

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



**The Ascension
of the Lord
May 24, 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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. - Acts 1:9

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 23rd

7:45 AM + Catherine Ludwig
4:00 PM + Ray & + Shirley Rancilio

Sunday, May 24h

10:00 AM + Dennis DeMierre

Monday, May 25th

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

Tuesday, May 26th

7:45 AM + Jean Fabick

Wednesday, May 27th

7:45 AM Jim Teschner

Thursday, May 28th

7:45 AM + Julian Mendoza, Sr.

Friday, May 29th

7:45 AM + Larry Miller

Saturday, May 30th

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik
4:00 PM + Tom Moran

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, Marvin Rothweil, Edward Rotter, Jr., Clem Ruemker, Sr., Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Georgia Stockton, Tom Vossmeier, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Tom Wooten

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert Roelke** who passed away recently. Husband of Monica Roelke, brother of Mary Moran and former pastor Rev. Joseph Roelke, M.S.F., brother-in-law to Kathy and Scott Becker, and uncle to Tara Becker. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on The Ascension of the Lord.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we learn to pray not only in bad times, but also in good times. Pray for family, friends and those that may not treat us well.

“PUSHED” OUT ON MISSION

There is a delightful character in the original Dr. Dolittle Tales called the “Pushmi-Pullyu.” It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the “push me” and the other is the “pull you.” Today’s feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or “pushes” the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew’s Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, “I am with you always, until the end of the age.” And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that “pulls” us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on a mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Our parish has a job opening for a full-time **Custodian/Maintenance Manager**. Send your resumes to Paul Jolly, Business Manager, at stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net. You can call the parish office at 865-1020 for more information.

PRAYER DURING THE PANDEMIC

May the Lord support us all the day long, til the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the **Very Rev. Philip Sosa, M.S.F.**, Parish Administrator and Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, North American Province, who will celebrate his **52nd Anniversary** of Ordination to the Priesthood on **June 1st**. Thank you Father Phil for your many years of ministry and service and for being here with us at St. Wenceslaus. Your dedication and loyalty is greatly appreciated. May God’s peace and blessings be yours always!

MAY 24th, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections \$ 2,156.00
Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,190.18
(Fiscal Year is July 2019 thru June 2020)

Parish Appeal 2020 \$ 125.00
Maintenance \$ 115.00
Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 124.00

Stewardship Reflection

"I am praying for them..." - John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Archdiocese is excited to announce the Relaunch of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our parish's Challenge Goal this year is \$16,430.00. We are in the process of securing a Guest Speaker for the weekend of June 13th & 14th. Chairpersons Matt & Barb Kellner will be available at the Masses asking for your support. Thank you to those who have already turned in their pledge.

CABRINI NEWS

St. Frances Cabrini Academy, our parish school, is seeking a **full-time school nurse** for the 2020-21 school year. Qualifications include a nursing degree and preferably some experience in pediatric medicine. Resumes should be sent to Caroline Koetting, Principal, at caroline.koetting@cabriniacademy.org. **Deadline for application is June 1, 2020.**

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day
Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi;
Memorial Day
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri
Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury
Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. Paul VI

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 05/30/20, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector: Jim Teschner
Musician: Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 05/31/20, at 10:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
Musician: John Harper

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

Praying in union with Mary, our Universal Mother, brings us into a closer relationship with Jesus, her Son and our Savior. We can serve Jesus better by serving one another, as Mary did. Pray the Rosary during the month of May.

PUBLIC MASSES

The following information and directives are designed to prepare you for the return to public Mass. Please do your best to conform to the following guidelines and directives.

Archbishop Robert Carlson previously announced that parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis were permitted to begin resuming Masses on May 18th, at the discretion of each individual parish pastor. We are beginning this weekend. Additionally, the **general dispensation** from the Sunday Mass obligation **will remain in place** for all Catholics of the archdiocese until further notice.

Anyone who is ill, symptomatic, or has been exposed to someone else with the coronavirus within 14 days cannot enter the church, according to local health directives.

Everyone attending Mass is obligated to wear a mask or other facial covering. The only exception during Mass is when seated in the pew. As you receive Holy Communion, you will need to pull your mask below your chin.

You are to observe social distancing - staying at least six feet from people not in your household.

There will be no offertory procession and ushers will not take up the collection from the congregation. You should drop your donation in a stationary basket.

Maintaining a single-file is necessary for the distribution of Holy Communion for each Communion minister and communicant to maintain social distancing. Only the Most Precious Body will be given and only by hand.

Leave Mass together as a household, wearing your masks or other facial covering and observing six feet of distance from others. (Please exit the church promptly and do not congregate in the vestibule.)

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines and directives.