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School
New Prague
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
6:00 PM

Meet the Teachers + Kindergarten Sneak Peek
Mini-classes & Activities + Lunch!

RSVP encouraged | Contact us to attend | info@swsaints.org | 952-758-3133

Reserve a Kindergarten seat for fall 2024!
Visit our website for registration forms.

FAITH FORMATION

Small Group Ministry

New Dynamic QR code will make your group shopping easier!
Click on this link to see all the available groups. Such a wonderful way to enter into the Lenten season!

Making time for God is always a good use of the time He has gifted you with!



Living Stations of the Cross



Performances 2/16 & 2/21

6:00 pm

Come and Pray the stations with our
St Wenceslaus Youth

WON (Women Only Night) + One

Thank you to all who were in attendance at our most recent event. We had about 125 people there! I believe our big take-away was that we can be the joy to others in even small words and deeds, and if we look around, we can find joy in so many of our interactions with friends and strangers alike. Start a God winks folder in your phone and add all God-winks and moments of joy to give you an awareness of how God is at work in your life.

Wednesday Night Disciples of Christ

During our large group Gathering Time, the 1-7 grade children spent the last few weeks learning about the Three Pillars of Lent: *Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving*. They were asked to think about one action they could do in each of the three areas for their Lenten sacrifices. The 7th graders helped the first graders with this project. All children filled out a slip of paper with their offerings. We have made it into a chain since our actions, prayers, and sacrifices are all connected. Please check out our chain in the foyer of the west entrance of The SW church.

A few reminders for our families ~

February 14: We will not be having class on Wednesday, February 14. This will allow our families to attend Mass together.

February 21: We are unable to use the Gym on February 21. Please bring your children at 6:15. The Catechists will take them directly to class.

At 7:00 pm, we will be going to Church to watch our teens present the Live Stations - please join us!

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Models of Christ

***Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.
(1 Corinthians 11:1)***

- Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 • On Leprosy
- 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 • Imitation of Christ
- Mark 1:40-45 • Healing of a Leper

► **Adults:** Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?

► **Kids:** What can you do this week to be an example to others?

St. Wenceslaus Soup Kitchen's 30th Annual Soup Supper



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

(OR UNTIL SOLD OUT)

Menu (All You Care To Eat)

- Chili
- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Dine - In Church Basement
- Take - Outs Available
- Cost: Free Will Offering

FCSLA Life matching \$600 grant

Proceeds benefit Sharing & Caring Hands

For more information contact Norb at 952.758.3888

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US

Fish Fry & Living Stations February 16, 2024

MENU

Fried Fish
Cheesy Potatoes
Creamy Coleslaw
Cookie



Lunch 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Dinner 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Live Stations at 6:00 pm

Pies for Life Fundraiser.

The New Prague Knights of Columbus #2023 are selling pies where the proceeds go to area pro-life organizations. Orders must be received by Sunday, March 3. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus. Order forms are in the back of church. Orders and checks can also be mailed to: Jeff Wick, 5256 Le Sueur Ave., New Prague, MN 56071



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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, February 12

Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13

5:30 pm Mass SW

Tuesday, February 13

Jas 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21

8:00 am Mass SW - *Jim Kroyer †*

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:00 am SWS Mass SW - *Catherine Stenberg †*

Noon Mass SW - *Glen Schoenbauer †*

5:30 pm Mass SJ - *Yvonne Schaefer †*

6:30 pm Mass SW - *Living & Deceased Family Members of John Simon Jr. †*

Thursday, February 15

Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25

8:00 am Mass SW - *Ray & Dorothy Schoenecker †*

Friday, February 16

Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15

8:00 am Mass SW - *Arnie, Jeanette, Dale, Bonnie & Nicholas Tupy †*

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Confessions SW

Saturday, February 17

Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32

9:00 am Mass SS

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - *Mass for the People*

8:15 pm Mass SJ - *Trenton Huebl*

Sunday, February 18

Gn 9:8-15 / 1 Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15

8:00 am Mass SS

8:30 am Mass SW - *Beverly Marie Meyer †*

10:00 am Mass SJ -

10:30 am Mass SW - *Ellie Shambour †*

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