

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



**Twenty-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 4, 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

MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

www.msf-america.org

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. - Philippians 4:6

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3rd
7:45 AM Dominic Garrett
4:00 PM Evelyn & Charlie Reichert

Sunday, October 4th
10:00 AM + Helen Fabick

Monday, October 5th
7:45 AM + Ludmila Fabick

Tuesday, October 6th
7:45 AM + Bob Roelke

Wednesday, October 7th
7:45 AM Bonnie Martin

Thursday, October 8th
7:45 AM + Mary Teschner

Friday, October 9th
7:45 AM Diane Cummings

Saturday, October 10th
7:45 AM + Rosemary Rivituso
4:00 PM + Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

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

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

This weekend is Stewardship Awareness Sunday. 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?" Brochures are available in the vestibule of the church, please be sure to take one. We welcome **Mary Bardo** who is this year's Stewardship Lay Witness Speaker.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we are not afraid of living our Faith because of fear of being "rejected" by others.

THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him -Jesus- and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah. "And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign, or kingdom, of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth, Israel included.

PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY

You are invited to join our Holy Family Prayer Association! In the last half century, the Catholic Family has undergone major changes and upheavals. Who knows better the difficulties and challenges faced by families today than parents and grandparents? The Missionaries of the Holy Family welcome you, and all members receive a free pocket prayer book and blessed Holy Family religious medal. There are no fees. The only request is to pray three daily prayers. If interested, visit www.msf-america.org/holy-family-prayers/friends-of-the-holy-family or call toll free at 1-888-484-9945.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

It's time to think about serving on our Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations for the next 3 year term, which begins in February 2021, must be submitted by Monday, October 26th. If you would like to nominate someone, perhaps even yourself, you can speak to Father Phil Sosa or Deacon George Miller. You can also place your nomination, including your name, in the collection basket. Good Stewardship includes our gifts of time and talent.

OCTOBER 4th, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 1,919.80
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,098.56

(Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)

Parish Appeal 2020	\$ 305.00
Maintenance	\$ 62.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 38.00

Stewardship Reflection

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others in today’s society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

DEACON COLLECTION

This weekend, we will have a special collection for the **Formation of Permanent Deacons**. There are currently over 40 men seeking to answer the call to be a Deacon. Every single gift received is essential to provide a quality formation. Please be generous!

Thank you -- Deacon George

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has recorded pledges of **\$10,601.00**, or 65% 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, please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's ACA campaign. Your gift, no matter the size, is important and appreciated. This year’s campaign will officially be ending on October 9th.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
- Monday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
- Tuesday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
- Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
- Friday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

***** **SATURDAY, 10/10/20, at 4:00 PM** *****

Commentator & Lector:	Maury Prater
Cantor:	Ed Koeninger
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** **SUNDAY, 10/11/20, 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. 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!