

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

ST WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC PARISH



Mass Schedule*

Saturday: 4:30 PMSW**
8:15 PMSJ

Sunday: 8:00 AMSS
8:30 AM SW
10:00 AM SJ
10:30 AM SW**

T/W/Th/F: 8:00 AM SW**


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

Parish Office CLOSED Monday 02/19

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
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Lois Giesen: 952-758-2138

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Padre's Pen – Almsgiving for Lent

Welcome to Lent. I hope everyone considered carefully what best would suit their spiritual growth through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I will say that the hardest one for me to determine is almsgiving. I want the biggest and best bang for my buck while at the same time insuring that the donation is not being used for something contrary to our faith.

We as a parish have tried to make it easy to give alms every year. For example, this Monday is our annual Soup Supper fundraiser. The funds raised go to one of the best local charities in our local area, Sharing and Caring Hands. By participating in this event, you get both a hearty and delicious meal and the proceeds go to help those less fortunate than ourselves get hearty meals, shelter from the elements, and clothing.

We are also supporting the Alpha Women's Center Baby Bottle Campaign again. This is a positive way in which we can help promote the dignity of human life in the womb. It is a means by which we put our money where our mouth is by helping mothers and families in difficult situations make life-affirming decisions. Please put a donation in a bottle and return the bottle to the boxes in the back of the church.

Another thing you can do (and it is a bit more radical) is to give a small amount to one of those individuals who stand at highway exits or at stop lights. It is radical, because there is a higher likelihood of scams, and this is why I say give a small amount. I offer this one to you because of Jesus' words in Luke's Gospel, "Give to everyone who begs from you..." Think that giving some of the spare change in our cup holders helps keep us from becoming to jaded against our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In the Acts of the Apostles, an Angel of the Lord appears to Cornelius and speaks to him saying, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God." The prayers and the alms represent the two greatest commandments given to us by Christ. We are to love God and our neighbor. The alms we give are a tangible way that we love our neighbor in response to Christ's command. I hope we all have a blessed and fruitful Lenten Season.

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

PARISH NEWS



Bless the Newly Baptized.

Welcome, and congratulations to *Atlas Wade Lambert*, son of Marcus & Shelby Lambert, and *Bryson Patrick Plonski*, son of Timothy & Alexandra Plonski. We rejoice with your families 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, 8:00 am to noon, 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, 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. Listed below is the committee drawn from a current roster of parishioners. Looking at the number of parishioners it could be three years before your family is drawn again. **Families drawn to coordinate the breakfast are** Steve and Amy Glisczinski, Aric and Jill Holden, Ken and Brenda Kubes, and Joseph and Tricia Masberg. **Additional families drawn to help with breakfast are:** Joseph and Pamela Glisczinski, Ryan Goettl, Jean Granowski, Barbara Haecherl, Erik and Holly Hoffman, Joseph and Arlene Hoffman, Bob, Karin, and Eli Holen, Curtis and Tammy Hrabe, Chad and Charlotte Krautkremer, Lenore Krava, Rebecca Neisen, Roger and Tammy Ness, Joseph and Julie Prchal, Paul and Lisa Scharf, Steve and Stacy Schmitz, Darin and Kathy Schweiss, Zack and Tasha Shetka, Matthew and Kaitlynn Verhoven, John and Rosemary Widmer, Jess and Rebecca Wilson. **Thank you to returning volunteers:** Jim and Lisa Widmer, John Giesen, Eva Huebl, Evan and Trenton Huebl, and Keith and Dawn Buszmann.

Financial - 02/11/2024

St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected.....	\$11,734
Under Budget YTD.....	-\$11,401
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$520,284

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected.....	\$3,592
Over Budget YTD.....	+\$16,028
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$122,792

Thank you for your support!

Blessed Karl's Corner -

January, Renner visited Karl and Zita unannounced. The couple did not see him but made sure he was fed the finest lunch that their limited supply could muster. Renner tried to convince the aide assigned to him that it would be in the family's best interest to leave, as the air there was bad and security shaky. The aide stated that the air was fine, and considering Renner, himself, was in charge of overseeing appropriate security, that shouldn't be a concern. Zita's brothers, Sixtus and Xavier, however, were truly concerned for the wellbeing of their family members. They had fought for France during the war and approached the French King to see what could be done to help protect the family from suffering the same fate as the Romanovs. The French King said he was in no position to help, as he truly had no power. The brothers then appealed to King George V in England. After hearing their concerns, he was quite willing to help.

Giving Tree Thanks.

Thank you to all who participated in our Giving Tree this year. They were so happy at Sharing and Caring Hands when we dropped off all our gifts, which filled two large carts. Many children needed these Christmas presents. May God bless you, especially for your love and generosity.





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.



\$1,000 Tuition Assistance
SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLY BY
FEBRUARY 23

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

The next few months will be a flurry of events and important school functions. Growing enrollment is critical to keep our school programs lively and thriving. Recruitment for our preschool and kindergarten is important to bring new students to our school. Our staff is dedicated to bringing many little souls to know God. Catholic school faith-integrated methods are the best way to extend the teachings of the child's parents on a daily basis. Our school needs dedicated faith-filled people to help with our recruitment efforts. Parents with young children may not realize the strong impact of a Catholic school. Some young parents have not found their church connection, thus not realizing our school exists. Some young parents don't realize how to connect with our school and thus do not know when open house events, tours, and special programs occur. We need all of our adults, those without and with children, to share and reach out to the young parents around us to tell them about our school. See our school calendar for all of the upcoming activities and invite someone to join you at them.

Kim Doyle, Principal

You are invited to
ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Starry Night IN THE IRISH ISLES

DINNER AND AUCTION
Saturday, March 16, 2024

St. Wenceslaus Parish Activity Center
Doors open at 5:00 pm
Cocktails & Appetizers

Followed by Dinner
Live and Silent Auction
&
Fund-a-need

All profits support the school



**SWS
Productions
2024**

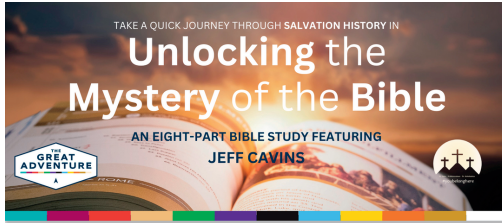
**February 22 @
6 PM**

**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



FAITH FORMATION



Reading God's Word is one way to get closer to Him. But it can be so intimidating, you don't know where to begin!

This study simplifies it and gives us a "birds eye view" of the Old Testament and it's major players ... how it ties into the New Testament and Jesus, and how it plays out in our lives today.

Through video, workbook and discussion it will entertain and sustain!

Dates - Times - Location

****Tuesday Morning, 9:00 - 10:30 am**
Begins January 16 (FULL)

****Tuesday Evening, 7:00- 8:30 pm**
Begins February 20

St. Wenceslaus Church

Cost - Registration

To Register
Contact Amber Dudley
amber.dudley@npcatholic.org
952-758-0464

For More Information

Cost: Workbook \$24.95
On-line Access to the video is available
for an additional \$5.95
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**Save the dates! June 17-21,
9:00-11:15 am for children
currently in grades K-5.**



Living Stations of the Cross

St. Wenceslaus Church



Performances

Friday, 2/16; 6 pm
& Wednesday, 2/21; 7 pm

Come and pray the stations with our
St Wenceslaus Youth

Krista Christenson has graciously offered to lead this program. But it takes many hands to make it a go. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities for adult leaders and teen helpers. Please prayerfully consider if this could be you! Email laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org for a listing of the areas that we are looking to fill. Thanks for considering!

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

A Change of Heart

For Christ also suffered for sins once and for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

- Genesis 9:8-15 • Covenant With Noah
- 1 Peter 3:18-22 • The Purpose of Christ's Suffering
- Mark 1:12- 15 • Jesus' Temptation; The Call to Conversion

► **Adults:** When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?

► **Kids:** What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?

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)

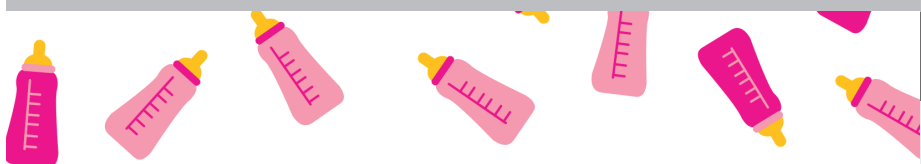
- Chili
- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Dine - In Church Basement
- Take - Outs Available
- Cost: Free Will Offering

FCSLA Life matching \$600 grant

Proceeds benefit Sharing & Caring Hands

For more information contact Norb at 952.758.3888

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Take a bottle

Fill it with change, cash, or checks

Return to church on the collection date

YOUR DONATIONS SAVE LIVES!

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 in New Prague, 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!

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, or scan the QR Code. 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 19*

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

5:30 pm Mass SW - *Arnie, Jeanette, Dale, Bonnie, & Nicholas Tupy †*

Tuesday, February 20

Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

8:00 am Mass SW - *Louis Bretecher †*

Wednesday, February 21

Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

8:00 am SWS Mass SW - *Marie Flicek †*

5:30 pm Mass SJ - *Irene Pyka †*

Thursday, February 22

1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

8:00 am Mass SW - *Margaret Furkalo †*

Friday, February 23

Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

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

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Confessions SW

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross SJ

Saturday, February 24

Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - *Francis & Jeannice Caroline †*

8:15 pm Mass SJ - *Mass for the People*

Sunday, February 25

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10

8:00 am Mass SS - *Vangie Gilchrist †*

8:30 am Mass SW - *LeRoy Geiger †*

10:00 am Mass SJ - *Ambrose, Mike, & Robert Becker †*

10:30 am Mass SW - *Glen Schoenbauer †*

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