

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2017

We celebrate, as a community, the presence of *God* in our lives. In the Eucharist, we receive *Jesus Christ* as our spiritual nourishment through the power of the *Holy Spirit*.

We joyfully welcome these young members of the *New Prague Area Catholic Community* to the Lord's table for the first time.



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At supper Jesus took bread in His hands. He gave thanks to God. Then He broke the bread into pieces. He gave the bread to His disciples. Jesus said, "This is my body."

Next, Jesus took a cup of wine, He gave thanks to God. Then he passed the cup to His disciples. Jesus said, "This is my blood. It is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."

Jesus told His followers: "Do this in memory of me." ~ Based on Luke 22:17-20

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We welcome you...

Welcome to the greater New Prague Area Catholic Community which includes the Church of St. Wenceslaus and the Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica. We are happy 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. If you are interested in a membership, please phone the parish office for assistance and registration. If you are over the age of 21, we ask that you register. Please feel free to stop by the parish office during office hours to register or you may do so online. Again, we are happy you are here.

At the Church of St. Wenceslaus**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE**Weekend Masses**

Saturday..... 5:00 pm
 Sunday..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

Morning Word & Communion

Monday & Tuesday 8:00 am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION**Anointing of the Sick**

Available to those who are seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call 952-758-3225

Confirmation

Preparation required. Call 952-758-5131

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4 pm in the church.

Baptism

Preparation required. Call 952-758-3225

Marriage

Six months to one year preparation time required.
 Call 952-758-3225

Rosary

Monday – Friday 7:30 am & Saturday 8:00 am in the church.

Fatima Prayer Cell

Monday – Wednesday after 8 am service in the chapel.

Adoration

Friday 9:00 am to midnight in the chapel

Early Morning Scripture Study

Wednesday 6:45 to 7:50 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

Fr. Kevin's Bible Study

Saturdays 9:30 to 11 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

Prayer Chain

Judy: 952-758-2220 or Arnita: 952-758-4943

A Note from Elaine Harty ~ First Communion Coordinator*"Let the children come to me"**Matthew 19:14a*

In the Gospels of Mark, Luke, and Matthew, Jesus welcomes the children. He says, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

In the next two weeks, as a St. Wenceslaus Church community, we also welcome the second graders to our family in a special way as they make their first Holy Communion.

For many weeks, the children have been preparing to welcome Jesus into their hearts. As part of their preparation, the students wrote prayers that they might say to Jesus as they quietly process back to their pew and kneel. This is what they wrote:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving up your body and blood for us. I am so glad I have received you today. I love you. Please forgive my sins. I believe in you. Amen

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for this day and the future. Help me to love and serve you. When I receive you, I will think of your sacrifice and try to be faithful. Amen

Dear Jesus,

Help me to love like you and to help one another like you did. You are my best friend, the Prince of Peace. I will never stop loving you. Thank you for sacrificing yourself. Amen

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for this wonderful day. I am so happy to go off and make a wonderful start and be a new person. Help me through the times I am bad and please forgive me and please listen to my prayers. Amen

"Then Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them."

Western Catholic Community

From the Desk of Father Dave

Ode to a Program

Both the Western Catholic Community and St. Wenceslaus will experience faith formation in a new way next year. While there may be sadness in the WCC as we face the end of being an independent program, I am confident that through God, the best parts of our program will be preserved and enhanced by the merger. For six years I have seen students move through our program and I see each one as precious. I have learned so much from each of them and I look forward to seeing many of them in the new program. Everything we do should be about bringing the students to Jesus. I know we have worked for that in the past and I know we will strive for that in the future.

The Western Catholic Community Faith Formation program is blessed with some outstanding teachers. Each uses creativity to try and reach the students. We expect them to work hard, and this ministry is a labor of love. Our volunteer catechists use their gifts and talents to share high quality material and their own faith experience with the students. This program is greatly enhanced by quality teachers and I am forever grateful.

Good programs need outstanding leadership. The WCC has this in Carol Weiers. Carol followed in the footsteps of her Aunt Marcella for whom Koenig Hall, the school basement at St. John's gets its name. Carol's gifts in the areas of organization and enthusiasm made their mark on the program. Carol will be a bridge figure in the transformation of how this parish will continue to bring our young people to Christ. She is already working on the transition team for the program merger and has plans to teach in our joint program next year. Carol has been instrumental in helping to make disciples in the past and her gifts will allow her to continue to bring Jesus to our youth in the future. Working with her has been an absolute honor. We have worked together to make needed, but hard decisions about the future of our parish. Let Carol know how appreciative you are for what she has done for the New Prague Area Catholic Community.

Fr. Dave Barrett
Regional Associate Pastor
New Prague Area Catholic Community

Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John's & St. Scholastica

May 6 & 7, 2017	Saturday St. John's 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John's 10:00 AM
Lector	Kevin Giesen	Billy Odenthal	First Communicants
Eucharistic Ministers	MaryCarol Wolf	Millie Odenthal, Becky Colwell & Geraldine Odenthal	Amy Lemke, Jill Holden & Jonila Weiers
Servers	Mitchel & Hunter Pomije	Julia & Joe Schoenecker	Danielle, Brenna & Samantha Solheid, Anna Holden
Gift Bearer Family		Larry Weckman Family	First Communicants

Important Information

- Weekend Masses**
 Saturday..... 8:15 pm St. Scholastica
 Sunday..... 8:00 am St. Scholastica
 Sunday..... 10:00 am St. John's
- Weekday Masses**
 Wednesday..... 5:00 pm St. John's
 Thursday..... 5:00 pm St. Scholastica

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

- Reconciliation**
 Wednesday..... 5:30 pm St. John's
 Thursday..... 5:30 pm St. Scholastica
- Baptism & Confirmation**
 Preparation required. Call Fr. Dave Barrett
- Anointing of the Sick**
 Call Fr. Dave Barrett
- Marriage**
 Prep required. Call Fr. Dave Barrett
- Adoration**
 Fridays 9:00 am to midnight at St. Wenceslaus Daily Chapel

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PARISH AND AREA NEWS

Speaker This Weekend

Pack the PAC (Parish Activities Center) on Sun., Apr. 30th at 6:30 pm for a wonderful speaker...bring a friend! Nic Davidson has a way of sharing the message of Jesus Christ with depth and humor. We hope to see YOU here!



God Bless the Newly Baptized

Welcome and congratulations to Brecken Brian VonBank, son of Cory & Danielle VonBank. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion!

Area Separated & Divorce Support Group

Area Separated & Divorce Support Group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month, 7-8:30 pm, in the Parish Office Building. The topic for May 2 & 16 is "Name the Values That Guide Your Heart". If you or a loved one is experiencing the loss of a long-term relationship, married or unmarried, you may desire to connect with this group since they understand what you are going through at this time in your life. Questions? Please call Deacon Bob Wagner 952-758-0463 or Mary Pieper 952-873-6781.

SW Council of Catholic Women Fundraiser

Our parish Council of Catholic Women provides financial support for MANY programs in our parish and they have a Spring Garden Sale fundraiser coming up. **During the week of May 7-13 ONLY**, Cedar Brook Garden Center, located by Creeks Bend Golf Course, will donate 10% of all of your purchases to our St. Wenceslaus CCW. **You must mention St. Wenceslaus CCW or print CCW form from their website cedarbrookgc.com.** Donation flyers also available in back of church. Help us spread the word....Mother's Day gifts, flowers, vegetable garden, trees, shrubs, gift shop items, and much MORE.

Attention Gardeners

It's not too early to start thinking about our parish festival. Mark your calendars for August 14th, so that all can plan to attend. Please remember us in your spring planting this year! We always appreciate the wide variety of produce provided. We are especially in need of volunteers to plant cucumbers and cabbage. If you are willing to grow either of these, please call Jill Hanzel (952) 457-1770 or Jeff Schoenbauer (612) 406-4130.

Festival 2017

We are in need of a Bingo Chair. Seasoned workers are available. Just looking for someone to head up this area. Hours involved are on Sunday of the festival. Please contact Jill Hanzel 952-457-1770 or Jeff Schoenbauer 612-406-4130.



VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children

Our parish will be hosting a VIRTUS session on Mon., May 15th from 6-9 pm in the PAC Chapel. **Protecting God's Children for Adults** is training conducted by VIRTUS certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. If you are even considering volunteering some-

where down the road, please take this training. To sign up, please go to virtus.org. Space is limited, so sign up soon. Thank you.

Tour Our Nation's Capital!

See all the wonderful sights our nation's capital has to offer. An adults-only trip will be offered August 9-12, 2017. Airfare, hotel, and entry to all sights included. Contact Jamie Schoenbauer at jamie.schoenbauer@swsaints.org for more details.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Envelopes are in the pews. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

FOOD FOR KIDZ PACKAGING EVENT

Thurs., May 4th at the Immaculate Conception Church Civic Center, Lonsdale. 2 shifts: 4-5:30 pm & 5:30-7 pm - No sign-up needed! 100% of the money raised is used to buy food! Please bring your cash/check donation with you to cover the cost of food. Or mail your tax-deductible donation (payable to Food for Kidz) to **Food for Kidz**, c/o IC Church, P.O. Box 169, Lonsdale, MN. 55046. Questions? Contact Becky Neisen 952-292-9055 beckyneisen@yahoo.com or Heather Malecha at 952-652-2650 or email heathermalecha@outlook.com. www.FoodForKidz.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from distractions that allows a married couple to rekindle and grow in their love... experience the joys that come from this intimate Weekend. The next available Weekends are May 5-7 and Jul 14-16 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.





FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

May Crowning Youth Ministry Event

Where: St John's Union Hill

When: Sunday, May 14th 10 am

Why: Join us for May Crowning on Mother's Day

Who: all teens! (moms can come too!)

What: Mass and May Crowning

Join NPACC Youth Ministry for a special event at St. John's. Mass, May Crowning, treats, and make a rosary for Mother's Day! RSVP to Pamela Sherlock at 952-758-0477 or pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org.

Summer Faith Formation +

Registrations are coming in for our summer program. We usually cap our classes off at 15. If you want to have your child participate, please get your registration in A.S.A.P. Forms can be downloaded from the Parish website: npcatholic.org - Faith Formation - forms and registrations. Questions? E-mail laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org. Thank you.

Have a child entering first grade?

If you are planning to have your child receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade, it is strongly recommended that they attend Faith Formation in first grade. You may register them for the summer program if you choose. Our summer program is set up to be taught for the grade level they will be entering in the fall. Email Laura with any questions.

Get ready to s-t-r-e-t-c-h!

This year's Summer Stretch dates are: June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, Aug. 3 (Valley Fair)

Contact Pamela Sherlock for more information ~ 952-758-0477 or pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org We also need group leaders!



SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

Job Openings at St. Wenceslaus School Head Cook/Food Services Director

The school is looking for a new lead person for our school lunch program. This position takes place during the school year only - full time. 7 am-2 pm every school day with a few other days in between for training and staff activities. Please apply by email to Kim.doyle@swsaints.org

School-age Daycare Director

We are looking for a person to take charge of our extended care program called Club House. This position could start part time in the summer but an option is also to begin mid-August. Looking for a person who has experience with children. This position must be filled as soon as possible. Please email Principal Kim Doyle at kim.doyle@swsaints.org.

WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY St. John's & St. Scholastica



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Welcome and congratulations to William Bradley Heimer, son of Bradley & Jenna Heimer. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion!

REMINDER:

8:15 pm Saturday Mass Location

St. Scholastica Church - May through October.

Our Lady of Good Help CCW Meeting

Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women's meeting is Mon, May 1st at St. Johns' School basement. This is a potluck gathering! Rosary starts at 6:45 with lunch at 7pm. **ALL** women of the parish are welcome! The lunch committee is Deb Solheid, Kris Knutson, Kris Solheid, Jean McDermand, Mary Kasper, and Sandy Kubes.

Thank You!

We would like to thank the following for donations of Easter lilies: Vic & Jonila Weiers in memory of Norbert & Viola Weiers & Al Hoffman, Joe & Cindy Hrabe in memory of Clarence & Clara Giesen & Edwin & Martha Hrabe, Leona Weiers in memory of Edwin Weiers.

WCC Vision Evening May 9th

All those serving the Western Catholic Community in any ministry are invited to attend a potluck Tues., May 9th in Koenig Hall. This includes liturgical ministers, council members, maintenance committee, all the cemetery boards. Members of the KC, CCW, and Catholic United Financial are all invited to attend. Fr. Kevin will be doing a presentation. There will be an opportunity to talk in small groups. Fr. Kevin and Fr. Dave will try to answer any questions. This meeting will look at the vision and future of the WCC. All concerned active Church members should attend. The meeting will begin with a potluck at 6 pm.

Mother's Day Procession

Mother's Day procession at St. Scholastica is May 14th at the beginning of 8 am Mass. We ask that the children of all ages join their Mom's, Grandmother's, etc., by carrying petunias to the altar. These petunias will be planted at the Fatima Shrine on Mon evening (5/15), weather permitting.

TO ALL PARENTS OF 2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Our WCC Graduation Mass will be on Sun., May 21st at the 8 am and 10 am Masses. There will be a breakfast after the Mass for all graduates and their parents. Please call Carol Weiers at 952-873-4569 to RSVP.

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This week we thank

MARQUARDT JEWELERS

"[Confirmation] unites us more firmly to Christ, It strengthens our relationship with the Church, and it gives us a special strength from the Holy Spirit to defend the faith and confess the name of Christ." ~ Pope Francis

Sacrament of Confirmation ~ May 8, 2017

St. Dominic's Catholic Church

We present our Candidates:

Emma Anderson

Jacob Bastyr

Emma Blenker

Danielle Burns

Katlyn Cross

Laura DeGross

Johnathon Flicek

Zachary Holden

Taylor Jaeckels

Evan Kivi

Alysha Lukes

Shane Matters

Mason Paden

Alice Schmid

Mitchell Shambour

Simon Solheid

Isabella Werner

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Katalina Arguedas

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Madison Carstens

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Brodee Kupp

Ethan Marek

Samuel Novak

Emily Sabol

Luke Schoenbauer

Abigail Sirek

Lindsay Tupy

Colton Wick

Anne Zweber

Catechists: Kris Beatrez, Tony Bisek, Cheryl Carstens, Eric Schmid, Dave Schoenbauer, Kris Sticha, Jackie Tupy, Lu Tupy, Leah Zvanovec, Barb Zweber and Fr. Kevin Clinton – ***thank you!***

WE ASK GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO
WALK AS A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST.

LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS
WEEK OF MAY 1-7, 2017

**Rosary at St. Wenceslaus
MONDAY – FRIDAY at 7:30 am
SATURDAY at 8:00 am**

Monday, May 1

8:00 am..... Word & Communion – SW

Tuesday, May 2

8:00 am..... Word & Communion – SW

4:00 pm..... Mass – Mala Strana

Wednesday, May 3

8:00 am..... SWS Mass – SW

5:00 pm..... Mass – SJ

5:30 pm..... Confessions – SJ

Thursday, May 4

8:00 am..... Mass – SW

4:00 pm..... Amy Cibuzar - Mass – Philipp Square

Friday, May 5

8:00 am..... Marty Witt - Mass – SW

Saturday, May 6

4:00 pm..... Confessions – SW

5:00 pm..... Roger Zaun, Raymond Lipinski,
Joseph & Margie Soukup - Mass – SW

8:15 pm..... Mass - SS

Sunday, May 7

8:00 am..... Francis Odenthal, Bob Hauer - Mass – SS

8:30 am..... Rosella Riesgraf,
Angie & Clarence Rueling - Mass - SW

10:00 am..... Amy Cibuzar - Mass - SJ

10:30 am...Living & Deceased Members of FCCLA Mass – SW

11:45 am..... Baptisms

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ST. WENCESLAUS MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF MAY 1-7, 2017

Monday, May 1:

No Events

Tuesday, May 2:

Separated & Divorce Support Group, 6:45 pm –
Deacon Bob's Office

Wednesday, May 3:

Early Morning Scripture Study, 6:45 am –
Pius X Room
Adult Bells & Choir – Choir Room

Thursday, May 4:

SWS Living Rosary, 9-9:30 am – SW Church
Teen Choir, 2-3 pm – Choir Room
SWS Spring Concert, 1:00 & 6:30 pm –
SW Church

Friday, May 5:

Adoration, 9 am-midnight – PAC Chapel

Saturday, May 6:

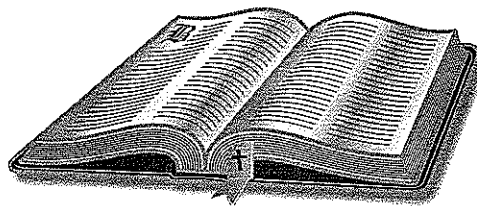
Breakfast with Dad, 8-9:30 am –
Pius X Room, CB
Adult Scripture Study, 9:30-11 am –
Pius X Room

Sunday, May 7:

CLW at 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses – SW Chapel

SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF MAY 1-7, 2017



Monday, May 1:

ACTS 6:8-15 / JN 6:22-29

Tuesday, May 2:

ACTS 7:51-8:1A / JN 6:30-35

Wednesday, May 3:

1 COR 15:1-8 / JN 14:6-14

Thursday, May 4:

ACTS 8:26-40 / JN 6:44-51

Friday, May 5:

ACTS 9:1-20 / JN 6:52-29

Saturday, May 6:

ACTS 9:31-42 / JN 6:60-69

Sunday, May 7:

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41 / 1 PT 2:20B-25 /
JN 10:1-10

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Easter Season Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people in pursuit
of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know
what we must do, the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue
to do it, and the strength to complete it.

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