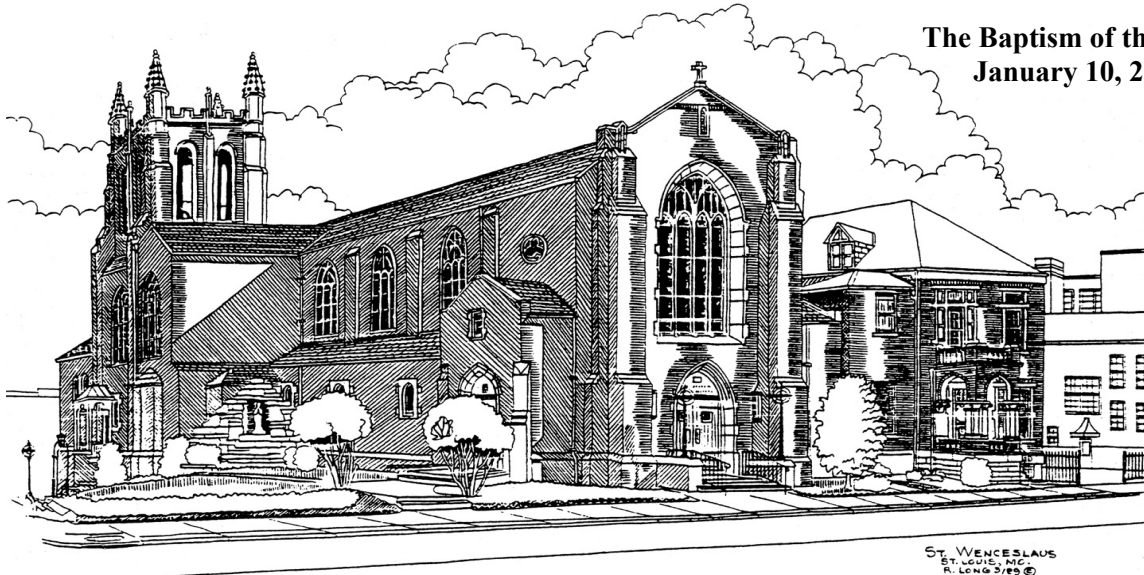


# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 10, 2021**

## 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!  
- Isaiah 55:1

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, January 9th**  
7:45 AM + Deacon Richard Stevens  
4:00 PM People of the Parish
- Sunday, January 10th**  
10:00 AM + Gene Smugala
- Monday, January 11th**  
7:45 AM Harry Fabick
- Tuesday, January 12th**  
7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik
- Wednesday, January 13th**  
7:45 AM Slim Thrasher
- Thursday, January 14th**  
7:45 AM + Dr. Gary Michael Gutting
- Friday, January 15th**  
7:45 AM + Mary Teschner
- Saturday, January 16th**  
7:45 AM + Sr. Janet Dohr, C.P.P.S.  
4:00 PM + Barbara Rothweil

## 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., 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

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

The Archdiocese of St. Louis will commemorate the 48th Anniversary of **Roe v. Wade** with their Annual Memorial Mass on Saturday, January 16th, beginning at 10:00 am, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. The Mass collection will benefit the LifeLine Coalition, which helps over 10,000 local women & families annually. The Rosary and Benediction will follow Mass. Please see the bulletin boards for additional information.

**WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH**  
We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the feast of The Baptism of the Lord.

## Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we work in collaboration with the Holy Spirit in discerning how God is calling us to use our gifts.

## THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

## ST. LOUIS REVIEW

Place your renewal envelope for the St. Louis Review in the offertory collection next weekend, **January 16th and 17th**. Stay informed about Church news from around the archdiocese, nation and world. **For just \$35.00, the suggested contribution amount**, you get all the issues, plus full access to the website. The Review is funded solely through your subscriptions, contributions, and advertising. If you do not have a renewal envelope, but would like to subscribe, just contact Paul Jolly at the parish office.

## NEED A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

How about praying with your family every day? The Missionaries of the Holy Family have the perfect resource for you! The *Holy Family Prayer Book: Prayers for Every Family* is available in English and Spanish. Just go to our website [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.

## JANUARY 10th, 2021

### GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Two Weeks' Collections	\$ 4,512.00
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,094.99
(Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)	

Parish Appeal 2021	\$ 328.00
Maintenance	\$ 113.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 116.00

#### Stewardship Reflection

**And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'**

**- Mark 1:11**

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples, we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

### CABRINI NEWS

Our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, will be returning to in-person classes this Monday, January 11th. They have had virtual classes since early December. We are glad to see our students and teachers back at school.

### VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes is having their Virtual Trivia Night on Saturday, January 23rd. Trivia begins at 7:00 pm on Zoom. For more information, or to register, visit [www.ourladyinn.org](http://www.ourladyinn.org), or call Katrina at 736-1544.

### 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](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net), or you can mail your resume to the parish office, 3014 Oregon Ave, 63118.

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Monday:	First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Wednesday:	St. Hilary
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

### MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 01/16/21, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 01/17/21, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector:	Adela Peugnet
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.

### JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is still available through this **Sunday, January 10th**, for anyone who would still like to give a gift card, or perhaps a monetary donation, for our Parish Food Pantry. We are very grateful to everyone who has supported this wonderful cause. Thank you!

### THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who helped or assisted in any way in preparation for The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and the rest of the Christmas Season. Everything turned out beautifully. Thank you!