

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

I, the Lord, am your God...You shall not have other gods besides me. - Exodus 20:2a,3

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 6th

7:45 AM Jerry Willman
4:00 PM + Mary Jane Kubik

Sunday, March 7th

10:00 AM + Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

Monday, March 8th

7:45 AM Frank Brettle

Tuesday, March 9th

7:45 AM Paul Jolly

Wednesday, March 10th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Thursday, March 11th

7:45 AM George Black

Friday, March 12th

7:45 AM + Brian Bollinger

Saturday, March 13th

7:45 AM + Ruth Auer
4:00 PM Marie Rundle
(In Thanksgiving)

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 Third Sunday of Lent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society - those visible and invisible.

TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant - as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter - occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus - ritualized in baptism - demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

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.

CATHOLIC RADIO

Covenant Network can help you stay the course during this season of self-denial with inspirational and devotional programming including the daily Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers. This Lent tune into AM 1080 WRYT to help prepare your heart for Easter.

DIAPER DRIVE

The **Permanent Diaconate Community** is once again sponsoring an annual Diaper Drive. All diapers: infant, child or adult, are welcomed, even wipes, creams, etc. What is collected will be donated to Our Lady's Inn. Place your donations with the food donations located in the vestibule of the church. The Drive runs Saturday, March 13th, thru Sunday, March 21st. Please support this charitable cause!

- Deacon George Miller

MARCH 7th, 2021

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 2,775.17
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,159.79
(Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)	

Parish Appeal 2021	\$ 233.00
Maintenance	\$ 146.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 106.00

Stewardship Reflection

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, March 14th, our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Funds 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. Give generously - **help Jesus in disguise**.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our parish is holding a Lenten Reconciliation Service on Saturday, **March 13th, from 3:00 - 3:50 pm**. We will have priests available to hear your confession. Use this opportunity to go to confession during the Lenten Season.

UPCOMING MEETING

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, March 16th, at 6:30 pm. Please plan on attending.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Monday:	St. John of God
Tuesday:	St. Frances of Rome
Friday:	Abstinence

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/13/21, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Weldon Tieken
Cantor:	Dan Zdrodowski
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 03/14/21, 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 **Ladies of Mary** will sponsor and attend this week’s service on March 10th.

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!