

# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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

The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary, and Joseph  
December 27, 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)

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples. - Luke 2:30-31

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 26th

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

### Sunday, December 27th

10:00 AM Holy Family Novena

### Monday, December 28th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

### Tuesday, December 29th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

### Wednesday, December 30th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

### Thursday, December 31st

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena  
4:00 PM + Members of our Parish Family Who  
Were Called Home by the Lord This Past Year  
(Vigil Mass for Holy Day)

### Friday, January 1st

10:00 AM Holy Family Novena  
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

### Saturday, January 2nd

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena  
4:00 PM + Dennis & + Salvadora DeMierre

## 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

## REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the soul of **William Hager**, brother-in-law of parishioner Tim Moore, who recently passed away. May his soul, 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 feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That God will provide us the strength to forgive those that have hurt us.

## WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples, or role models, of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

## JESSE TREE

The **Jesse (Giving) Tree** will be available through Sunday, January 10th, if you would still like to give a gift card.

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

Sunday, December 27th

Novena to the Holy Family begins this Sunday and ends on Monday, January 4th, with the 7:45 a.m. Mass. **All Masses during the Novena will be held in the church.**

Holy Family Novena pamphlets are available in the vestibule of the church. You are encouraged to come to Mass as often as possible during the Novena. You can also say the prayers at home as a family or wherever you may be.

**Missionaries of the Holy Family Collection** is this weekend, the feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Missionaries of the Holy Family have served our parish since 1960. Your gift will help them continue to pastorally care for families, emphasizing the Holy Family as the standard of holiness for all families. Please be generous!

DECEMBER 27th, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Last Week's Collections (as of 12/13/20) \$ 2,024.00; Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00; Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,079.33 (Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Parish Appeal 2020 \$ 210.00; Maintenance \$ 100.00; Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 200.00

Stewardship Reflection

"... as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, give the gift of forgiveness to someone - a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

2021 CALENDARS

Our new Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church. We gratefully thank Kutis Funeral Home.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We have 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.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: The Holy Innocents
Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Friday
Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* THURSDAY, 12/31/20, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*\* FRIDAY, 01/01/21, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector: Dennis Holland
Cantor: Lisa Holland
Musician: John Harper

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 01/02/21, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector: Jim Teschner
Cantor: Dan Zdrodowski
Musician: Barb Kellner

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 01/03/21, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly
Cantors: Stephanie Blosser & Andrea Harper
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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday, January 1st, New Year's Day, is the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and all Catholics are required to attend Mass.