

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

**Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 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

MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

www.msf-america.org

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

If God is for us, who can be against us?

- Romans 8:31b

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 27th

7:45 AM + Bill & + Arlene Martin

4:00 PM + Michael Rothweil

Sunday, February 28th

10:00 AM + Betty Blankmann

Monday, March 1st

7:45 AM James Feser

Tuesday, March 2nd

7:45 AM + Kenneth Schaefer

Wednesday, March 3rd

7:45 AM Special Intention

Thursday, March 4th

7:45 AM + Rosemary Rivituso

Friday, March 5th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends

Prayer Association

Saturday, March 6th

7:45 AM Jerry Willman

4:00 PM + Mary Jane Kubik

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, 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, 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 Second Sunday of Lent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may answer, "Here I am, Lord," whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve Him.

HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the "history of salvation" narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today's story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week's Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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 28th, 2021

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Two Weeks' Collections	\$ 3,676.36
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,141.69
(Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)	

Parish Appeal 2021	\$ 154.00
Maintenance	\$ 55.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 144.00

Stewardship Reflection

“Here I am! he answered.” - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The weekend of March 14th, our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. This is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Funds from the collection support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other organizations that aid victims of natural disasters, immigrants in need of legal assistance and resources to help them adapt to life in their new home, and refugee children with special educational needs. Please give generously to this collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**.

FEBRUARY PASS-THE-CASH

- \$50 WINNER:** Sharon Farrell
- \$25 WINNERS:** Kathy Bauman, Terry Tennant
Amelia Koening, James Tangel

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
- Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel
- Thursday: St. Casimir
- Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence
- Saturday: First Saturday

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/06/21, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector: Jim Teschner
Cantor: Ed Koening
Musician: Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 03/07/21, at 10:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser
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 **Parish Pastoral Council** will sponsor and attend this week’s service on March 3rd.

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 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!