

# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 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](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)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low. - Isaiah 40:4

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 5th**

7:45 AM + Johnny Tranca  
4:00 PM + Sr. Janet Dohr, C.P.P.S.

**Sunday, December 6th**

10:00 AM People of the Parish

**Monday, December 7th**

7:45 AM Special Intention

**Tuesday, December 8th**

8:00 AM Carmelita Pelch  
6:00 PM + Mary Jane Kubik

**Wednesday, December 9th**

7:45 AM Phoebe Cobb

**Thursday, December 10th**

7:45 AM + Tim Morrissey

**Friday, December 11th**

7:45 AM + Rosemary Rivituso

**Saturday, December 12th**

8:00 AM + Jacob Folkerth  
4:00 PM + Richard Fogelbach

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chris 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, Donna Frank, 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, Janet Pinski, Marie Prater, 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

### REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Kenneth Schaefer**, brother of Marsha Williams and brother-in-law of Ron Williams, who recently passed away. Pray for the repose of the soul of **Brian Bollinger**, brother of parishioner Bob Bollinger, who also recently passed away. May their souls, 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 Second Sunday of Advent.

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we are called to live holy lives and invite others to do the same.

### GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?" And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance. God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon, It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert. We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Our parish, once again, has a job opening for a **Custodian / Maintenance Manager**. The individual must be knowledgeable in electrical, plumbing, and HVAC maintenance and repairs. E-mail resumes to Paul Jolly, Business Manager, at [stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net), or mail to the parish office.

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 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 Christmas Season, and it has been awarded the prestigious Seal of Approval by the Catholic Writers Guild. Thank you and God bless your family!

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Bilingual Mass on **Saturday, December 12th, at 8:00 am**. Everyone is invited to join us for this special celebration of Mary. We hope you can attend.

DECEMBER 6th, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Last Two Weeks' Collections \$ 4,644.82, Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00, Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,097.32.

(Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Parish Appeal 2020 \$ 323.00, Maintenance \$ 60.00, Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 230.00.

Stewardship Reflection

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." -Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship life-style, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Enrich your faith this Advent and Christmas with special programming throughout the season on EWTN. Visit www.ewtn.com/channelfinder to find EWTN in your area, or call 205-795-5771.

2021 CALENDARS

Our new 2021 Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church. We gratefully acknowledge and thank Kutis Funeral Home for providing these to our parish family. Be sure to pick one up after Mass.

JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is again available. Place your gift cards for needy families in the box beneath the tree and then please hang an ornament on the tree.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Juan Diego
Thursday: International Human Rights Day
Friday: St. Damasus I
Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, 12/08/20, at 8:00 AM

Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater

TUESDAY, 12/08/20, at 6:00 PM

Commentator & Lector: Jim Teschner

Cantor: Lisa Holland

Musician: Barb Kellner

SATURDAY, 12/12/20, at 4:00 PM

Commentator & Lector: Weldon Tieken

Cantor: Ed Koeninger

Musician: Barb Kellner

SUNDAY, 12/13/20, at 10:00 AM

Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer

Cantors: Stephanie Blosser & Andrea Harper

Musician: John Harper

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, December 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the church.

PUBLIC MASSES

Anyone who is ill, symptomatic (cough, sore throat, headache, fever, among others), even if only slight, 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!

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.