

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 16, 2025

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 churches 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, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am to Noon
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 Lau 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 of 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 Chris Tupy: 612-369-1603
Carol Bauer: 952-457-4057
Marlene Dohmen: 952-492-6879

BeFrienders Ann Schoenbauer: 758 -3456 or
Lois Giesen: 952-758-2138

Hall Rental

SW Brittany Huebl: 952-758-3225
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Padre's Pen - Lenten Miscellaneous

We have sure hit the ground running for Lent. After a brief pause for a snowstorm on Ash Wednesday morning, we still had very good attendance at Masses in the afternoon and evening. We then jumped right into the Fish Fry Fundraiser for our school and Live Stations of the Cross with our youth. Many thanks to all our volunteers and staff who made these events successful.

As I write this, we are making our final preparations for our Starry Night Auction/Dinner for our St. Wenceslaus School. The silent auction went live on Monday morning while our parish and school staff were on retreat. Once again, our volunteers and staff are doing an amazing job, and I can't thank them enough. I look forward to giving an update in the next week or two on another successful event for our school.

As an update, I was contacted by the head of the Archdiocesan Comprehensive Assignment Board this week. They are very aware of our need down here at St. Wenceslaus with the immanent departure of Fr. Gifford. They are working on an assignment for us, so I fully expect that we will be blessed with another priest assigned to us this summer. I ask that you all keep in your prayers an intention that God will provide us with the priest we most need to help accomplish the Divine Will for our parish.

Finally, I hope your Lenten disciplines are going well. There are still opportunities to join a small group through our Faith Formation office, do some additional prayers, or make some other sacrifice for our Lord. I was doing my morning prayers on the Friday after Ash Wednesday and the Lord put an additional item on my heart, so I've added additional disciplines. It has helped me start Lent in a much better way. Once again, the Lord has shown me that I cannot out-give Him in generosity. ☺

*Ad Christum per Mariam,
Fr. Theisen*

PARISH NEWS



Bless the Newly Baptized

Welcome, and congratulations, to *Olive Michelle Kocina*, daughter of Michael & Taylor Kocina. We rejoice with your families on this joyful occasion.

St. John Breakfast - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our St. John the Evangelist's breakfast at the KC Hall last weekend. We are very excited to redo the upstairs bathrooms in Koenig Hall. Thank you, also, to all those who volunteered their time to make the breakfast a success. We appreciate all of the support! God bless.

Annual Spring Cleaning at St. John the Evangelist

Volunteers are needed to clean the church on Monday, March 24. Choose a time that best fits your schedule, as we will be cleaning in two shifts. Shift one is from 9:00 am - noon, and second shift is 3:00 - 5:30pm. Please bring dusting cloths, a mop and buckets. What a great family Lenten project and opportunity to enjoy working together with other parishioners.

Peace Center March Campaign

Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state and relies on the generosity of everyone. All monetary and food donations go directly to the Peace Center Food Shelf to help those in need in our community. Please consider donating. There is a collection box in Martha's Corner (down the stairs by the elevator). The Peace Center's current needs are cooking and baking items, snacks, pasta, and personal care items.

Picture Directories Available!

The long-awaited photo directories have arrived and are ready for pickup! You will find them in the back of all three churches. Please look carefully for your family's directory, as each one is clearly labeled with the family name on the back. To ensure everyone receives their own, please only take the directory bearing your family's name. Please Note: these directories are for those who participated in the photo sessions last summer or submitted a photo. If you were unable to participate in the photo sessions but would still like a directory, they are available for free will offering in the back of all three church sites.

40 Days for Life - LENT 2025

Our parish "Adopt a Day" is Saturday, March 29, 6:00 am - 6:00 pm. A sign up table will be at all St. Wenceslaus Masses the weekends of March 15/16 and 22/23. **New this year:** in addition to asking for prayer volunteers to travel to St. Paul to pray in front of the St. Paul Planned Parenthood clinic, we are asking for volunteers that are not able to travel that day to sign up for one hour between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm that day, to pray the rosary wherever you are and with whomever you can gather together, for those few moments of prayer. Invite your family, friends, classmates, teachers, small group members, coworkers...so many possibilities! Our prayers are heard and babies truly CAN be saved through prayer. Please call Victoria Pauling with questions, to sign up or if you would like a ride that Saturday. 952-393-8056

Financial - 03/9/2025

St. Wenceslaus

Total Collected.....	\$18,785
Over Budget YTD.....	+\$23,872
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$608,606

Western Catholic Churches

Total Collected.....	\$1,548
Over Budget YTD.....	+\$18,493
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$153,493

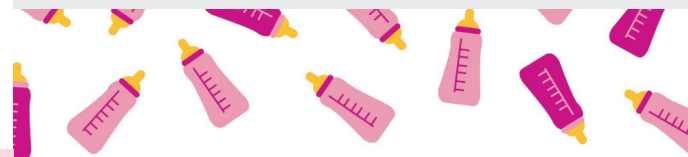
Thank you for your support!

Bl. Karl Corner

As Karl listened to the cab driver explain the difficulties the Austrian people were facing, he must have felt some terrible and intense emotions. For well he knew, there was no longer anything he could physically do for them - at least at the time being. His people never left his prayers, as he strongly felt a fatherly protection over all the peoples of the nations he once governed.

The former Emperor did not let his feelings blind him to what he could do for his fellowman in that instant. He gave the cab driver a generous tip, along with the bag of food he had taken along for his trip.

Despite his traveling disguise, his generosity gave him away, for the cab driver said to himself, "Such enormous generosity! This could only be the Emperor Karl!"



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!





SCHOOL NEWS



**ST. WENCESLAUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

CLUBHOUSE



Club House Item Request

ISO ice cream buckets WITH lids,
paper towel tubes, and bud vases.



Thank You!

Thank you everyone, who came to our fish fry!
This is a fundraiser for our school, but more importantly – a community building event. Did you miss the dinner, or are craving more of the amazing fish? We have some leftover – \$30.00 for 5 lbs of the delicious fish! Contact the school office to 'catch' this deal! or email Pam Glisczinski at:
pam.glisczinski@swsaints.org

St. Wenceslaus School Pot-O-Gold Raffle

\$100

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF	Grand Prize Winner \$ <u>20,000.00</u>	
	Twenty-thousand _____ DOLLARS	
	<u>St. Wenceslaus School</u>	
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Contact school
office to secure
your ticket!

**Grand Prize Winner
\$20,000 Cash**

Additional Prizes
4 - \$1000 Cash Winners
2 - \$500 Cash Winners

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

At Saint Wenceslaus, we take great pride in our school community. Our dedicated staff works tirelessly to ensure that every child feels supported and successful—not only in academics but also in their spiritual growth, collaboration, social skills, and leadership development. Registration for 2025-26 is now open! Help us continue our long-standing tradition of educating and nurturing young minds by sharing this opportunity with those you know. Together, we can shape the future, one student at a time! Call our school if you would like more information or a tour. We look forward to partnering with you!



2025 - 2026

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LIVING STATIONS

3.20.25 | 1 PM

St. Wenceslaus Church



Prayerfully led by SWS 8th Grade Students

FAITH FORMATION

Join Us

We welcome you to join the challenge and fun of the St. Wenceslaus' Blue Knights for 9 months of learning, fun, and development in Virtues.

Ages:

3rd to 8th Grade Boys

Activities:

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Basketball
Martial Arts
Nature Hike
And More...

Contact Us For More Information

Nick Helms
Blue Knight Instructor
719.761.4584



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Supplementing Faith With Virtues

Join us any Saturday that works for you!

BREAKFAST WITH DAD

BRING YOUR CHILDREN
(ALL AGES)

AND

JOIN US FOR

FOOD, FAITH, & FELLOWSHIP

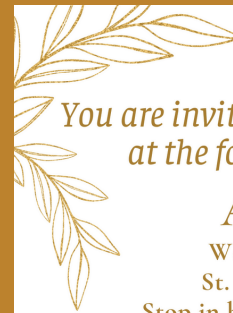
Saturday Mornings - Beginning
March 8

8:15 am to 10:00 am

The St. Wenceslaus Church Basement

After breakfast, the Dads will talk about Lent, while the children enjoy Open Gym time.

Registration appreciated, but not required.
Lynn.Sticha@npcatholic.org



You are invited to lay your worries down at the foot of the cross during:

Adoration

Wednesday, March 19
St. Wenceslaus Church

Stop in between 4:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Come for a few minutes, or for an hour or more.

Sit in a pew.

Stand in the back of church.

Pray silently from your heart.

Pour out your heart to God.

Read a book, read scripture.

Pray the rosary.

Sit in silence.

Rest for a moment, catch your breath.

Close your eyes.

Look toward Jesus.

Pray with one of our prayer team members.

Listen for His voice, for inspiration.

Feel His love surround you.

Join in song, sing His praises.

We believe Jesus is truly present in the monstrance.

Come as you are and find peace in His presence.



March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent *Transformed by Christ*

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Phil. 3:20)

- Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 • The covenant with Abram
- Philippians 3:17-4:1 • Christ our goal
- Luke 9:28b-36 • Jesus transfigured

Adults: How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ?

Kids: When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?

Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women

SPIRITUAL DAY

Saturday, March 29, 2025

St. Andrew, Elysian

- 8:00 am Registration
- 8:00 - 8:45 am Confessions
- 8:30 am Rosary
- 9:00 am Holy Mass
- Brunch
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Silent Auction Closes
- Speaker

(Silent Auction ideas: Baked goods, gift cards, crafts, etc. Use your imagination and creativity! Proceeds will benefit youth pro-life activities in our Deanery.)

Speaker: Fr. Michael Miller

Fr. Miller is Pastor of St. Patrick of Cedar Lake Township and St. Catherine of Spring Lake Township

REGISTRATION - \$10

Please pay your CCW President or contact person directly.

Deadline: March 20, 2025

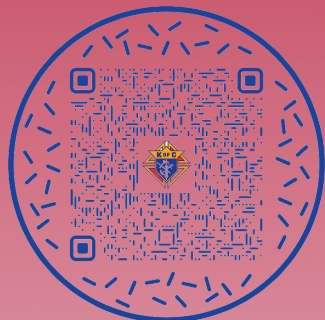
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Email: _____

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US

"Pies for Life" Fundraiser



Pies for Life fundraiser

Order your pie by Sunday, April 6.

Pick up pies at St. Wenceslaus Church basement on Sunday, April 13, from 9:00 – 11:00 am.

To order go to: NewPragueKC.org, call 612-306-1668, or scan the QR code.

Pecan, Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, French Silk, Lemon Meringue

10" Ready to Bake or Thaw & Serve Pies \$15.00 each

French Silk, Pecan – \$20.00

Pillow Cleaning

April 5, 2025, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Evening drop off Friday, April 4, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Parish Activities Center
215 Main Street East New Prague



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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, March 17

Dan 9:4b-10 / Luke 6:36-38

5:30 pm Mass SW *Clarence & Mary Jirak †*

Tuesday, March 18

Isa 1:10, 16-20 / Matt 23:1-12

8:00 am Mass SW *Stan Cromy †*

Wednesday, March 19

*Solemnity of Saint Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 /
Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

8:00 am Mass SW *Tom Pexa †*

5:30 pm Mass SJ *Joseph Huebl*

Thursday, March 20

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

8:00 am Mass SW *Dave Skluzacek †*

Friday, March 21

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

8:00 am Mass SW *Irene Theisen †*

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Confessions SW

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross SS

Saturday, March 22

Mic 7:14-15, 18-20 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

3:30 pm Confessions SW

4:30 pm Mass SW *Kathy McBroom †*

7:30 pm Confessions SJ

8:15 pm Mass SJ *Mary Lee (Shonka) Berg †*

Sunday, March 23

Exod 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Luke 13:1-9

8:00 am Mass SS *Robert Hauer †*

8:30 am Mass SW *Mass for the People*

10:00 am Mass SJ *Clifford & Lorraine Ebert †*

10:30 am Mass SW *Gertie Chlan †*

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