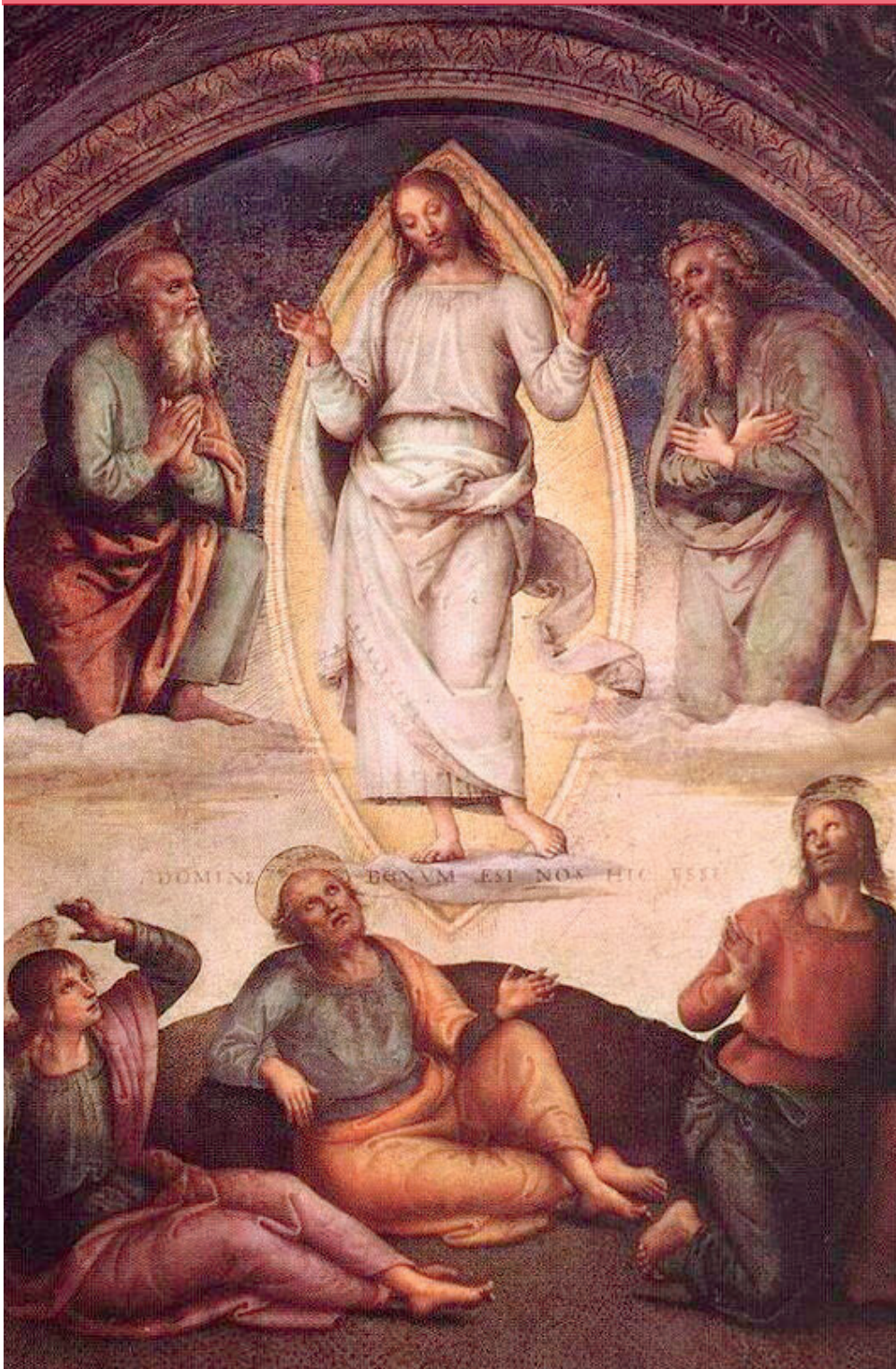


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

ST WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC PARISH



Mass Schedule*

Saturday: 4:30 PM SW

8:15 PM SJ

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

M-F: Rosary 7:30 AM SW

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

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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
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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
Carol Bauer: 952-457-4057
Marlene Dohmen: 952-492-6879

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Lois Giesen: 952-758-2138

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SW Lynn Sticha: 952-758-3225

WCC Pamela Sherlock: 952-758-0477

Padre's Pen – Living Stations, Soup Suppers, and Small Groups

I had the great privilege of sitting in the pews on Friday to witness the youth of our parish lead the Stations of the Cross with a "Live Stations" performance. Once again, our youth, under the direction of our Youth Minister, Brit Lau, knocked it out of the ballpark with a respectful and prayerful presentation of Our Lord's Way of the Cross. Let me state it again... this is a very prayerful presentation. It is worth your time to come and participate with our youth in this time of prayer. Psalm 8 in the Sacred Scriptures tells us "Out of the mouths of babes and children God finds perfect praise."

I also want to give a big shout-out to all who worked so hard putting together another great Soup Supper. The food was great! The fellowship was uplifting, and the proceeds go to a great cause in our local Church by supporting Sharing and Caring Hands. Thanks again to all our volunteers who made this event happen and all of you for supporting our church's ministerial outreach through this event.

Finally, I want to give an enormous shout-out to our Faith Formation Department, especially Amber Dudley. As all of you should be aware, we are in the implementation phase of Archbishop Hebda's guidance from his pastoral letter on the synod. There has been not only a ton of work behind the scenes to launch the small group process known as Parish Evangelization Cell System (PECS), but there has been at least two tons of work. Amber, Jim Hangge, and Andy Simon are our core leaders. We have another 10 to 12 Synod Evangelization Team members and many volunteers. I cannot thank everyone enough for all their work. I pray that our Father in heaven will prosper the work of our hands according to His good purpose. You can still join a small group, here is a link and a QR code:

<https://bit.ly/42m9quB>



I pray your Lent is going well and look forward to celebrating the Paschal Mysteries with you in Holy Week.

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

PARISH NEWS



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 two people each hour on SATURDAY, MARCH 23 from 6:00 am to 6:00 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 7:00 am to 9:00 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 - 02/18/2024

St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected.....	\$24,247
Over Budget YTD.....	+\$2,461
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$544,531

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected.....	\$3,597
Over Budget YTD.....	+\$16,390
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$126,389

Thank you for your support!

Blessed Karl's Corner -

King George V appointed a British officer to help look after Karl and his family. The first officer arrived February 16, 1919. He was replaced on February 27 of that same year by Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Lisle Strutt, D.O.S.. Strutt was a highly decorated veteran of the Great War and the Boer War. He was also a devout Catholic. A fine friendship quickly developed between the royal family and the English officer. Strutt immediately got to work. Over one hundred people were encamped around the lodge and most were suffering from malnutrition. He oversaw that food and supplies were made available from the British forces in Vienna and organized the defense of the locale.

WCC CCW News:

Save the date: March 4, is Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women's next meeting. Rosary at 6:15, followed by lunch and our speaker, Kathy Loehr, who is a passionate speaker on the Divine Mercy. You will not want to miss this meeting.

Pies for Life Fundraiser.

Pie orders are due next Sunday, March 3. See page six for order form.

Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World.

The Church of St. Dominic will host the Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World on Friday, March 1 (6:00-8:00 pm), Saturday, March 2 (9:00 am-8:00 pm) and Sunday, March 3 (9:00 am-3:00 pm). All are welcome; admission is free. Mass will be held at 8:30 am followed by Adoration until 3:30 pm on Saturday, March 2. The Church of St. Dominic is located at 104 Linden St. N. in Northfield, MN.



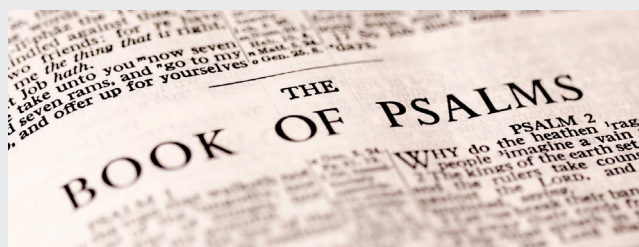
SCHOOL NEWS

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.

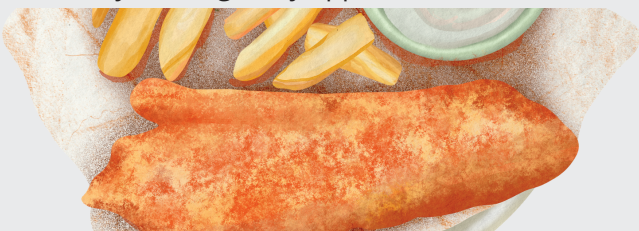
Psalm 86:11

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.



Fish Fry - Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who supported the fish fry last week. All of our volunteers were great. We especially thank the Fish Fry crew, who organized the entire event. It was amazing. To all who bought and sold the tickets for the dinner, you are greatly appreciated.



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

The Lenten season is always a very special time in a Catholic school. Having the students with us daily gives the school the opportunity to share teachings, traditions, and experiences. Our students will have the opportunity to participate in the Stations of the Cross in several formats. We will experience traditional formal stations, less formal stations with pictures and tours of the wonderful stations that adorn the walls of our church, and living stations performed by our 8th-grade students. Our students will attend adoration on Friday after going to an extra Mass. They will collect personal items for the Peace Center food shelf. Students will read a prayer over the PA system each day. They will study what the life of Christ looked like, what the Crucifixion means, and how our Lenten journey brings us closer to Christ. We take great pride in knowing that our students are learning about Jesus and growing steps closer to knowing that Christ brings us to the Resurrection.

Kim Doyle, Principal



FAITH FORMATION

Archbishop Hebda Invites Participation in Vatican Synod Listening Sessions

Begins Today - don't delay!

**Sunday, February 25, 2 - 3:30 pm and
Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 - 8 pm**

Watch [the invitation](#) from Archbishop Hebda, and [register](#) to join him in one of the two Vatican Synod Listening Sessions. These virtual events will consist of breakout groups participating in "Conversations in the Spirit," as they were practiced by Vatican Synod delegates last October. Feedback provided by attendees in breakout groups will help inform a national report sent to Vatican Synod leaders.

<https://www.archspm.org/vatican-synod-listening-sessions/>



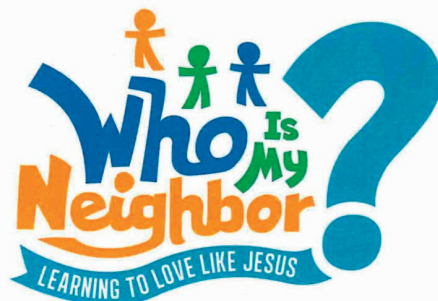
Stations of the Cross

Teens from our parish offered us a very moving portrayal of the Stations two times this past week. Under the direction and guidance of our Youth Minister, Britt Lau, they did an amazing job of bringing us into this sacred time in our history.

There are other options for participating in this prayerful journey of Jesus. Books are available in the back of each church site to walk the stations on your own.

You can also attend one of the stations offered at 7:00 pm on Friday nights at various sites. Our SWS youth will also be sharing a Live Stations of the Cross on March 21 at 1:00 pm in the SW church.

**So excited to be offering this
VBS this summer!**



Location: Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church

Dates: June 17-21, 2024

Time: 9 am to 11:15 am

Ages: children who have completed K-5th grade

We need volunteers to make VBS a success! There are many tasks to do before, during, and after VBS. Prayerfully consider how you can support the children of this congregation and the local community as they explore our call to love our neighbors. This year's director is **Krista Christenson**. Check the boxes you're interested in, drop it off at SW, or in the collection, and we will contact you with more information. Thank you!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate supplies or snacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorate (help create) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare snacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama participant | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare arts and crafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Setup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Response Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Response Leader (art) | <input type="checkbox"/> Help as needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Active Response Leader (games) | |

Name: _____

Email / Phone: _____

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent

The Assurance of Faith

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
(Mark 9:5)

- Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15- 18 • The Testing of Abraham
- Romans 8:31b-34 • God's Love for Humanity
- Mark 9:2-10 • Jesus Transfigured

► **Adults:** How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

► **Kids:** What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?

“Pies for Life” Order Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

10" Fruit & Pecan Pies \$15 each

10" French Silk Pie \$20

(Indicate the number wanted on selections below)

____Apple

____Blueberry

____Cherry



____French Silk

____Pecan

____Donation \$_____

Orders must be received by ***Sunday, March 3.***

Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus. Orders and checks can also be mailed to: Jeff Wick, 5256 Le Sueur Ave., New Prague, MN 56071



Keep the bottom half as a reminder!

Knights of Columbus “Pies for Life” Fundraiser

Thank you for your order and for supporting Pro-Life.

Please pick up your pies at the St. Wenceslaus Church Basement
on Saturday, March 23 from 8 am-Noon.



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!

St. Scholastica Palm Sunday Country Style Breakfast.

Breakfast Committee: Larry & Diane Weckman, Vern & Judy Pauly, Marlene Dohmen, Janet Weiers, John & Sandy Kubes, Pete & Karen Schoenecker, Don & Colleen Schoenecker, Ann Prochaska, Ted & Tracy Odenthal, John & Becky Colwell, Cindy Jirak, Steve & Laurie Meger, Nick & Chris King.



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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, February 26

Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38

5:30 pm Mass SW - *James & JoAnn Doyle †*

Tuesday, February 27

Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

8:00 am Mass SW - *Tom Pexa †*

Wednesday, February 28

Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

8:00 am SWS Mass SW - *Kalief Mach †*

5:30 pm Mass SJ - *Irene Pyka †*

Thursday, February 29

Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

8:00 am Mass SW - *Bob O'Neil †*

Friday, March 01*

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

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

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Confessions SW

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross SS

Saturday, March 02

First Saturday Devotions

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

7:30 am Rosary and Benediction SW

8:00 am Mass SW

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - *Dean Sorenson †*

8:15 pm Mass SJ - *Carl Gansen †*

Sunday, March 03

Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42

8:00 am Mass SS - *Mass for the People*

8:30 am Mass SW - *Living & Deceased Members of the DeGross Family*

10:00 am Mass SJ - *Ann Hill †*

10:30 am Mass SW - *Mary Ellen Pass †*

***Overnight Adoration is in the chapel.**

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