

# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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



Twenty-fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
September 20, 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. - Isaiah 55:7b

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, September 19th

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

#### Sunday, September 20th

10:00 AM + Marcella Keim

#### Monday, September 21st

7:45 AM + Dr. Gary Michael Gutting

#### Tuesday, September 22nd

7:45 AM + Nina Cook

#### Wednesday, September 23rd

7:45 AM Bob Blankmann

#### Thursday, September 24th

7:45 AM + Gene Smugala

#### Friday, September 25th

7:45 AM Harry Fabick

#### Saturday, September 26th

7:45 AM + Tim Morrissey  
4:00 PM + Sharon Intagliata

### 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, Marie Kellner, 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, Joseph Styer, 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.

### TOWARD HEAVEN

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven. - St. Camillus de Lellis

### WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we realize we are not only responsible for our lives, but for the lives of others.

### DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God - who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are - moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out; kind of. At least he understands his calling in life - to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

### 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.

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations and Best Wishes to long-time parishioner and choir member **Bob Blankmann** who is celebrating a special birthday this Wednesday, September 23rd. Bob, may God's peace and blessings be yours now and always!

### 125TH ANNIVERSARIES

**September 28th** is the Feast of St. Wenceslaus, the 125th Anniversary of our parish, and also the 125th Anniversary of the Missionaries of the Holy Family who were founded on the same day and year, 1895.

We will acknowledge this wonderful event at our Masses next weekend. Please note: The 12:00 pm Mass next Sunday will be a Bilingual Mass.

May St. Wenceslaus accompany you on your journey to the Eternal Kingdom, and may the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph bless all your families and endeavors!

SEPTEMBER 20th, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Last Week's Collections \$ 1,826.75, Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00, Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,084.94. Includes note: (Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Parish Appeal 2020 \$ 130.00, Maintenance \$ 155.00, Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 225.00

Stewardship Reflection

“So the last will be first and the first last”. - Matthew 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

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?” Mary Bardo, our Lay Witness Speaker, will speak at both Masses.

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has recorded pledges to date of \$9,760.00, or 59% 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. The campaign will be coming to an end soon. So let’s work together and do our best to make our Challenge Goal a reality.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Matthew
Tuesday: Autumn begins
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 09/26/20, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater
Cantor: Ed Koeninger
Musician: John Harper

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 09/27/20, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
Cantor: Mary Pichler
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. Thank you for keeping everyone safe!

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!