

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 2, 2017



*"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."*

John 11:25-26

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The Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica**

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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

From the Desk of Father Kevin**Lent brings us to Easter:
God working with our human condition!**

Jesus shared with us all our basic human vulnerabilities: he would mature in a human family and have to grow in wisdom and age. He would experience successes and failures in his human relationships. There would be things that would console him and circumstances that would bring him to desolation. Was Jesus totally abandoned in the end? Civil authority turned against him and exercised capital punishment. Religious authority abused its role and power. His disciples would take off ~ abandoning him to endure the ordeal presumably alone. Life, as human beings know it, does end. Some people would say that the fate of every human being is to die alone.

But was it Jesus' experience to die alone? Was it his experience that he was totally betrayed and abandoned with no one able to address the impending disaster of death? The answer of Holy Week and Easter to these questions is: NO! Never did Jesus lose sight of his Father's love for him. Never did he allow any disappointment, any temptation, any disaster or any threat to separate him from what he knew about himself and his Father's love for him. He did not die alone. He knew at the core of his being that he and his Father were one. It was this confidence that allowed him to enter fully and intensely into our human experience. He demonstrated confidence in his Father by being executed as a slave ~ victimized by a world that knew not its Savior. Again the blindness of the human condition chose to "fix a broken world" by projecting the problems of the world on that which saves it. How much more absurd can it get?

But the chaos and absurdity of the human condition does not defeat the love of God for us. God's will can even use our chaotic lives and the absurdity of our human condition to bring us salvation. And so we enter the dynamics of Jesus' life during Holy Week. But at the same time we enter the dynamics of each of our lives. God rescues us using the very human condition of his Son Jesus and our own human condition to bring us to eternal life.

Fr. Kevin Clinton*Pastor***New Prague Area Catholic Community**

Western Catholic Community

From the Desk of Father Dave

Exciting News at St. John

St. John the Evangelist had a long life as a parish before they joined our merger. They came with an excellent Faith Formation program that had many great volunteers over the years. The Church of St. Benedict joined the program somewhere along the way and St. Scholastica came over in 2011. So many good people put their hearts and souls into that program. We want to recognize two. Marcella Koenig and her husband Joe were instrumental in Faith Formation for St. John's. Marcella was the Religious Education director for many years with a sincere heart for her Catholic Faith, children, and education. Just as she and Joe adopted many children, she also got to care for all the children in the program. In honor of the Koenig's, we would like to name St. John's School Basement to Koenig Hall. Even though the building will not have Faith Formation in it any longer, there will still be events and rentals there for the foreseeable future. This will be a great tribute to have Koenig Hall represent phenomenal people.

On April 26th, the last day of Faith Formation, there will be a prayer service in the church at 6:45pm. Prayer, song, and speakers will be a part of this time of worship that will reflect the gratitude each of us has connected to the Faith Formation program. The prayer service will go in procession to the school for the dedication of Koenig Hall. The evening will conclude with refreshments in the Hall. All students, alumni, past and present teachers, and families are encouraged to attend.

The legacies of Marcella and all the other great pioneers of the program are not ending. Their great ideas are being transferred to the St. Wenceslaus building. The current staff will now be working for the entire parish. We pray that the Holy Spirit enlivens us with the power of cooperation. Life for our Faith Formation programs will not be the same; they will be better as one. God will be glorified when good students and faithful catechists come together to do God's work of making Intentional Disciples.

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

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

April 8 & 9, 2017	Saturday St. John's 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John's 10:00 AM
Lector	Carol Weiers	Karen Odenthal	Jonila Weiers
Eucharistic Ministers	MaryCarol Wolf	Marlene Dohmen, Geraldine Odenthal & Jenna Heimer	Dave Webb, Lori Wooten & Jill Holden
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Gift Bearer Family		Gary Schmitz Family	Ron Solheid Family

Important Information

- Weekend Masses**
 Saturday..... 8:15 pm St. John's
 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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COLLECTION INFORMATION

WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

Total Collected 3/26/17..... \$3,415
 Collections at Mass..... \$2,945
 Electronic Collections..... \$470
 Over Budget for the Week..... +\$515
 Budgeted for Next Week..... \$2,900
 Actual Collection YTD..... \$123,022
 Over Budget YTD..... +\$9,934

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PARISH AND AREA NEWS

Lenten Conversations

Join Fr. Dave for the last session of Lenten Conversations Tues., April 4th, 6:30-8 pm at St. Scholastica Church. This session will focus on the Mass.

Lenten Penitential Services with Individual Confessions

St. Wenceslaus: Thurs. evening, April 6 @ 6:30 pm
 St. Wenceslaus: Sat. morning, April 8 @ 11 am

New Prague Area Catholic Community's Stations of the Cross

St. John: Wed. evening ~ April 12 @ 6:30 pm
 St. Wenceslaus: Fri. morning ~ April 7 @ 8:30 am
 St. Wenceslaus: Fri. evening ~ April 7 @ 7 pm

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 April 4 & 18 is "Navigate Those Bumpy Roads". 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 at (952) 758-0463 or Mary Pieper at (952) 873-6781.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fri., April 7th 4:30-7:30 pm at the New Prague KC Hall Sponsored by the New Prague Knights of Columbus. All you can eat Fried or Baked Fish, French fries, potato salad, coleslaw, green beans, bread, desserts, milk, and coffee. Adults \$12, Kids 6-12 \$6, and children under 5 free. Takeouts are available.

First Eucharist Retreat Volunteers Needed

We are in need of some adult or mature teen volunteers to help on Saturday morning, April 8th from 8:30-12:30. It is our First Eucharist retreat and we need some help running the various stations that they will be traveling to throughout the morning. Contact Elaine.harty@swsaints.org to help out. Thank you!

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

For children toddler to age 8, Sun., April 9th between Masses (9:30-10:30 am) in the church basement. ***Please note this is a change in time and place from the Lenten mailing.***

St. Wenceslaus Adult Discussion Group

For Lent, the Adult Discussion Group will meet at 6 pm at the Parish House every Sunday through and including April 9th. The topic is "The Gospel of Matthew". As always, reading the material in advance is not necessary to attend and participate. ALL ARE WELCOME! Bring your Bible; bring a friend. If anyone has any questions, please give Dave or Susan Karan a call at (952) 461-3067.

Save the Date!

Spring Pillow Cleaning coming April 22nd

Mark Your Calendars

Our next W.O.N. (Women Only Night) is set for Sun., April 30th at 6:30 pm. Watch for an exciting new twist to this women's event.

SW Council of Catholic Women

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.



Environment Worship Committee

The Environment Worship Committee here at St. Wenceslaus is looking for additional people to join this important ministry. This committee is responsible for helping the church community celebrate the changing of liturgical seasons by creating an inviting and prayerful environment. They meet five times a year and are responsible for preparing the church for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Holy Week. If you are interested in getting more involved (behind the scenes) here at St. Wenceslaus, this committee is for you! Please contact Lisa in the Parish Office if you are interested.

How are you answering His call to be a disciple?

An opportunity for discipleship has come your way! Sacristans are needed for Sunday Masses. Anyone interested in discussing the duties and responsibilities of this important ministry are invited to contact Karen at (952) 457-2730. Volunteer and experience setting the Lord's Table!

~ COLLECTION INFORMATION ~	
St. Wenceslaus Site	
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017	
Total for 3/26/17	\$16,443
Collections at Mass.....	\$10,055
Electronic Collections.....	\$6,388
Over Challenge for the Week.....	+\$727
Challenge for Next Week.....	\$14,941
Actual Collections YTD.....	\$619,500
Under Challenge YTD.....	-\$23,905

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April Cursillo Ultreya

Western Ultreya will be held on Sun., April 9th at St. Hubert Catholic Community in Chanhassen. The speakers will be Gary & Holly Martini. Please join us at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Rosary will be prayed in the family room beginning at 6:30.

**Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women
18th Annual Silent Auction and Dinner Fundraiser**

On April 28th, RE/MAX Advantage Plus will be hosting Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women's 18th Annual Silent Auction and Dinner Fundraiser. This year's event will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Mystic Lake Casino Hotel. The theme is "Jeans and Gems". To register online, please go to www.svabw.org prior to April 20th (seating is limited). To donate an item for the auction, please call (952) 873-4214 during business hours.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 ~ Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available weekends are May 5-7 in Buffalo, MN, and July 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.

Young Adult La Crosse, WI Trip

The Church of St. Peter would like to invite you to join them for an annual Young Adult Trip. There will be Mass and Confession, inspiring talks and witnesses, Adoration, great food, and fellowship. Don't miss this chance to get to know other young adults around the area and those in your own parish. Invite a friend to join the fun! *When:* June 2-4 (8 am Fri. ~ 6 pm Sun.) *Where:* La Crosse, WI / Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. www.thecharmanthotel.com (where we are staying). We will carpool there and back. *Cost:* \$175 includes room, some meals, and gas. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

**FAITH FORMATION AND
YOUTH MINISTRY****Reminder to All Second Grade Parents!**

If you are planning to have your child receive their Sacrament of First Eucharist this year, I'd like to remind you that their retreat is scheduled for Sat., April 8th. We will begin our rotations promptly at 9 am, so please try to be there and signed in by then. Looking forward to seeing you all here on the 8th!

No Faith Formation on Wed., April 12th. Please take some time to experience the beautiful Triduum services with your family.

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

Who: All youth who are entering 6, 7, or 8 grade in the fall of 2017.

What: Summer Stretch is a dynamic gospel centered

6-Week youth ministry program that combines faith and fun for students entering grades 6-8 in the fall of 2017. These days of serving, playing, and praying are led by teens entering grades 9-12 grade fall of 2017.

When: Thursdays ~ June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3 (Valley Fair) 8:00 am-4:30 pm.

Where: The adventure begins at St. Wenceslaus ~ destinations vary.

New this year! In the past those entering 9th grade have either been too old to participate in Summer Stretch or too young to be a youth leader. This year we are happy to announce that there will be an opportunity for youth entering 9th grade to become Leaders in Training! Contact Pamela Sherlock for more information.

**SCHOOL NEWS from SWS****School Happenings:**

Registration is now open for K-8 students.

SWS Living Stations

St. Wenceslaus Church Fri., April 7th @ 1:30 pm
All are welcome to attend!

**WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
St. John's & St. Scholastica****Our Lady of Good Help CCW Meeting**

Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women's meeting is Mon., April 3rd at St. Johns' School basement. Rosary starts at 6:45 with lunch at 7 pm. **ALL** women of the parish are welcome! The lunch committee is Sheri Odenthal, Millie Odenthal, Amy Glisczinski, Mari Estabrooks, and Amy Lemke.

Spring Cleaning

The basement at St. Scholastica needs to be cleaned for our Church breakfast. Please come help on Thurs., April 6th starting at 6 pm. Everyone's help is appreciated.

**Palm Sunday Breakfast**

The Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held on Sun., April 9th at the St. Scholastica Church basement. The committee is as follows: Chairs: Ken & Linda Brooks, Co-Chairs: Vern & Judy Pauly. The rest of the committee is: Roger & Carol Jean Bauer, Tom & Amy Bissel, Joe & Mary Giesen, Dawn Lambrecht, Ted & Tracy Odenthal, Pete & Karen Schoenecker, Roger & Patty Weiers, and Rick & Lori Wooten.

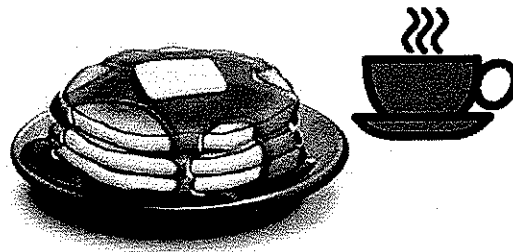
Lenten Holy Hour with Confessions

St. Scholastica: Tues., April 11 @ 6:30 pm

**REMINDER ABOUT WCC FAITH FORMATION
CLASSES DURING LENT:**

We will begin each class during Lent with Stations of the Cross. Stations will begin at 6:30. Classes will begin after that and end at the regular time of 7:45 pm.

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LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS
WEEK OF APRIL 3-9, 2017

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

- Monday, April 3**
8:00 am..... Word & Communion – SW
- Tuesday, April 4**
8:00 am..... Word & Communion – SW
4:00 pm..... Mass – Mala Strana
- Wednesday, April 5**
8:00 am..... SWS Mass – SW
5:00 pm..... Mass – SJ
5:30 pm..... Confessions – SJ
6:30 pm..... WCC FF Confessions – SJ
- Thursday, April 6**
8:00 am..... Mass – SW
4:00 pm..... Mass – Philipp Square
6:30 pm..... Penance Service w/Ind. Confession – SW
- Friday, April 7**
8:00 am..... Mass – SW
8:30 am..... Stations of the Cross – SW
1:30 pm..... SWS Live Stations – SW
7:00 pm..... Stations of the Cross – SW
- Saturday, April 8**
11:00 am..... Penance Service w/Ind. Confession – SW
4:00 pm..... Confessions – SW
5:00 pm..... Raymond Lipinski, David Huhner,
Arnie Ambroz – Mass – SW
8:15 pm..... Mass – SJ
- Sunday, April 9 ~ Palm Sunday**
8:00 am..... Eleanor Rynda,
Bob & Alice Pivek – Mass – SS
8:30 am..... Living & Deceased Members of
SW Council of Catholic Women – Mass – SW
10:00 am..... Edwin & Martha Hrabe – Mass – SJ
10:30 am..... Joe Soukup, JoAnn Simon,
Ernest Wermerskirchen – Mass – SW

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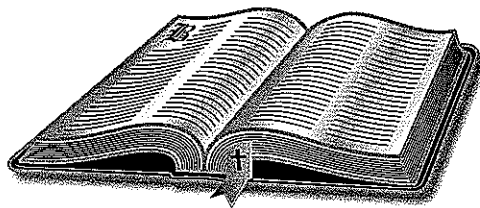
ST. WENCESLAUS MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF APRIL 3-9, 2017

- Monday, April 3:**
No Events
- Tuesday, April 4:**
Separated & Divorce Support Group, 6:45 pm – Parish Office
Bible Timeline Study, 7 pm – Parish Office
- Wednesday, April 5:**
Early Morning Scripture Study, 6:45-7:50 am – Parish Office
Children's Choir I & II – Choir Room
CORE Team, 5 pm – Faith Formation Office
Youth Alive, 6 pm – Parish Office, Upper Parlor
Faith Formation 1-8, 6:15 pm – Campus Wide
Adult Bells & Choir – Choir Room
- Thursday, April 6:**
Teen Choir, 2 pm – Choir Room
- Friday, April 7:**
Adoration, 9 am-midnight – PAC Chapel
- Saturday, April 8:**
Prep & Serve Meal at Dorothy Day Center – St. Paul
Breakfast with Dad, 8-9:30 am – Plus X Room, CB
Adult Scripture Study, 9:30-11 am – Plus X Room, CB
1st Eucharist Retreat – 9-Noon, Campus-wide
- Sunday, April 9:**
CLW at 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses – SW Chapel
Sunday School during 8:30 am Mass – Clubhouse
Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 am – Church Basement
Adult Discussion Group, 6-8 pm – Parish Office

SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF APRIL 3-9, 2017

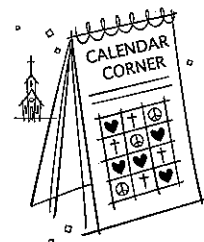


- Monday, April 3:**
DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / JN 8:1-11
- Tuesday, April 4:**
NM 21:4-9 / JN 8:21-30
- Wednesday, April 5:**
DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / JN 8:31-42
- Thursday, April 6:**
GN 17:3-9 / JN 8:51-59
- Friday, April 7:**
JER 20:10-13 / JN 10:31-42
- Saturday, April 8:**
EZ 37:21-28 / JN 11:45-56
- Sunday, April 9:**
MT 21:1-11 / IS 50:4-7 / PHIL 2:6-11 / MT 26:14-27:66

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Lenten Prayer

God of all people,

You walk with us on our life's journey.

You know our joys and struggles.

You know us better than we know ourselves.

This Lenten season, may we too learn to walk with others. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, may we encounter you in our neighbors in need and live your call to serve our human family. Amen.

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