

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



Twenty-fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 13, 2020

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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

MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

www.msf-america.org

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. - Sirach 28:2

THIS WEEK’S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 12th

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

Sunday, September 13th

10:00 AM + Donald & + Genevieve Geisel

Monday, September 14th

7:45 AM + Betty Blankmann

Tuesday, September 15th

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

Wednesday, September 16th

7:45 AM + Cornelius “Cornie” Brouk

Thursday, September 17th

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik

Friday, September 18th

7:45 AM Diane Cummings

Saturday, September 19th

7:45 AM + Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM + Sr. Janet Dohr, C.P.P.S.

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

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.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Elmer Williams**, the former volunteer Director of our neighborhood Food Pantry. 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 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we recognize everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, including our very own lives.

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: “Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?”

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel reminds us of God’s compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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. 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, click “Caring for your Family” and then click “Great Books.” From there, an online order can be placed, or call 1-800-325-9521.

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 or to the rectory. Your pictures can be copied and returned.

SEPTEMBER 13th, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Last Week's Collections \$ 2,362.40, Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00, Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,115.76. (Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Parish Appeal 2020 \$ 154.00, Maintenance \$ 160.00, Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 209.00

Stewardship Reflection

“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” - Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

We will observe Stewardship Awareness Sunday this year on Sunday, October 4th. This year's theme - "Grateful & Generous" - asks the question, "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" We are planning to have a Lay Witness Speaker who will speak to us at both Masses.

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has recorded pledges to date of \$9,530.00, or 58% of our ACA Challenge Goal of \$16,430.00. 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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine
Friday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5781
Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 09/19/20, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector: Weldon Tieken
Cantor: Mary Bardo
Musician: Barb Kellner

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

Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly
Cantors: Stephanie Blosser & Andrea Harper
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.

FALL FESTIVAL

This year our annual Parish Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th. Due to COVID-19, most of our activities will be "virtual," on-line or by mail. We will 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. Gift cards are especially appreciated as they are so flexible and can be used to purchase filler items for our baskets and auctions. If you're unable to shop, please consider a monetary donation to be used to purchase needed items. Thank you!