

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



**Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
January 31, 2021**

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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

MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

www.msf-america.org

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. - Psalm 95:6

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 30th

7:45 AM + Clyde & + Evelyn Jolly
4:00 PM + Bob Roelke

Sunday, January 31st

10:00 AM Barb Kellner

Monday, February 1st

7:45 AM + Kenneth Schaefer

Tuesday, February 2nd

7:45 AM Joe Filler

Wednesday, February 3rd

7:45 AM + Deceased Blankmann Family Members

Thursday, February 4th

7:45 AM Special Intention

Friday, February 5th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, February 6th

7:45 AM + Hilde Mick
4:00 PM Carmelita Pelch

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, 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., Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Georgia Stockton, Joseph Styer, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Tom Wooten

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Saturday, **February 13th, at 4:00 p.m.** for those who have lost a loved one during the past year. While your physical attendance is welcomed and encouraged, arrangements have been made to livestream the Mass on Facebook. Our organizers and sponsors this year are members of the Ladies of Mary organization. For more information, please contact Mary Bardo, President, at 314-606-5584.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may open our hearts to receive more fully all of God's simple and abundant blessings.

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this; by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

MESSENGER MAGAZINE ONLINE

The online version of the winter issue of *The Messenger* magazine from the Missionaries of the Holy Family is now available at www.msf-america.org. Free printed copies are also available from the parish office. Free extra copies for family and friends are also available from the provincial office here at the parish by calling 1-888-484-9945, or send an e-mail to mprater@msf-america.org. God bless your family!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements for 2020 are now available. Contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office at 865-1020 to obtain your statement.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will have a special collection for our **St. Vincent De Paul Fund**. Your support is greatly needed to continue our ministry of serving the poor and needy. Envelopes are in your monthly packet and also available in the vestibule of the church. Please be generous!

JANUARY 31st, 2021

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Last Week's Collections \$ 1,786.12, Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00, Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,077.37. Includes note: (Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Parish Appeal 2021 \$ 145.00, Maintenance \$ 15.00, Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 50.00

Stewardship Reflection

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this - use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

CABRINI NEWS

Come check us out! Please help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week by visiting St. Frances Cabrini Academy this Sunday, January 31st, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm for our annual Open House. This event is for new families interested in enrolling their child/children in Cabrini for the 2021-22 school year. Contact us for more information at 314-776-0883. We look forward to meeting you!

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 you can mail your resume to the parish office, 3014 Oregon Ave., 63118.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; Groundhog Day
Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and companions; First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 02/06/21, at 4:00 PM *****

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

***** SUNDAY, 02/07/21, at 10:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
Cantor: Lisa Holland
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!

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

The 2021 Catholic Men for Christ conference will be held on Saturday, February 20th. All men are welcome. Due to the pandemic, this year's event will be presented virtually. There is no charge to attend. The schedule is not finalized, but there will be separate morning and evening sessions, each beginning with an optional Mass. Please visit https://www.catholicmenforchrist.org/ and peruse the various tabs to acquaint yourself with the list of speakers. While there, please virtually register for the event. If you have questions, or need more information, please contact our parish captain, Matt Kellner, at 638-7941.

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.