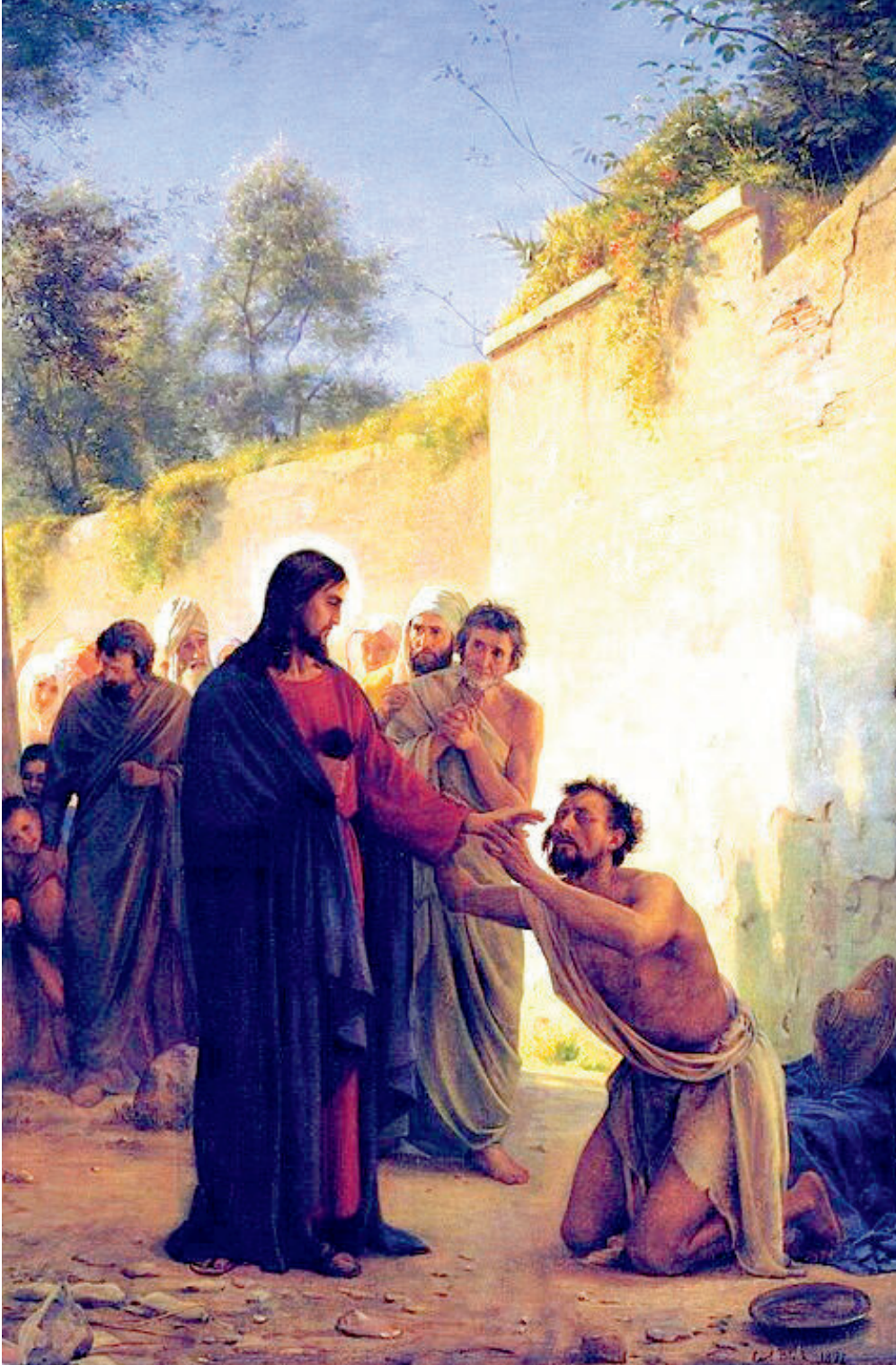


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 10, 2024

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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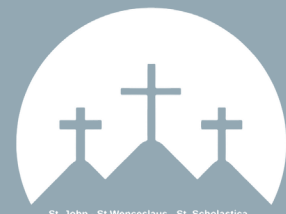
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WELCOME

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
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.

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

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Padre's Pen – Reason and Emotion in the Life of Faith.

Our gospel reading this weekend (except the one Mass at St. Wenceslaus where we use the Second Scrutiny for Isabelle, our catechumen, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. At that 8:30 am Mass, we will be using the Cycle A reading of the man born blind) which gives us the person of Nicodemus who originally came to Jesus at night, in the darkness. Jesus's exhortation to Nicodemus speaks of coming to the light and repudiating the darkness. Jesus Christ is of course the light and coming to Him is the answer, but how do we come to Him?

We differ from the beasts of the earth in our creation in the image and likeness of God and in our ability to reason; we are not guided by our baser instincts/emotions but rather assert our will/reason to guide our emotions. Animals do not sin in their actions because they have no reasoning ability to understand the implications of their actions. Human beings do have that reasoning ability and can therefore sin. As my mother used to say to me, "You should know better!"

Jesus says the same thing throughout His ministry. He tells everyone to "Repent," using the Greek word *metanoia*, which means to have a "Change of Mind." That is, we are called by Christ to engage our reasoning abilities to come to Him who is the light. So, we might say that we use the "Light of Reason" which is the gift of God to humanity so we can rise above the creaturely nature of our humanity and tap into the divine image within us.

Reason and emotion have an exchange and interplay that must take place for us to fully live our lives in the image and likeness of God. Reason guides our emotions while emotions inform our reason. For example, our emotions may rise up and say, "I am so angry with this person/situation," but reason steps in and says, "Take a deep breath, relax, what is the real issue that needs to be addressed?" Emotion without reason is beastly. Reason without emotion is sterile. That leads us to the all-important question, "Is it reasonable to believe that God's love for me personally is so great that He would die for me?" And if the answer is "Yes," then what am I going to do about it?

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 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. Scholastica Church Cleaning.

All hands on deck! Join us on March 20, at 4:30 pm to clean and prepare for our Country Style Breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 24. Many hands make light work. Thank you for your help.

St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Request.

With the advent of an unusually early spring, St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Staff ask that you, if you are able, clean up any graveside seasonal decorations. For your convenience, you may discard unwanted items on the south side of the garage where they will be disposed of by Cemetery Staff.



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BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Take a bottle

Fill it with change, cash, or checks

Return to church on the collection date

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Financial - 03/03/2024

St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected.....	\$20,351
Over Budget YTD.....	+\$16,137
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$582,977

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected.....	\$4,552
Over Budget YTD.....	+\$17,449
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$133,919

Thank you for your support!

Blessed Karl's Corner -

Lieutenant-Colonel Strutt arrived just in time for the royal family. By March 16, 1919, an election was held in Vienna, and Karl Renner ended up as chancellor. The very next day, Renner's government sent a telegram to Strutt, informing him that it would be "highly advisable to get the Emperor out of Austria and into Switzerland at once...the British Government can in no way guarantee your journey." Strutt kept the telegram to himself and went to Vienna to get a lay of the land. He found that things were not favorable for Karl and his family and decided to start organizing for the family's safe departure.

March is the Month of Saint Joseph.

The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. Saint Joseph is more commonly 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 Saint 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."





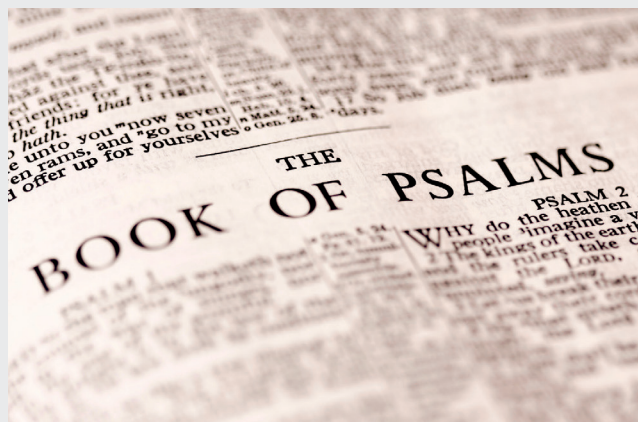
SCHOOL NEWS

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.



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

It is so much fun to watch the children learn and participate in the religious experiences that we hold in our school. Lent is a great time for them to ask many questions about the Life of Christ. Our beautiful church holds large Stations of the Cross to view and pray near. We are experiencing the Crucifixion as we gaze upon these statues. Growing up Catholic at St. Wenceslaus, I too could take all of this wonder and awe into my life in those years when I joined my schoolmates for the weekly Lenten prayers. Because some of our faith is hard to understand, it takes years to soak into our hearts, minds, and souls. The students fortunate enough to come to our school from preschool through grade eight get to experience so many prayer opportunities, lessons, and seasons of our church year. They are lucky to have this extended time for God to enlighten them and deepen their faith.

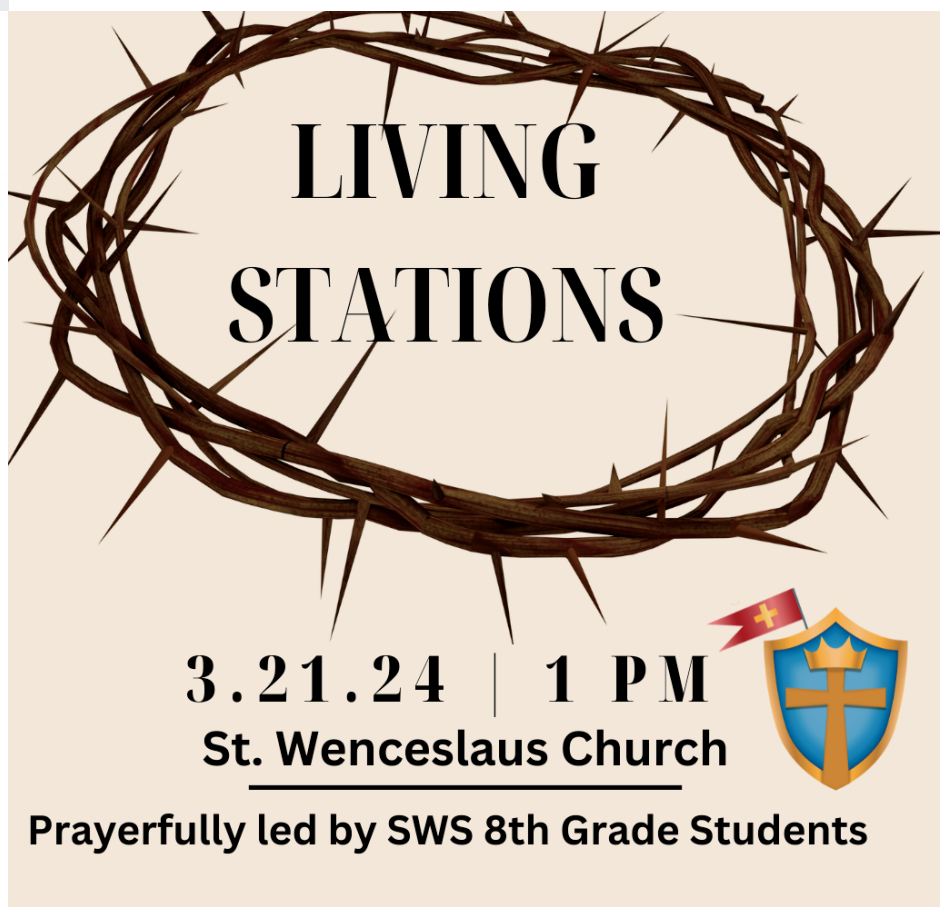
School Closed Monday, March 11.

All programs are closed next week, including Club House. Our staff will be off-site for a day of retreat, reflection, and prayer.

Please pray for our staff that we have a great day and return to school inspired and reenergized as we begin the final trimester of our school year.

God, please continue to bless our Catholic School. It is truly a gift.

Kim Doyle, Principal



FAITH FORMATION

Don't forget to RSVP for our Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast!

RSVPs can be sent to Britt.Lau@NPCatholic.org



**So excited to be offering
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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MARCH 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent Source of Light

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as Children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5:8-9)

- 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a • Samuel anoints David.
- Ephesians 5:8-14 • Duty to live in the light.
- John 9:1-41 • The man born blind.

► Adults: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

► Kids: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

PALM SUNDAY

St. Scholastica

all you can eat

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**MARCH 24,
8:30 AM -
12:30 PM**



Country Style Breakfast

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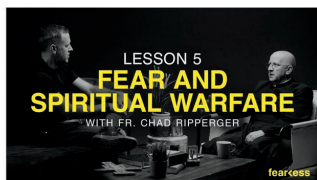
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Week of March 10, 2024



Fear and Spiritual Warfare w/ Fr. Chad Ripperger | Fearless | Episode 5

Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger joins Chris to discuss fear and spiritual warfare. God calls us to walk confidently in his victory over the Evil One, not be slaves to fear. Reject fear's lies and live in the full freedom that comes from claiming the truth of Jesus Christ. Learn from Chris and Fr. Chad how to let Christ's power unshackle your heart and overcome sin in your life.



Restore: Week Four, À The Healing Balm of Almsgiving

In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give—not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.



Where are You?

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

<https://formed.org/signup>

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake Hosts: Holy Week Weekend Retreats - 2024.

Women's Palm Sunday - March 22-24. Silent Retreat (w/palms)

Men's Holy Week Retreat - Thursday - Saturday noon, March 28-30 (Silent on Holy Friday).

The theme for both retreats is: *Finding Meaning and Grace; I Came To Give You Abundant Life*. Register by clicking the calendar tab on our website www.franciscanretreats.net or call 952.447.2182 (Tues-Fri 9:00-4:00).

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, March 11

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

5:30 pm Mass SW - *Living & Deceased Family Members of John Simon Jr. †*

Tuesday, March 12

Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

8:00 am Mass SW - *Jean Rosenkranz †*

Wednesday, March 13

Jls 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

8:00 am SWS Mass SW - *Donna Showdra †*

5:30 pm Mass SJ - *Lillian Stobbe †*

Thursday, March 14

Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

8:00 am Mass SW - *Stanley Puncochar †*

Friday, March 15

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:00 am Mass SW - *Tom Pexa †*

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Confessions SW

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross SJ

Saturday, March 16

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW - *Beverly Marie Meyer †*

8:15 pm Mass SJ - *Viola Michel †*

Sunday, March 17

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45

8:00 am Mass SS - *Jim Kroyer †*

8:30 am Mass SW - *Clarence & Mary Jirak †, Ellie Shambour †*

10:00 am Mass SJ - *Mass for the People*

10:30 am Mass SW - *James & JoAnn Doyle †*

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