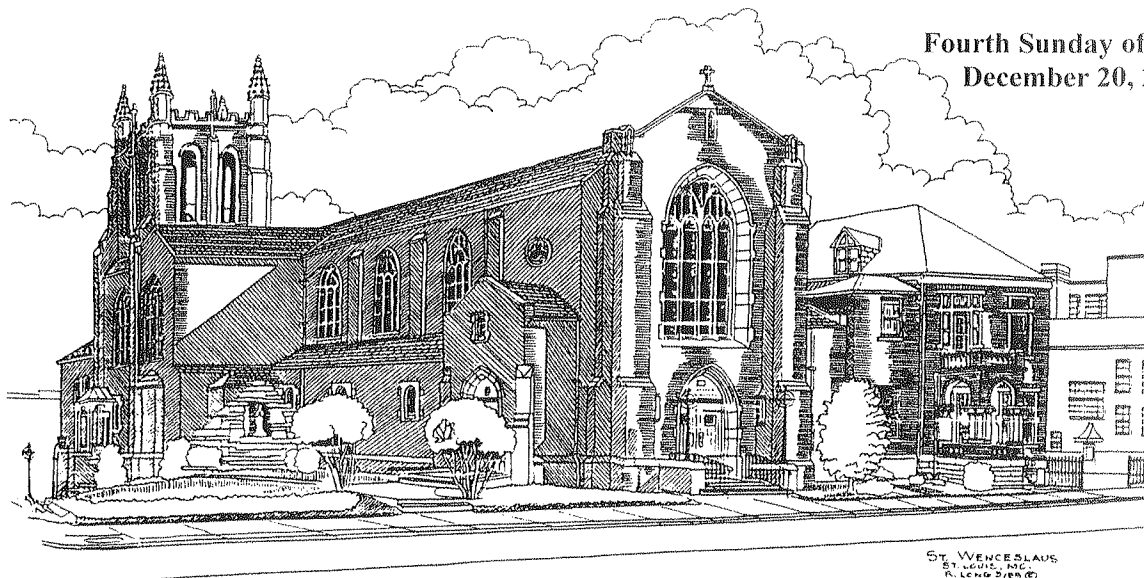


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 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

MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

www.msf-america.org

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. - Luke 1:35

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 19th

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

Sunday, December 20th

10:00 AM + Patricia Kennedy

Monday, December 21st

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

Tuesday, December 22nd

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Wednesday, December 23rd

7:45 AM + Harry Folkerth

Thursday, December 24th

4:00 PM + Donald & + Genevieve Geisel

Friday, December 25th

10:00 AM + Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

Saturday, December 26th

7:45 AM + Bill Zib
4:00 PM Very Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F.

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That like Mary, our lives, too reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more; a throne where David's descendants would rule forever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

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. Thank you and God bless your family!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to the **Very Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F.** Provincial of the North American Province, and Parish Administrator here at St. Wenceslaus. Father Phil celebrates his birthday next Saturday, **December 26th**. Best wishes to you on your special day, Father Phil. May God bless you!

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections (as of 12/06/20)	\$ 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

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"
- Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The **Seminary Christmas Collection** will take place on **Dec. 24th & 25th**. These men are responding to Christ's call to follow Him and are a gift to the Church and the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Please be generous.

Missionaries of the Holy Family Collection will be on **Dec. 26th & 27th**, the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Missionaries of the Holy Family have served our parish since 1960. Please be generous.

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

Sunday, December 27th

Novena to the Holy Family begins this day and ends on Monday, January 4th, with the 7:45 a.m. Mass. **All 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!

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Wednesday:	St. John of Kanty
Thursday:	The Vigil of Christmas
Friday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Saturday:	St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** THURSDAY, 12/24/20, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector: Jim Teschner
Cantors: Stephanie Blosser & Andrea Harper
Musician: John Harper

***** FRIDAY, 12/25/20, at 10:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
Cantor: Lisa Holland
Musician: John Harper

***** SATURDAY, 12/26/20, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector: Weldon Ticken
Cantor: Ed Koeninger
Musician: Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 12/27/20, at 10:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector: Dennis Holland
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.

FALL FESTIVAL RESULTS

This year's Fall Festival made a profit of **\$28,289.06**, a very successful fundraiser. Thank you once again to everyone who worked, supported or helped in any way. It's wonderful that so many people were so very generous during this most difficult time. May God bless you all!

CHRISTMAS WISHES

A Most Blessed Celebration of Christmas to Everyone and Best Wishes for a Grace-filled Year 2021!

Very Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F. and Staff