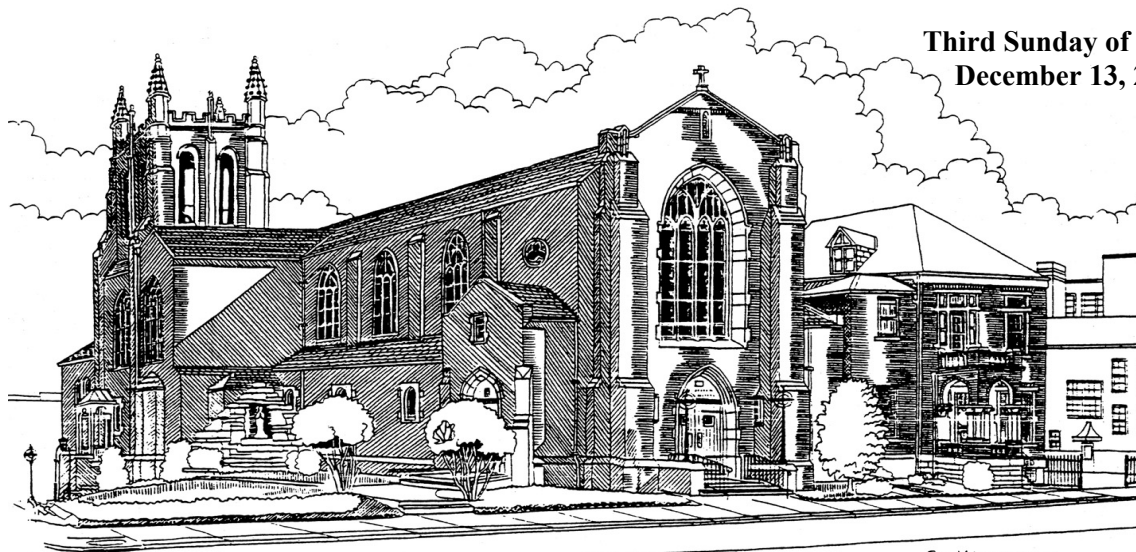


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12th

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

Sunday, December 13th

10:00 AM + William H. Meadows

Monday, December 14th

7:45 AM + John A. Fabick

Tuesday, December 15th

7:45 AM + Gene Smugala

Wednesday, December 16th

7:45 AM + Arlene Martin

Thursday, December 17th

7:45 AM + Deceased Blankmann Family Members

Friday, December 18th

7:45 AM + John & + Odelia Rothweil

Saturday, December 19th

7:45 AM Art Schmittgens
4:00 PM + Tom Moran

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, Patrick Kennedy, Carol Kozemczak, Sr. Marie Loeffler, C.P.P.S., Maria Mendoza, Angel Mendoza, Ray Miles, Cathy Miller, Deacon George Miller, Mary Moran, Ray Orf, Carmelita Pelch, 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

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. Thank you for helping those in need.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Third Sunday of Advent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we realize suffering is a gift and helps us build empathy for others and build our dependence on God.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team." With satisfied resignation, Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is, and who he is not. He is not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen. John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

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, 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, 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!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The **Seminary Christmas Collection** will take place on **December 24th and 25th**. These men are responding to Christ's call to follow Him as they discern a vocation to the holy priesthood and have dedicated themselves to living, growing, and serving in His love as they prepare for a life of parish ministry. Please be generous.

DECEMBER 13th, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 1,738.79
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,081.73
(Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)	

Parish Appeal 2020	\$ 94.00
Maintenance	\$ 130.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 84.00

Stewardship Reflection

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Enrich your faith this Advent and Christmas with special programming throughout the season on EWTN. Attend Mass in Vatican City with Pope Francis, enjoy concerts from Europe, and travel to the sacred sites of the Holy Land. Visit www.ewtn.com/channelfinder to find EWTN in your area, or call 205-795-5771.

CABRINI NEWS

Our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, has received some calls from school families indicating that someone in the family may have been exposed to the Covid virus. As a result, to safeguard the health and well being of the students, staff and families, the decision was made to cancel all in-person classes and to resume virtual classes until after the Christmas break. The current plan is to return to in-person learning on January 4, 2021. We will continue to keep you informed of any further developments.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John of the Cross
Wednesday:	Las Posadas begins

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 12/19/20, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Maury Prater
Cantor:	Dan Zdrodowski
Musician:	Barb Kellner

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

Commentator & Lector:	Paul Jolly
Cantor:	Mary Pichler
Musician:	John Harper

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 27th

The Missionaries of the Holy Family invite you to join them in praying the Holy Family Novena for your family and all families of the world. The novena begins on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 27th, and ends on Monday, January 4th, with the 7:45 a.m. Mass. **Masses during the Novena will be held in the church.**

Novena pamphlets are available in the vestibule of the church. You can also call (314) 577-6300 or e-mail mprater@msf-america.org. God bless your family!