

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

**First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths. - Psalm 25:4

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20th

7:45 AM + Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM + Gene Smugala

Sunday, February 21st

10:00 AM + William H. Meadows

Monday, February 22nd

7:45 AM + August Mick

Tuesday, February 23rd

7:45 AM + Rosemary Pichler

Wednesday, February 24th

7:45 AM Charlie Heath

Thursday, February 25th

7:45 AM + Carol O'Leary

Friday, February 26th

7:45 AM + A. F. Blankmann

Saturday, February 27th

7:45 AM + Bill & + Arlene Martin
4:00 PM + Michael Rothweil

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, M.S.F., Bob Blankmann, Margie Sosa Delgado, Harry & Judy Fabick, Don Fielder, Rosa Flores, Donna Frank, Pat Griffard, Dennis & Lisa Holland, Margaret Kalbac, Patrick Kennedy, Carol Kozemczak, Sr. Marie Loeffler, C.P.P.S., 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, Shirley Wooten, Tom Wooten

LENT: PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING

Have you heard of Gregorian Masses? These are a series of thirty (30) consecutive Masses celebrated exclusively for the release of **one** Soul in Purgatory as recommended by Pope Saint Gregory the Great. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most powerful prayer for your dearly departed loved ones. The provincial office of the Missionaries of the Holy Family accepts requests for Gregorian Masses. The suggested minimum donation is \$200. Requests are received online at www.msf-america.org, or call 1-888-484-9945.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each of us.

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

FRANCISCAN CONNECTION

The Franciscan Connection offers utility assistance for persons living in zip codes: 63111, 63116 and 63118. They can provide a pledge on people's residential utility bills. They are able to make a \$50.00 pledge on accounts every six months. Visit their webpage at franciscanconnection.org, or call them at 314-773-8485.

PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA

Pauline Books and Media is a Catholic book store owned and operated by the Daughters of Saint Paul. The Pauline Sisters are an international congregation of women religious called to be St. Paul living today. They have just completed the first season of their podcast, "The Daughters Project Podcast"! They are called in a special way to use the most modern forms of media to be a light in the darkness of the digital world. Why not listen in as the #media nuns share their journeys with Christ? Visit: www.thedaughtersproject.com or you can call the sisters at 314-965-3512.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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

FEBRUARY 21st, 2021

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection (Week of 02/07/21) \$ 1,687.00
Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,160.66
(Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)

Parish Appeal 2021 \$ 40.00
Maintenance \$ 37.00
Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 25.00

Stewardship Reflection

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, we will take up the 137th annual **Black and Indian Mission** Collection. Your support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

ST. LOUIS REVIEW

You can still order the St. Louis Review. Subscription forms are available in the vestibule of the church. Place your renewal form in any weekend collection, or contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office at 865-1020.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
Monday: Washington's Birthday; Julian Calendar Lent begins
Tuesday: St. Polycarp
Thursday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: St. Gregory of Narek

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 02/27/21, at 4:00 PM *****

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

***** SUNDAY, 02/28/21, 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!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are being held **on all Wednesdays during Lent** at **6:30 pm** in the church. Please make this special time each week a part of your Lenten Journey.

The **Men's Club** will sponsor and attend this week's service on February 24th.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person*, and reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God and not from any of our own actions. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people.

Thank you for making CRS' Operation Rice Bowl a part of your Lenten Journey!