

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 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
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
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SW Lynn Sticha: 952-758-3225

WCC Pamela Sherlock: 952-758-0477

Padre's Pen – Confessions, St. Joseph Solemnity, Pray to End Abortion, and Palm Sunday Breakfast.

"Laetare" or "Rejoice" Sunday is over and we are two weeks away from Easter. It is a time to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's 40 days in the desert by reflecting more deeply on the ways we have sinned against our Lord and receive His forgiveness. Toward the end of receiving that forgiveness, Fr. Gifford and I have extended hours in the confessionals over the next couple of weeks. Please make use of these times to prepare for the coming celebrations of the Triduum and Easter.

At St. Wenceslaus, both of us will be hearing confessions this coming Tuesday, March 19, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Confessions on Friday, March 22 are extended from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Fr. Gifford is scheduled to be in the main/east confessional, and I will be in the west confessional on an "as needed" basis if there is a line. Confessions have been extended by 30 minutes before the Saturday Mass on March 23; confessions will be from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. The last opportunity for scheduled confessions will be on Tuesday, March, 26 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Our schedules get very busy after that in preparation for the Triduum and Easter Liturgies, so please try to make use of the scheduled times.

On another note, this coming Tuesday, March 19, is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. It is another day within Lent where we may "lighten up" a little for the great Feast Day. Don't go overboard, but a little break from the Lenten disciplines is allowed on this day.

This coming Saturday, March 23, is our designated day of prayer at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in St. Paul. Please consider signing up for an hour of prayer. Victoria Pauling will be in the west entryway with the schedule and answering any questions you may have. Don't underestimate the power of Christian prayer and witness to help save lives and change this culture of death in which we live.

Last, but not least, remember that next weekend is the Palm Sunday Breakfast at St. Scholastica. This is the best breakfast around and a great opportunity to support our church at St. Scholastica. Please put it in your calendars to come out for a hearty breakfast and great fellowship.

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

PARISH NEWS



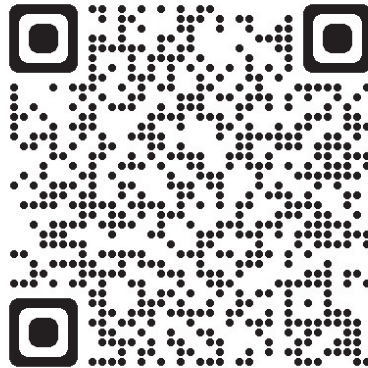
Bless the Newly Baptized.

Welcome, and congratulations to *Lyla Jean Storlie*, daughter of Jack & Megan Storlie. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion.

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/frs>



St. Scholastica Church Clean...

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We have extra and extended times for Confessions during Lent.

St. Wenceslaus: Tuesday, March 19 & 26: 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Friday, March 15 & 22: 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Saturday, March 16 & 23 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. **St. John:** Saturdays at 7:30 PM.

And By Appointment with either Father Theisen or Father Gifford
Please call 952-758-3225

Annual Spring Cleaning at St. John the Evangelist.

Volunteers are needed to clean the church and hall on Monday, March 25; you can choose a time that best fits your schedule. We will be cleaning in two shifts. Shift one is from 9:00-11:30 am, and shift two is 3:00-5:30 pm. Please bring dusting cloths, a mop, and buckets, to help clean at either shift. What a great family Lenten project and an opportunity to enjoy working with other parishioners.

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!

The Baby Bottle Fundraiser Ends on March 22.

Please return your bottles to the back of church next weekend, March 23/24.

Financial - 03/10/2024

St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected.....	\$8,767
Over Budget YTD.....	+\$1,519
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$591,744

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected.....	\$2,380
Over Budget YTD.....	+\$16,593
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$136,299

Thank you for your support!

Blessed Karl's Corner -

Renner's government was going to give Karl three options: abdicate all family rights and live in Austria as private citizens, refuse and go into exile, or be imprisoned. Strutt called the Swiss to get their authorization for the royal family to live there and arranged for an imperial train for the trip. He then took on the job of convincing Karl and Zita of the necessity for leaving. After three days, he succeeded. A few days later, Strutt returned to Vienna and arranged for a British military police escort to accompany them. He then went to see Renner.

Pillow Cleaning

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 20, 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Evening drop off Friday, April 19,

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Parish Activities Center

Holy Thursday – Washing of the Feet

We need your help identifying parishioners to participate in Washing of the Feet as part of the Holy Thursday liturgy at St. Wenceslaus (March 28, 7:00 pm) – a demonstration of the “humility and charity of Christ towards his disciples.” Those chosen to take part in this ritual “represent the variety and the unity of each part of the people of God. Such small groups can be made up of men and women, and it is appropriate that they consist of people young and old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated men and women, and laity,” (from the 2016 decree *In Missa In Cena Domini* from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments).

Please send your nominations to Lynn Sticha at lynn.sticha@npcatholic.org, no later than Monday, March 25. Please include a brief note about why you are nominating each person.



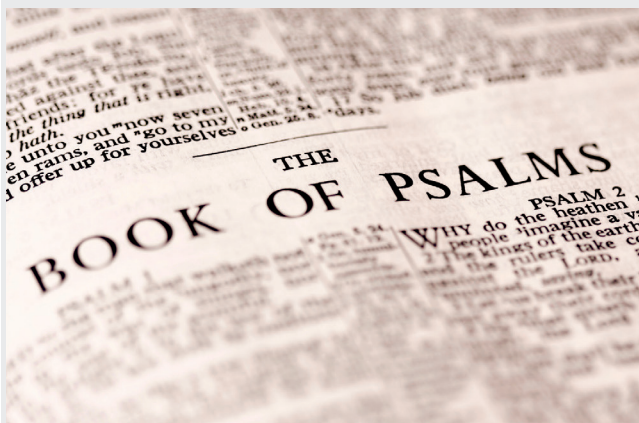
SCHOOL NEWS

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,

This is the Week! We cannot wait to tell you all about what happened at our Starry Night! The Starry Night Event is always one of the favorite evenings for the school and those attending. It is so moving and special to see the bids coming in and the support for the school from so many people. Typically, there are over 300 attending and even more bidding online from home. Our guest list consists of approximately 1/3 of school parents, 1/3 of parish members connected to the school, and 1/3 who are guests. The Starry Night is a necessary fundraiser and ensures we meet our school's budgetary requirements. It also raises funds for a special project or goal (Fund-a-Need). We thank everyone for pitching in with donations and support to make this night special for the attendees, while meeting our goals. We are most appreciative in so many ways. Thank you to the event committee for jumping into this large job and making it wonderful. SWS is so lucky to have great people surrounding us.

Collections for the Peace Center

We are looking for shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, shaving cream, etc... Please send the items to school as Lent comes to an end and before our spring break. We will walk all our donations to the Peace Center.

Kim Doyle, Principal



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St. Wenceslaus Church

Prayerfully led by SWS 8th Grade Students

FAITH FORMATION

ALL ARE INVITED TO

ST. WENCESLAUS EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Join us for some Family Fun,
Face Painting and more

APRIL 7, 2024
11:30 AM- 12:30 PM

ON THE FIELD BY THE PAC CENTER

For more information or to donate
candy please contact Britt Lau at
britt.lau@npcatholic.org or at
952-758-0486



Extreme Faith Camp

July 22-26

Trinity Woods Camp, Trego WI
For current 5th-8th graders

Extreme Faith Camp is a premier high adventure camp packed with incredible activities!

High ropes, laser tag, zip lines, climbing walls, and more! Extreme Faith Camp is led by parishes from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, guaranteeing that summer camp is not just a mountaintop faith experience, but one that builds lifelong foundations of faith. Extreme Faith Camp will be at Trinity Woods Camp and Retreat Center in Trego, Wisconsin. Open to current 5th-8th grade students as participants and HS students as leaders.

Cost schedule:

Pay between March 16 & May 1 = \$575 or

pay between May 1 - June 30 = \$625.

Reach out to Britt.Lau@npcatholic.org for more info or to sign up.

Congratulations!

You are part of a Church on fire for our God!

We have 22 groups that meet weekly to grow in their relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Some groups meet on campus and some groups meet in homes. We have morning groups and evening groups almost every day of the week. They are led by fellow parishioners and a Saturday morning group led by Father Theisen.

We are studying Sunday Scripture readings, watching videos on prayer, doing a seven-week study on salvation history, and delving into the Book of John.

We have many more parishioners faithfully praying through the Magnificat, the Little Black Book, Living Faith, and attending daily Mass, Adoration, Prayer Cells, and the Stations of the Cross.

Our world is in dire need of our prayer and our God. Prayer does make a difference.

Jesus said, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." John 15:7

Are His words written on **your** heart?

MARCH 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Reward of Faith

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:25)

- Jeremiah 31:31-34 • The New Covenant.
- Hebrews 5:7-9 • Jesus, Compassionate High Priest.
- John 12:20-33 • The Coming of Jesus' Hour.

► **Adults:** When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

► **Kids:** When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something.

PALM SUNDAY

St. Scholastica

all you can eat

**THE WCC
INVITES YOU!**

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



Country Style Breakfast

BAKE SALE

QUILT RAFFLE



#seeyouonSunday

ST JOHN + ST WENCESLAUS + ST SCHOLASTICA

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US

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!

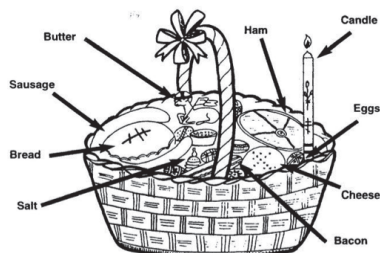
WHAT IS 40 DAYS FOR LIFE? Prayer and Fasting – People of faith praying and fasting for the end to abortion. Peaceful Vigil – A peaceful witness outside abortion facilities in every state and around the world. Community Outreach – A positive Pro-Life message for the community. We have committed to providing 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 Catholic United Financial Meeting.

All members and their spouses are invited to a brainstorming session on Monday, March 25, at Koenig Hall. The meeting will start with the rosary at 6:45 pm followed by a meeting at 7:00 pm. We will work on new ideas about sponsorship of adult Catholic education and youth activities. Snacks and beverages provided.

Holy Saturday Traditional Easter Basket Blessing.

Join us Saturday, March 30, at 11:00 am at St. John the Evangelist for a traditional Easter Basket Blessing. This Catholic ritual has been a tradition in many Eastern European countries and has been cherished for centuries. Bring your basket loaded with the foods you will serve for Easter dinner to be blessed by Father Theisen on Holy Saturday morning.



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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, March 18

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 /
Jn 8:1-11
5:30 pm Mass SW - Marie Flicek †

Tuesday, March 19

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 /
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
8:00 am Mass SW - Evelyn Simon †
5:00 pm Confessions SW

Wednesday, March 20

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42
8:00 am SWS Mass SW - Nettie Nakonechny †
5:30 pm Mass SJ - Patsy Zamrykut †

Thursday, March 21

Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59
8:00 am Mass SW - Catherine Stenberg †

Friday, March 22

Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42
8:00 am Mass SW - Stan Chromy †
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 pm Confessions SW
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross SS

Saturday, March 23

Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56
3:30 pm Confessions SW
4:30 pm Mass SW - Wencel Kubes †
8:15 pm Mass SJ - Richard Peters †

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 /
Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39
8:00 am Mass SS -
8:30 am Mass SW - Elgar & Irene Busch †
10:00 am Mass SJ - Irene Pyka †
10:30 am Mass SW - Mass for the People

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