

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020**



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Members of St. Wenceslaus Parish are Christian People on a journey seeking companions to join us as we move toward our eternal goal. We strive to be a stabilizing and strengthening factor in our community by being a source of service and help to our neighbors. We invite others to join us in bringing their unique gifts, as together, we care, nurture and love one another. United by the love of Jesus Christ, we strive to be more fully connected with God's people everywhere.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Philip Sosa, M.S.F., Parish Administrator

Deacon George W. Miller

Rev. Angelot Andriamamitahina, M.S.F.,
(In Residence)

Mr. Paul Jolly, Business Manager

Mr. Ron Williams, Parish Maintenance

Mr. Bob Bollinger, Parish Maintenance

MASSES FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM

Sunday 12:00 PM (Spanish)

MASSES FOR WEEKDAYS

Monday thru Saturday, 7:45 AM in the Chapel

MASSES FOR HOLYDAYS

8:00 AM and 6:00 PM (No Vigil Mass)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 PM. Anytime by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Parents of children to be baptized must be practicing Catholics and registered in the parish. Please call the parish office for further information.

WEDDINGS

Practicing Catholics, registered in the parish, must make arrangements six months before the wedding.

PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Tuesday - Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

12 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Closed

865-1020 FAX # 664-8260

PARISH HALL (On Event Nights) 865-1027

SOUTH CITY DEANERY PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Nancy Haselhorst (314) 773-3070

ST. FRANCES CABRINI ACADEMY 776-0883

COMMUNION CALLS

To have Communion brought to your home contact the Parish Office.

LADIES OF MARY 1st Monday of Month 6:30 PM
in the Parish Center

MEN'S CLUB 1st Tuesday of Month 6:30 PM in the Parish Center

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

3rd Tuesday of Month 6:30 PM in the Parish Center

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

PARISH WEB SITE ADDRESS:

www.stwenceslaus.website

MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

www.msf-america.org

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! - Psalm 130:1

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28th

7:45 AM + Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM + Richard Fogelbach

Sunday, March 29th

10:00 AM + Rosemary Rivituso

Monday, March 30th

7:45 AM Special Intention

Tuesday, March 31st

7:45 AM + Salvadora DeMierre

Wednesday, April 1st

7:45 AM Sr. Janet Dohr, C.P.P.S.

Thursday, April 2nd

7:45 AM + Johnny Tranca

Friday, April 3rd

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, April 4th

7:45 AM + Helen Weaver

4:00 PM + Harry O'Brien, Jr.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Mary Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, M.S.F., Bob Blankmann, Tom Bolen, Rich Cullen, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Sr. Janet Dohr, C.P.P.S., Jim Estes, Harry & Judy Fabick, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Lou Gehr, Dennis & Lisa Holland, Jody James, Margaret Kalbac, Patrick Kennedy, Carol Kozemczak, Sr. Marie Loeffler, C.P.P.S., Bonnie Martin, Ray Miles, Cathy Miller, Deacon George Miller, Mary Moran, Fr. Arthur Ockwood, M.S.F., Ray Orf, Carmelita Pelch, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Janet Pinski, Carol Plassmeyer, Debbie Rappe, Bob Roelke, Marvin Rothweil, Edward Rotter, Jr., Clem Ruemker, Sr., Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Georgia Stockton, Tom Vossmeier, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Tom Wooten

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSIONS

Holy Communion is currently available outside of Mass. You can contact Fr. Phil Sosa at the rectory at 865-1020 to request an appointment. Confessions will continue to be heard each Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the church.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We invite all of our guests and parishioners to celebrate the Eucharist with us again on the Second Sunday of Easter.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we open our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

CABRINI NEWS

Our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, is moving their 2020 Dinner & Auction from Saturday, April 25th to **Saturday, October 10th**. Please save the date!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

All Parish meetings and Church events are postponed or cancelled at this time. This includes all organization meetings and special event meetings. We hope to reschedule soon.

MARCH 29th, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections (as of 03/15/20) \$ 1,405.00
Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,190.68
(Fiscal Year is July 2019 thru June 2020)

Parish Appeal 2020 \$ 65.00
Maintenance \$ 10.00
Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 50.00

Stewardship Reflection

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ - John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend is the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Donations support CRS' humanitarian relief programs in nearly 100 countries. You can pick up your rice bowl in church, and remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

Thank you for making CRS' Operation Rice Bowl a part of your Lenten Journey!

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Wednesday: April Fool's Day
Thursday: St. Francis of Paola
Friday: First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Isidore; First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 04/04/20, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:

**This schedule is discontinued
until April 18th & 19th.**

To Choir & Disabled:

Commentator & Lector:

Server:

Cantor:

Musician:

***** SUNDAY, 04/05/20, at 10:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The following excerpts are from a March 16th letter to all Priests and Deacons from Archbishop Robert J. Carlson.

New details and guidelines below are to be implemented immediately and maintained through April 5, 2020, pending further updates. **(On March 21st, these details and guidelines were extended through Sunday, April 12th.)**

- **All public celebrations of the Mass, as well as Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross and all other group services, Bible studies and activities are to cease beginning immediately.** The dispensation I have offered for all Catholics in our archdiocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is now extended through April 5th. **(On March 21st extended thru April 12th).**

- **Holy Communion:** may be distributed outside of Mass at times determined by the pastor.

- **Collections:** Please remind parishioners that collections remain essential to the continued operation of our parishes and their missions. Encourage them to use online giving, drop-off or mail their contributions.

- **Assisting individuals in need:** Please continue to work to support individuals who depend on parish charitable efforts for food and other necessities. Refer parishioners and others who request assistance to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Louis: dial 211; and/or Catholic Charities of St. Louis: dial (314) 367-5500 or email info@ccstl.org.

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis