

# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

*Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960*



Twenty-third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
September 6, 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

Deacon George Watson (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](http://www.stwenceslaus.website)

#### MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

[www.msf-america.org](http://www.msf-america.org)

#### SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

[stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net)

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.” - Matthew 18:19

### THIS WEEK’S MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 5th**

7:45 AM Nighisti Tecele  
4:00 PM Carmelita Pelch

**Sunday, September 6th**

10:00 AM + Harry O’Brien, Sr.

**Monday, September 7th**

7:45 AM + Mary Teschner

**Tuesday, September 8th**

7:45 AM Mary Moran

**Wednesday, September 9th**

7:45 AM + Al Unger

**Thursday, September 10th**

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

**Friday, September 11th**

7:45 AM + Magdalena Fabick

**Saturday, September 12th**

7:45 AM + Johnny Tranca  
4:00 PM + Bob Roelke

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chris & Mary Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, M.S.F., Bob Blankmann, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Harry & Judy Fabick, Don Fielder, Rosa Flores, Dennis & Lisa Holland, Margaret Kalbac, Patrick Kennedy, Carol Kozemczak, Sr. Marie Loeffler, C.P.P.S., Bonnie Martin, Maria Mendoza, Angel Mendoza, Ray Miles, Cathy Miller, Deacon George Miller, Mary Moran, Ray Orf, Carmelita Pelch, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Janet Pinski, Debbie Rappe, Frank Reichert, Marvin Rothweil, Edward Rotter, Jr., Clem Ruemker, Sr., Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Georgia Stockton, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Tom Wooten

### FALL FESTIVAL

This year our Parish Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th. Due to COVID-19, most of our activities must be “virtual,” on-line or by mail. We plan to have auctions and raffles, and our annual Ad Book. We’re asking for your help during this difficult time by providing promotional items, prizes, gift certificates, and/or advertising in our Ad Book. A mailing went out this past week with more information. We hope you will be able to help. Thank you!

### WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we go beyond the minimum required and give generously in proportion to what God has given each of us.

### A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today’s Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he “does not speak out” to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a “do your own thing” age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly, when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10).

### MAY WE PRAY FOR YOU?

The Missionaries of the Holy Family are happy to receive your prayer requests, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can contact them by going to their website at [www.msf-america.org](http://www.msf-america.org). May God bless you!

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER BOOK

The *Holy Family Prayer Book: Prayers for Every Family* is available in English and Spanish from Liguori Publications. Just go to the website of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, [www.msf-america.org](http://www.msf-america.org), click “Caring for your Family” and then click “Great Books.” From there, an online order can be placed, or call 1-800-325-9521. Makes a great gift for the new school year. Thank you and God bless your family!

### 125TH ANNIVERSARY

**September 28th** is the 125th Anniversary of St. Wenceslaus. Since we are limited on our celebration plans, due to COVID-19, we would still like to create a history document to commemorate this exciting anniversary. We would be grateful for any pictures or memories to add to the collection. If you have historical pictures or memories you would like to share, please send them to [st.wenceslaus.125th@gmail.com](mailto:st.wenceslaus.125th@gmail.com) or to the rectory. Your pictures can be copied and returned.

SEPTEMBER 6th, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Last Week's Collections \$ 2,684.75, Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00, Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,088.36. (Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Parish Appeal 2020 \$ 283.00, Maintenance \$ 205.00, Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 35.00

Stewardship Reflection

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." - Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Established in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. Every year the University provides an education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Please be generous and support this collection.

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has recorded pledges to date of \$9,300,00, or 57% of our ACA Challenge Goal of \$16,4300.00. Thank you to all those who have generously donated. Your gift is greatly appreciated.

If you have not yet done so, prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's ACA campaign. Let's work together and do our best to make our Challenge Goal a reality.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Peter Claver
Friday: Patriot Day
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 09/12/20, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector: Mary Bardo
Cantor: Dan Zdrodowski
Musician: Barb Kellner

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 09/13/20, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector: Dennis Holland
Cantor: Lisa Holland
Musician: John Harper

PUBLIC MASSES

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 Archdiocese of St. Louis strongly encourages the use of masks throughout Mass with the exception of receiving Holy Communion. Pull your mask below your chin to receive Holy Communion.

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

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Our parish has a job opening for a Maintenance Manager. The individual must be knowledgeable in electrical, plumbing and HVAC maintenance and repairs, as well as being a practicing Catholic, faithful to the teachings of the church. Resumes should be sent to Paul Jolly, Business Manager, at stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net.

GOD OF WISDOM

God of Wisdom, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our parish Finance Council met this past weekend and approved the financial reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Our Total Income for the year was \$297,067.92, Total Expenses were \$314,556.94, resulting in a Net Loss for the year of \$17,489.02. Please contact the parish office should you have any questions.