

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 03, 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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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
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 – Prepare: the Scrutinies and Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It is already the Third Sunday of Lent. We are in the proximate preparation period for our Catechumens and Candidates being received into the Church. We have one Catechumen this year who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, Isabelle Clancy. Over the next three weeks, at the Mass she attends, we will be celebrating the rites known as the Scrutinies.

The Scrutinies occur on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. It is considered a period of purification and enlightenment for our Catechumens. The prayers during the Mass for these rites are exorcistic prayers intended to help purify the elect from sinful desires. The pattern for the rites will be:

1. Invitation forward.
2. Invitation for all to pray silently for the Catechumen.
3. Intercessions for Isabelle.
4. Prayer of exorcism.
5. Laying on of hands.
6. Prayer for the Catechumen.

Again, this will occur at one Mass each over the next three weeks. It is a good reminder to all of us of the need to repent and prepare ourselves for the coming Paschal/Easter season. Already this week, Fr. Gifford and I will begin with additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We begin this week and the following week with extra time for our Faith Formation and St Wenceslaus School students.

We then extend our time in the confessional on:

- Friday, March 15, 3:00 - 5:00 pm.
- Friday, March 22, 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

In addition, there are another two hours of Confessions on:

- Tuesday, March 19, 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
- Tuesday, March 26, 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Finally, an extra half hour has been added to the following Saturdays:

- Saturday, March 16, 3:00 - 4:10 pm.
- Saturday, March 23, 3:00 - 4:10 pm (if necessary, we will both be present in our two confessionals).

The bottom line is that all of us should join in this proximate preparation period with our Catechumens. We pray not only with her and for her, but also, we pray for ourselves. We make ready our souls to receive the grace of God through Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit present and active in our Church.

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

PARISH NEWS

Soup Supper 2024: A Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Monday night Soup Supper. The many generous donors humble us. We give thanks for the calm winter evening as well.

The volunteers who prepared and served the soup along with Kwik Trip and Hy-Vee who donated all the great cookies, added support to this meal. Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis, as announced earlier, will receive \$6000 because of Soup Supper 2024. Thank you again for all your support.

St. Scholastica Palm Sunday Country Style Breakfast.

SAVE THE DATE! Western Catholic Community Breakfast and Bake Sale, Palm Sunday, March 24, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

This year's breakfast committee is chaired by Larry & Diane Weckman and includes 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. Stay tuned for more information.

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! 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.

Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women SPIRITUAL DAY

Saturday, March 9, 2024, Most Holy Redeemer, Montgomery

- 8:00 am Registration
- 8:00 - 8:45 am Confessions
- 8:30 am Rosary
- 9:00 am Holy Mass
- Brunch, Speaker, and Silent Auction to follow
- (Silent Auction ideas: Baked goods, gift cards, crafts, etc. Use your imagination and creativity! Proceeds will benefit Pro-Life activities in area Catholic Schools.)
- Speaker: Fr. Michael Barsness; his Conversion Story. Fr. Michael is Associate Pastor of St. Mary/ St. Henry, Le Center; Nativity, Cleveland and Immaculate Conception, Marysburg.

Please get in touch with your CCW President, Mary Wick at 507-744-5154 or mary.wick@swsaints.org for more information or to register before March 4.

Financial - 02/25/2024

St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected.....	\$18,094
Over Budget YTD.....	+\$6,171
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$562,626

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected.....	\$2,978
Over Budget YTD.....	+\$16,132
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$129,367

Thank you for your support!

WCC CCW News:

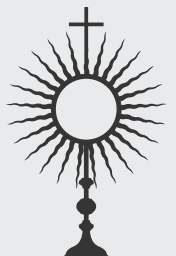
Save the date, March 4, for Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women's meeting at St. John the Evangelist's Koenig Hall. Rosary at 6:15 pm, followed by lunch and our speaker. Kathy Loehr is a passionate speaker on the Divine Mercy; you will not want to miss this meeting. All women of the parish are invited.



St. John the Baptist in Jordan is Expanding Adoration and Needs You.

St. John the Baptist in Jordan is seeking Committed Adorers to help restore their 24-hour Perpetual Adoration. There are many vacant spots.

For more information contact:
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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 our recent fish fry. 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. We have a few cases of frozen fish available. Please contact the school office for more information.



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

The reservation deadline for attendance at the Starry Night on March 16 has been extended. Come to support the school and have a fun night with friends, family, and parishioners. We will give out our 1st ever "Spirit of St. Wenceslaus Award." Congratulations to Ron McBroom, who will receive the award for his years of dedication and support for the school and for being a model for others in working to provide a joyful commitment to keeping our school thriving as a place for children to receive a great Catholic education. Help us thank and celebrate Ron! Reservations are required by March 6. You can contact the school office or go to the website to register. The evening includes fun, a social hour, and a fine Irish meal.

www.swsaints.org

<https://saintwenceslaus.ejoinme.org/starrynight2024>

Kim Doyle, Principal



FAITH FORMATION



A week-long Catholic camp for students entering grades 6-12 in Trego, WI.

Cost of Event:
\$525 until March 15;
\$575 until May 1;
\$625 until June 30

This includes all meals and transportation to and from camp.
A \$125 non-refundable deposit will be collected with registration.

Scholarships Available!!!

We will also be doing Fundraising for this event!
Your spot is only held once your deposit has been received.
Incoming 8th and 9th graders can participate and fulfill ALL Confirmation Service hours and Youth Ministry Requirements.
For more information or to register your 6th-12th grader please reach out to Britt Lau.
Britt.Lau@npcatholic.org

A Day in the Life, Wednesday Night Disciples of Christ *What does a Wednesday night look like on campus?*

We have 120 kids in grades 1-7 who join us every week that class is in session. We begin in the PAC with free time from 6:00-6:15 pm, at 6:15, we do a large group Gathering Time with an interactive lesson. At 6:25, we generally pray with our 24 catechists before they pick up their kids for grade-appropriate lessons.

The children open their Bibles in class to hear the Word of God. This week, **Grade 1** learned about how God calls us to be kind, to learn about patience and kindness, and to apologize when needed. **Grade 2** is learning more about the Eucharist this semester. This week their focus was on the Nicene Creed, and how proclaiming it together is a sign of unity. **Grades 3 and 4** have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week they had a prayer service, did an examination of conscience, and went to Confession. **Grade 5** covered two lessons: the first reminded us that we are all called to build the Kingdom of God uniquely through our vocation. Father Eugene covered the second part regarding Holy Orders. **Grades 6&7** learned how to pray with the Holy Spirit and how to invite Him into their prayer time. Teens learned that the Holy Spirit is the ultimate teacher of prayer and that they can depend on His assistance.

YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS



Faith Formation Office - PAC

MARCH 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

Source of Strength

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."
(John 4:13-14)

- Exodus 17:3-7 • Water from the rock.
- Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 • Faith, hope, and love.
- John 4:5-42 • The Samaritan woman at the well.

► **Adults:** Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

► **Kids:** Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger.



ST JOHN + ST WENCESLAUS + ST SCHOLASTICA

MARCH 10 - 8:00 AM TO NOON

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
*PADRE'S CHEEZY POTATOES,
PANCAKES, & SAUSAGE
BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE*

Delicious treats and great company; all for a great cause! Contributions go to ongoing needed repairs and upgrades at St. John. Back by popular request are Padre's Cheezy Potatoes, sausage, and pancakes March 10, 2024 - 8:00 am to Noon. New Prague Knights of Columbus Hall. Free-will Donation.

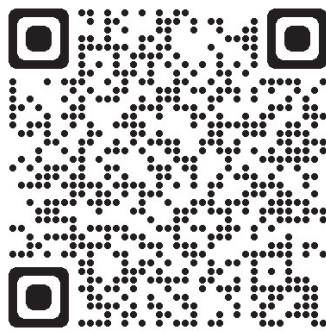
Please make checks payable to St. Wenceslaus. Write in the memo: St. John Repairs.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US

Father Skluzáček's Retirement.

Please join with family and friends of Father Michael Skluzáček on April 21, 2024, to honor him as he retires from 40-plus years of service to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Seating is limited and RSVPs are due by April 12. For details and registration, please scan the QR Code or click the link below. For questions, call Rosie at 651-247-1119.

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/frskluzacek-brunch>



March is the Month of Saint Joseph.

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father to Jesus. St. Joseph is known as the patron of fathers, families, and workers, as he so faithfully cared for Mary and Jesus. Moreover, though, he is honored as the patron of the Universal Church, patron of a happy death, as well as being known as the Terror of Demons. The Church celebrates St. Joseph's Feast Day on March 19. Let us ask Saint Joseph to guide and protect our families. "O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers."



Global Solidarity Sunday (MARCH 10/11)

The Global Solidarity Sunday Collection is an opportunity for Catholics of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis to help release the gifts and talents of Catholics around the world. Combined collection for Catholic Relief Services, Solidarity with Africa, Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, and the Church in Latin America. Look for envelopes in your pew next week!

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, March 04

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30
5:30 pm Mass SW - *Helen Kufley †*

Tuesday, March 05

Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
8:00 am Mass SW - *Arlene Lindquist †*

Wednesday, March 06

JDt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
8:00 am SWS Mass SW - *Diane Medwid †*
5:30 pm Mass SJ - *Frank & Rose Perzylo †*

Thursday, March 07

Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23
8:00 am Mass SW - *Reynold F. Jr. † & Alice Ruhland*

Friday, March 08

Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34
8:00 am Mass SW - *Shirley Novalkowski †*
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 pm Confessions SW
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross SS

Saturday, March 09

Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14
3:30 pm Confessions SW
4:30 pm Mass SW - *Pat Bohm & Faith Lee †*
8:15 pm Mass SJ - *Claudia Zurba †*

Sunday, March 10

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21
8:00 am Mass SS - *Bob Hauer †*
8:30 am Mass SW - *Mass for the People*
10:00 am Mass SJ - *Ambrose, Mike, & Robert Becker †*
10:30 am Mass SW - *John & Angie Havlicek †*

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