

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
- 1 Peter 2:24a

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 2nd

7:45 AM + Johnny Tranca
4:00 PM + Kara Sievert Koeninger

Sunday, May 3rd

10:00 AM + Cornelius "Cornie" Brouk

Monday, May 4th

7:45 AM + David Carbin & + Malinda Carbin

Tuesday, May 5th

7:45 AM + Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

Wednesday, May 6th

7:45 AM + Joesphine Sindelar

Thursday, May 7th

7:45 AM + Larry Miller

Friday, May 8th

7:45 AM Frank Brettle

Saturday, May 9th

7:45 AM + Gene Smugala
4:00 PM Carmelita Pelch

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, 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, 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

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of our parishioners who have continued to use their collection envelopes during this most difficult time. We also thank our alumni and friends of the parish for their continued support as well. Without the public celebration of weekend Masses, your support remains essential to the continued operation of our parish. May God bless you all!

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We hope all of our guests and parishioners can celebrate the Eucharist with us again very soon.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That as we struggle to live a faith-filled life, we recognize we are not alone. Jesus is there to help guide us.

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were, contrary to their popular image, very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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.

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.

MAY 3rd, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 875.00
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,156.36
(Fiscal Year is July 2019 thru June 2020)	

Parish Appeal 2020	\$ 9.00
Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 34.00

Stewardship Reflection

**“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’
- Acts 2:38**

The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, we will have a special collection for our **St. Vincent De Paul Fund**. Your support is needed to continue our ministry of serving the poor and needy.

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As a result of the current coronavirus crisis, the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is being postponed. In the meantime, they are still accepting gifts. Gifts for the appeal may be submitted to the parish for processing, or you can mail them to: the Annual Catholic Appeal, 20 Archbishop May Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119. (If mailing, be sure to include St. Wenceslaus as your parish.)

MOTHER'S DAY MASSES

To remember your loved ones, living or deceased, we have Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet envelopes and cards available. You can contact Paul Jolly at the parish office. Envelopes need to be filled out and returned no later than this coming Thursday, May 7th. Honor all Mothers!

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo
- Thursday: National Day of Prayer

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 05/09/20, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:

This schedule is discontinued until weekend Masses are allowed to resume.

To Choir & Disabled:

Commentator & Lector:

Server:

Cantor:

Musician:

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

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:

To Choir & Disabled:

Commentator & Lector:

Server:

Cantor:

Musician:

GIVE ST. LOUIS DAY

Thursday, May 7th, is the Annual Give St. Louis Day, and the Missionaries of the Holy Family are participating. Our donation page is www.givestlday.org/catholic. Or, mail your gift to Missionaries of the Holy Family, Give St. Louis Day, 3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118. For more information, please call Maury Prater at (314) 577-6300. Thank you for your generosity.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The following excerpts are from letters and emails 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. **(Extended into the month of May.)**

- **All public celebrations of the Mass, as well as all other group services 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. **(Extended into the month of May.)**

- **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:** Continue to work to support individuals who depend on parish charitable efforts for food and other necessities. Refer parishioners and others to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Louis: dial 211; and/or Catholic Charities of St. Louis; dial (314) 367-5500.