# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# May 7, 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 lesus 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

# **NEW PRAGUE AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Three Sites of Worship, One Faith Community

Including St. Wenceslaus & The Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica

### 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 Lindsay Tupy, Confirmation Candidate

### Confirmation - Taking Control of Your Faith

Every teen views the Sacrament of Confirmation in a different way. Some may view it as an inconvenient task that they have to accomplish so they can say that they are confirmed. Others may view it as an opportunity to strengthen their relationship with God. To me, the Sacrament of Confirmation means becoming an adult of the church. It means taking control of my own faith and learning the responsibilities that come with that.

Although it is abnormal for my age, I have always been deep in my faith and willing to seek God in everything. These past two years of partaking in the Confirmation program at St. Wenceslaus have been incredible, and I am very nostalgic about it coming to an end. Throughout these past years, I truly grew deeper in my faith. I started reading the Bible more, I began listening to Christian music (a lot), I even created a blog about my faith.

This program also helped me understand the Catholic religion better. Every lesson focused on a specific topic, such as "How Does God Help When It Hurts?" and "Why Have I Been Chosen?" There are many questions that we teenagers have about our religion, so these were extremely helpful. Another thing that I will miss is the catechists and leaders in charge of the program. Every single adult had such a positive attitude and was happy to be there to help us grow spiritually.

Many people view Confirmation as a "graduation" from the church, but you can never really stop growing in your faith. As my two years as a Confirmation candidate come to an end, I look forward to my faith-filled future and cannot wait to start my next chapter.



# Western Catholic Community

### From the Desk of Father Dave

# The Big Day

Today we rejoice. Our class of students makes their First Communion today! After preparing the whole school year, they will receive the Eucharist. They will no longer just watch, they will consume the bread of everlasting life. During the Eucharistic prayer, we will have them in the sanctuary and, like never before, they will witness up close ordinary bread and ordinary wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus. In that moment, I believe these little ones will believe in the real presence.

Do we still believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? The Church teaches that the bread and wine, even though they do not change in appearance, in substance are the Body and Blood of Jesus, just as Jesus promised. This is done by the Holy Spirit through the actions of the priest. We do this in remembrance of Jesus as he commanded at the Last Supper. The priest is ordained to change the bread and wine; the real presence of Jesus is also found in the Word of God and those assembled for worship. We treat the elements with respect because they are really Jesus. Some of his closest followers rejected this, but we have 2,000 years of teaching to help us believe.

Studies say most active Catholics believe in the real presence. Of those going weekly, it is about 90%. It drops off the less people go to Mass. Only about 40% of Catholics that go once a year believe in the real presence. A PEW research study in 2010 found 45% of Catholics knew the teaching of the Church and believed. Seventeen percent didn't know the teaching yet believed in the real presence. About 33% didn't know the teaching and didn't believe. Only about 5% knew the teaching and didn't believe. Hopefully these young people will remain believers for the rest of their lives. Their education should not stop now. Learning even more what Scripture says about the real presence as well as what has been taught by the Church over the years is important in the development of all believers.

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

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

April 13 & 14, 2017	Saturday St. John's 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John's 10:00 AM
Lector	MaryCarol Wolf	Becky Colwell	Jonila Weiers
Eucharistic Ministers	Kevin Giesen	Jenna Heimer, Gary Odenthal & Cindy Jirak	Amy Lemke, Dave Webb & Lori Wooten
Servers	Leo Pexa & Brad Kubes	Megan Odenthal & Sarah Colwell	Jeffrey & Timothy Cram, Abby Knutson & Teagan Lambrecht
Gift Bearer Family		Jim Walker Family	Tim Lemke Family

### **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		St. Scholastica

#### **SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION**

Reconciliation			
Wednesday	5:30 pm	St. John's	
Thursday	5:30 pm	St. Scholasti	ca

**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

### **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.

### **Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ**

When: Fri., May 12th serving 4:30 pm until sold out Where: New Prague KC Hall

Serving: V2 chicken, cheesy potatoes, garlic bread, coleslaw, bread, brownie, milk & coffee

This event is sponsored by the New Prague KC's with a percentage of the proceeds going towards students serving at Catholic Heart Workcamp this July. Tickets \$13. Takeout available. Buy your tickets from any Catholic Heart Work Camp missionary! See Pamela Sherlock for more information.

### **Calling All Disciples**

Have you been wondering what Jesus might be calling YOU to do? Our parish is beginning a sustained focus on discipleship, with roles for people with many gifts and talents. Right now we're looking for folks with iMovie and technology skills. High school and college students welcome. Are you good at recording and editing? Please give the parish office a call. 952-758- 3225.

### FRESH EGGS NEEDED!!

The Graduation Breakfast for our 2017 graduating seniors and their parents will be on May 21st. We are in need of fresh egg donations. The committee will need 24 dozen. Any donation amount is welcome! Please contact Julie Dorshak at jedorshak@gmail.com or Barb Ulschmid at tbulschmid@bevcomm.net. Thank you in advance for your help!

### Been meaning to get a family photo taken?

How about a free sitting and free 8X10 from Lifetouch? The New Prague Area Catholic Community is sponsoring a pictorial directory, with photos being taken this summer and fall. You'll have a free photo three weeks after your session and an opportunity to order more. Watch the bulletin for more information.

### **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) 4571770 or leff Schoenbauer (612) 406-4130.

Soup Kitchen Update at the Dorothy Day Center

Meals are continuing to be served at the Dorothy Day Center (DDC) in St. Paul. Many have seen news about the new facility adjacent the DDC which provides accommodations for the many in need. Preparations continue to demolish the existing DDC and build a new multipurpose facility that will include cooking and serving as we are accustomed to. As this second phase of the project progresses, we are committed continuing to prepare and serve a meal once a month at a site very near to the existing DDC. For over 22 years, volunteers and donors have made this ministry possible. St. Wenceslaus and all within the NPACC should know of the continuing gratitude and thankfulness that is shown by staff and guests at the DDC. I consider it a privilege to serve those who come to the DDC and I hope you also feel that blessing. May we continue to be blessed with volunteers and donations and attempt to follow what the gospel suggests in many different ways. ~ Norb Sticha

### 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 somewhere 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.

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### **Trinity Dome Collection**

Next week, our parish will participate in a national collection for the Trinity Dome to complete the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, before its 100th anniversary. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our church! For more information, please visit: www.trinitydome.org.

### Mother's Day is the Perfect Time to **Forgive Yourself**

Pope Francis encourages us to invite Jesus to heal the "tomb in our hearts". If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. The next retreat is May 12-14 in the Twin Cities area. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.rvinevardmn.org.

### **Counseling Program at Catholic Charities**

Easter and Spring remind us that we are people of new life and new growth, even after very difficult days. The Counseling Program at Catholic Charities has openings ready in St. Paul, Blaine, or Burnsville for anyone who is interested in working on some areas that need renewal, whether individually, or as a couple or family. We also have Men's Therapy Groups. We will work with whatever financial situation you have, through insurance or sliding fee. Call 651-647-3186.



## **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.

### **GUATEMALA 2018!**

Next year's Guatemala trip is in its initial planning stage! First and brief informational meeting will be June 4th between Sunday Masses in the Faith Formation office.

**Baccalaureate Mass** 

Graduation is around the corner - all 2017 graduates and their parents/quardians are invited to the Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast on May 21st at 8:30 am. If you did not receive your invitation by snail or e mail, RSVP to Pamela Sherlock.

### Summer S T R E T C H

Don't be left out! Summer Stretch registration is almost full! Contact Pamela Sherlock for more information if you are interested.

# 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 e-mail 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 e-mail Principal Kim Doyle at kim.doyle@swsaints.org.

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



### God Bless the Newly Baptized

Welcome and congratulations to Wyatt Henry Beelow, son of Michael & Jaimie Beelow. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion!

### 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.

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Union Hill

invites you to join us for two very special occasions to deepen your faith.

# May Crowning, May 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM Mass

Devotions to Mary have been energized by the 13 Church **approved apparitions** of our Blessed Mother:

- 1664-1718 Laus, France
- In 1830, Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure, in Paris. Instructing her to have the Miraculous Medal created with the inscription, "Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."
- In 1846, Mary appeared to the children of La Salette, France.
- In 1858, Mary appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, identifying herself as the "Immaculate Conception."
- 1871 Pontmain, France
- 1879 Knock, Ireland
- On May 13, 1917, Mary appeared to three children at Fatima, Portugal asking the people to pray the rosary daily for peace.
- 1932-1933 Beauralng, Belgium
- 1933 Banneaux, Belgium
- 1973-1981 Akita, Japan
- 1981-1989 Kibeho, Rwanda
- 1983-1990 San Nicolas, Argentina
- 1984 Betania, Venezuela

May is a month named for and dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Christ. **May Crowning** is a devotion that recognizes Mary as queen of heaven and earth.

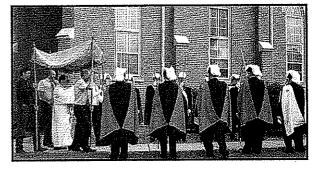
We invite you to join us on May 14<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day for this special celebration of Mary our heavenly mother during our 10:00AM Mass.

## Fall Pilgrimage to Fatima

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the apparition in Fatima, Portugal. Father Dave will be leading a Pilgrimage to Fatima from September 26-October 6, 2017. Shrines in Spain will be visited along with Lady of Lourdes in France. All are welcome to come on this great journey. Contact the parish office if you are interested in more information.

# SAVE THE DATE

The Feast of Corpus Christi, on June 18th Corpus Christi, a prayerful event, will be held at St. John's following the 10am Mass. The faith community joins in as Benediction happens at three outdoor altars and in the Church to end the procession. This is a longstanding, beautiful tradition celebrated at St. John's. We hope you can join us!





### LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS
WEEK OF MAY 8-14, 2017

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

Monday, May 9
8:00 am Word & Communion – SW
7:00 pmConfirmation - St. Dominic's, Northfield
Tuesday, May 9
8:00 am Word & Communion – SW
4:00 pmMass – Mala Strana
Wednesday, May 10
8:00 amSWS Mass – SW
5:00 pm Amy Cibuzar - Mass – SJ
5:30 pmConfessions – SJ
Thursday, May 11
8:00 am Mass – SW
5:00 pm Mass – SS
5:30 pmConfessions - SS
Friday, May 12
8:00 am Mass – SW
Saturday, May 13
8:00 am Our Lady of Fatima Mass - SS
4:00 pm Confessions – SW
5:00 pmJohn Kock, Evelyn Ambroz - Mass - SW
8:15 pmMass - SS
Sunday, May 14 ~ WCC May Crowning
8:00 am Mass – SS
8:30 amJulia E. Tupy, Bessie Zelenka Tuma, Al Zelenka,
Rudy Tuma, Bev Ambroze, Frank, Julia & Fritz Novotny - Mass - SW
10:00 amRandy Seurer, Kevin Kane - Mass - SJ
10:30 am Evelyn Ambroz - Mass – SW

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# ST. WENCESLAUS MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF MAY 8-14, 2017

Monday, May 8:

SWS Piano Recital, 6 pm - PAC

Tuesday, May 9:

BeFrienders, 6 pm – Parish Office Dining Room Band & Voice Concert, 6:30 pm – PAC Gym

Wednesday, May 10:

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

Thursday, May 11:

Teen Choir, 2-3 pm – Choir Room
WINE Book Club, 6:30 pm – Faith Formation
Office
DOTS Group, 7 pm – Parish Office

DOTS Group, 7 pm - Parish Office Dining Room

Friday, May 12:

Adoration, 9 am-midnight -- PAC Chapel Marriage Encounter Meeting, 7 pm --Parish Office

Saturday, May 13:

Prep & Serve Meal for Dorothy Day Center – St Paul

Adult Scripture Study, 9:30-11 am -Pius X Room

Sunday, May 14:

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF MAY 8-14, 2017



Monday, May 8: ACTS 11:1-18 / JN 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 9:

ACTS 11:19-26 / JN 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 10: ACTS 12:24-13:5A / JN 12:44-50

Thursday, May 11: ACTS 13:13-25 / JN 13:16-20

Friday, May 12: ACTS 13:26-33 / JN 14:1-6

**Saturday, May 13:** ACTS 13:44-52 / JN 14:7-14

Sunday, May 14:

ACTS 6:1-7 / 1 PT 2:4-9 / JN 14:1-12

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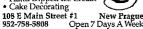
### Easter Season Prayer

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
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