

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2018

We celebrate, as 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.



Maddyn Anderson  
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Oliver Wagner  
Zachary Weerman  
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Grayson Witty

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 & Friday ..... 8:00 am

**Weekday Masses**

Wednesday & Thursday ..... 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 952-758-0477

**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 8:30 to 10 am – Pius X Room in church basement.

**Prayer Chain**

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

**A Message Regarding Confirmation**

The sacraments are a beautiful way in which God meets us and strengthens us on our faith journey. God takes the initiative by making an offer of grace. The believer then accepts the offer and opens themselves up to divine intervention. In the words of Jeff Cavins, "It is a genuine, interpersonal meeting with the living God."

I have been blessed to have served as a Confirmation catechist and share in this faith walk alongside our candidates. During the past two years, this pursuit has led us through lessons on a myriad of topics; participating in Masses together; engaging talks with inspirational speakers; meaningful retreats; youth ministry events offering social, spiritual, and service opportunities; growing a relationship with sponsors, as well as committing to service for others in our church, family, and community. It has been a joy to share in this truly blessed endeavor!

I'm so excited to know our candidates have chosen to develop a deeper Catholic faith. It is the beginning of a lifelong commitment to grow in faith and engage in the life of the Church. We have much to admire and be proud of in our candidates this year. I have encountered such sincere, faith-filled, joyful hearts in our youth! I encourage our candidates to stay active in learning about their faith through a high school Youth Alive group and/or by volunteering to serve in one of the parish ministry groups.

May all of us renew the Holy Spirit's gifts we received in the sacraments and allow them to enlighten us! May our spiritual gifts give us strength to continue to grow in our faith, love, and service of God and others! We are called to make a difference in the world. In serving others, we'll discover more about who we are and the unique gifts God has given each of us.

On your Confirmation Day and always, know that God is there to guide you and His plans for you are always good!

In faith, Rose M. Simones  
*Confirmation Catechist*

**"Be who God meant you to be  
and you will set the world on fire."**

~ St. Catherine of Siena

# Western Catholic Community

## From the Desk of Deacon Bob

### The Joy of...

Have you ever noticed the number of "The Joy of ..." books that are available either in hardcopy or digital formats? There are many books promising joy on all sorts of topics. The Joy of 1) Cooking, 2) Mathematics, 3) Running, 4) Missing Out, 5) Cookies, 6) Doing Nothing, 7) Retirement, to name just a few. Over my lifetime, I have read quite a number of "The Joy of ..." books. For all the topics on "joy" I have read, none has increased the level of joy in my life. Today, Jesus makes a promise to us. If we remain in him and he in us, and if we live his commandment, then we will not only have joy in our lives, we will experience "complete joy."

So what is this commandment we must live in order to attain complete joy? It is expressed by Jesus as "love one another as I have loved you." In 1 John, it is expressed that we must love one another because love is of God. To find complete joy, we cannot focus our joy in loving only ourselves. Rather, complete joy is found in our lives only by focusing our love on someone else.

All the books that begin with the words "The Joy of ..." are about only finding joy and fulfillment for ourselves. Our society is currently one in which the only person that is important is "me" to the exclusion of everyone else. This is narcissistic individualism. It breaks down the relationships that must exist for a healthy human society, including the relationships within our own families. Narcissism is not the path to complete joy, rather, it is the path to complete despair.

To find the complete joy that Jesus promises, we must love as Jesus loved, in short, focusing our love on God and on our neighbor. This act of giving our love to God and others empties ourselves of the narcissism that fills our lives. In emptying the self-conceit and self-centeredness from our lives, we will find God filling the empty space with Divine joy.

**Deacon Bob Wagner**  
*Pastoral Associate*

**New Prague Area Catholic Community**

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

MAY 12 & 13, 2018	Saturday St. Scholastica 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John's 10:00 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Kevin Giesen	Karen Odenthal	Amy Lemke
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	MaryCarol Wolf	Jenna Heimer, Gary Odenthal & Cindy Jirak	Megan Giesen, Dave Webb & Lori Wooten
<b>Servers</b>	Trenton & Joseph Huebl	Mathew Schoenecker & Megan Odenthal	Gloria, Owen & Sylvia Lemke, Abby Bissell
<b>Gift Bearer Family</b>		Dawn Buszmann Family	Ron Solheid Family

## Important Information

### Weekend Masses

Saturday.....	8:15 pm	St. Scholastica
Sunday.....	8:00 am	St. Scholastica
Sunday.....	10:00 am	St. John's

### SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

#### 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

CCW Spring Fundraiser is **THIS WEEK** May 6-12th. You can make copies of the insert from last week's bulletin and give to all your family and friends. Please encourage them to purchase their flowers and planting supplies from Cedar Brook Garden Center, because Cedar Brook will donate back to the Council of Catholic Women 10% of all the purchases that week to help fund items needed in church. Remember to take your form with you! More forms can be found at Cedar Brook's website and extra copies are in the back of church. Thank you for your support!



### FRESH EGGS NEEDED!!

The Graduation Breakfast for our 2018 graduating seniors and their parents will be on May 20th. We are in need of fresh egg donations. The committee will need 24 dozen. Any donation amount is welcome! Please contact Stacy Siegle at [siegle@lonstel.com](mailto:siegle@lonstel.com). Thank you in advance for your help!

### Help Wanted:

We are in need of a weekend custodian to make sure the church is open and ready for weekend activities and Masses. Duties include cleaning, setting up for activities, unlocking doors, shoveling snow, and other responsibilities as assigned. The work is on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings until early afternoon. Wages are competitive and the successful candidate will need to pass a criminal background check, receive VIRTUS training, and sign a code of conduct. If interested, please contact Peter Guzulaitis at (952) 758-3225 or at [peter.guzulaitis@npcatholic.org](mailto:peter.guzulaitis@npcatholic.org).

### Welcome ~ New Volunteers at Hope House

Our next hosting session is May 27-June 10. Want to give it a try? New volunteer training Sat., May 19th, 8:30-10 am at Hope House, 305 Columbus Ave. N. Already been trained? Invite someone new to join you!

### Plan ahead...

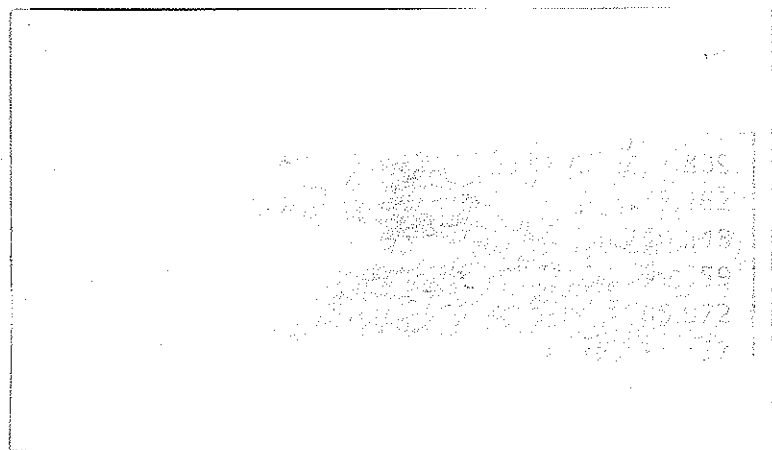
Want to chaperone a field trip at SWS or Disciples of Christ? Want to volunteer in the classroom or be a catechist or helper to our children? If so, then join us for a VIRTUS session! To keep our children safe, the archdiocese mandates that all staff and volunteers have the Essential-3. This consists of a background check, code of conduct, and a very informative VIRTUS training session. To make it easier for our families, we will be hosting a VIRTUS session on our campus at the SW site on Mon., May 21st at 6 pm. You will only need to attend this training one time and you will be good to go. To sign-up, go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, contact Laura at (952) 758-5131. Please consider taking the training now so you will be prepared if/when God calls you to one of these ministries.

### An Invitation from the Green Team ~ 2018

Spring is here and it's time to start thinking about our beautiful gardens. With the parking lot reconstruction, we have added many more gardens, including three large rain gardens. Now, more than ever, we need help from students, adults, and families to help keep our plantings healthy and looking good all summer. You are invited to consider volunteering to help with: spring clean up, mulching, special projects, adopting a garden for the summer, or selecting a week or more to help weed and water as needed. Contact Kathy McNamara if you have any questions, [kathy.mcnamara@swsaints.org](mailto:kathy.mcnamara@swsaints.org).

### SW Festival ~ Mark Your Calendars!

It's not too early to start thinking about our parish festival. Mark your calendars for August 12th, 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 Sean O'Neill at (612) 581-8481 or Lisa Giesen at (612) 986-6758.



### Remember to Pray for Our Priests Daily

Pick up a Prayer/Calendar, available on the credenza in the back of church, with the names of priests listed to pray for during May.



## FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

### The Baccalaureate Mass is coming soon!

Share in the special occasion on May 20th at 8:30 am Mass to mark this rite of passage for our graduating seniors. Parents and seniors: you should be receiving your letter soon! If you *did not receive your letter*, please contact Pamela at [pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org](mailto:pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org) or (952) 758-0477. Please RSVP to: <https://npacc.wufoo.com/forms/baccalaureate-mass-and-breakfast-2018/>.

### SUPPORT OUR PATRONS

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This week we thank

**NEW PRAGUE MINI STORAGE, INC.**

**Summer Stretch**

Registration is due May 11th by 12:00 noon.

When? June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, Aug. 2

Who? All 6-7-8 graders (as of fall 2018)

Why? Stretch yourself by serving those in need ~ make the most out of SUMMER!

Contact Pamela for more information.

**We are going to a Steubenville Conference and there are a few spots remaining!**

*What is a Steubenville Youth Conference?*

For the past 40 years, high school youth from across the United States have had their faith awakened and their hearts set on a fire through a personal encounter with Jesus at a Steubenville Conference. This summer over 54,000 teens and their leaders will be a part of this movement of grace at one of our 25 conferences. For more information contact Pamela at [pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org](mailto:pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org) or (952) 758-0477.

**SCHOOL NEWS from SWS****SWS STAFF SHOWCASE****Jane Jeffrey ~ 2nd Grade**

Jane Jeffrey calls Iowa home.

Her first years of teaching were in Nevada, IA, where she taught children with specific learning disabilities in grades K-4. She then taught in grades 2 and 3. After moving to MN, she took a long-term substitute teaching position at SWS. That turned into a full-time job. Since then she has taught third, first, and now second grade. She attended North Texas State University earning a B.S. in elementary education with a specialization in special education. Since then she has earned 45+ graduate hours at various colleges in Iowa and Minnesota. She continues her education attending workshops and seminars.



Mrs. Jeffrey enjoys her yard in the winter by feeding and watching birds. In the summer, she is often outside attending to her flower gardens. She likes to walk, hike, read, and do crossword puzzles. She likes music whether by listening, singing in her church choir, or creating squeaks on a violin ~ a very novice player!

She loves primary-aged children ~ their enthusiasm, their "wows" when discovering something new, the smiles, and laughs they bring to her classroom. While many things have changed in education since she started teaching, these joys have not!

**WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
St. John's & St. Scholastica****God Bless the Newly Baptized**

Welcome and congratulations to *Finn Richard Nytes*, son of Ted & Paige Nytes. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion!

**Our Lady of Good Help CCW Meeting**

Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women meeting is Mon., May 7th at 6:30 pm at St. John's School Basement. Rosary, pot luck supper, meeting, and installation of officers will make for a fun-filled evening. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Lunch committee: Ann Koenig, Julie Prchal, Charlene Skluzacek, Amy Lemke, Marlene Dohmen and Jackie Henle.

**ATTENTION: Western Catholic Community 2018 Graduating Seniors and Parents**

The WCC Graduation Mass will be held on Sun., May 20th, at the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses. Graduates will wear their caps and gowns for this Mass. There will be a breakfast after the 10 am Mass for all graduates and their parents. Please call Carol Weiers by May 7th at (952) 873-4569 to RSVP.

**Congratulations to Those Being Confirmed  
May 17th, 7 pm, at St. Dominic Church,  
Northfield.**

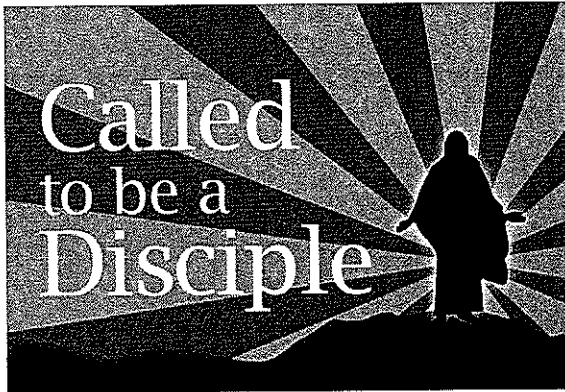
*Jeff Cram, Will Fahey, Matt Giesen, Andrew Glisczinski, Shawn Kasper, Samantha Kubes, Owen Lemke, Anthony Mader, Joshua Mader, Sydney Odenthal, Kami Pexa, Thomas (TJ) Pexa, Lindsey Simon, Mason Simon, Brenna Solheid, Danielle Solheid, Sam Werner.*

We ask God's blessings on you as you continue to walk as a disciple of Christ.

**A few words from Deacon Bob...**

- 1) Oops...I mistakenly placed the wrong date for the procession of potted flowers at the 8 am Mass in last week's bulletin. Our "flower" procession will be on **May 13th** at the 8 am Mass.
- 2) Do you remember the date of your First Communion? My First Communion was on May 8, 1960, at St. Andrew's in St. Paul. Even though St. Andrew's no longer exists (it was closed along with many churches in the Archdiocese in 2011), that day remains very memorable and fresh to this day. Remember the wonderment you experienced at your First Communion and share it with those who will be receiving their First Communion today at St. John the Evangelist and at St. Wenceslaus church sites.
- 3) On February 22, 1961, I received the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Andrew's in St. Paul. Archbishop Binz was the presider at the Confirmation Mass. What made it all the more memorable was when the Archbishop asked my classmate, Jimmy Burger, a question; Jimmy responded as he always did when under pressure...he threw up...not quite the answer the Archbishop was seeking. Though I was a mere third grader at the time, somehow the gifts of the Holy Spirit took hold. This past Tuesday, Confirmation candidates from our New Prague Area Catholic Community received the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Dominic's in Northfield. May they experience fully the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit and go forth as disciples of our Risen Lord proclaiming the Good News.

**My Discipleship Journey**  
Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-6pm



*Take some time away to reflect on your call to ongoing conversion at the Franciscan Retreat Center. It's a beautiful place to be in the spring, a peaceful blessing for your body and spirit.*

To register, call the parish office (952-758-3225) or email [info@npcatholic.org](mailto:info@npcatholic.org) by May 8<sup>th</sup>

Cost \$30 due May 8<sup>th</sup>, payable to New Prague Area Catholic Community.

The day includes a light breakfast, lunch, and dinner.



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church at Union Hill invites you to join us for two very special occasions to deepen your faith.

## SAVE THE DATES

**The Feast of Corpus Christi, on June 3rd.**  
Corpus Christi, a prayerful event, will be held at St. John's following the 10am Mass. Join our faith community in this Benediction procession at outdoor altars ending in the Church. This is a long standing, beautiful tradition celebrated at St. John's. We hope you can join us on June 3rd.



**May Crowning,  
May 13th, 2018  
at 10:00 AM**



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 13<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day for this special celebration of Mary our heavenly mother during our 10:00AM mass.

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**LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS**

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS  
WEEK OF MAY 7-13, 2018

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

**Monday, May 7**

8:00 am ..... Word & Communion – SW

**Tuesday, May 8**

8:00 am ..... Word & Communion – SW

**Wednesday, May 9**

8:00 am ..... SWS Mass – SW

**Thursday, May 10**

8:00 am ..... Mass – SW

**Friday, May 11**

8:00 am ..... Word & Communion – SW

**Saturday, May 12**

4:00 pm ..... Confession – SW

5:00 pm ..... Adeline Schneider, Rosella Riesgraf,

..... Living & Deceased Members of FCSLA – Mass – SW

8:15 pm ..... Mass – SS

**Sunday, May 13 – WCC May Crowning**

8:00 am ..... Jim Kroyer – Mass – SS

8:30 am ..... Frank, Julia & Fritz Novotny,

..... Doris Kubes, Bernice Lambrecht – Mass – SW

10:00 am ..... Gertrude Meger, Ralph Weiers

..... Mass – SJ

10:30 am ..... Edwin & Martha Hrabe,

..... Mayme Simon – Mass – SW

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**MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR**

WEEK OF MAY 7-13, 2018

**Monday, May 7:**

No Events

**Tuesday, May 8:**

BeFrienders, 6:30-8 pm  
– Parish Office, Dining Room  
Bible Study – The Mass, 7-8:30 pm  
– SW Chapel & John XXIII Room

**Wednesday, May 9:**

Early Morning Scripture Study, 7-8 am  
– Parish Office, Dining Room  
Morning Scripture Study, following 8 am Mass  
– Parish Office, Dining Room  
Teen Choir, 5:15 pm – Choir Room  
Adult Bells & Choir – Choir Room

**Thursday, May 10:**

No Events

**Friday, May 11:**

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

**Saturday, May 12:**

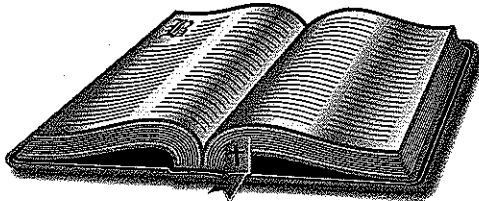
Prep & Serve Meal at Dorothy Day Center,  
St. Paul  
Men's Scripture Study, 8 am  
– John XXIII Room (PAC)

**Sunday, May 13:**

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8:30 and  
10:30 am Masses – SW Chapel

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

WEEK OF MAY 7-13, 2018



**Monday, May 7:**

ACTS 16:11-15 / JN 15:26-16:4A

**Tuesday, May 8:**

ACTS 16:22-34 / JN 16:5-11

**Wednesday, May 9:**

ACTS 17:15, 22-18:1 / JN 16:12-15

**Thursday, May 10:**

ACTS 18:1-8 / JN 16:16-20

**Friday, May 11:**

ACTS 18:9-18 / JN 16:20-23

**Saturday, May 12:**

ACTS 18:23-28 / JN 16:23B-28

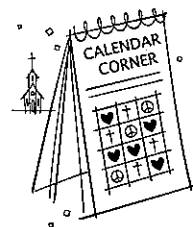
**Sunday, May 13:**

ACTS 1:1-11 / EPH 1:17-23 / MK 16:15-20

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