

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - John 3:17

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 13th

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

Sunday, March 14th

10:00 AM Deacon George Miller

Monday, March 15th

7:45 AM + Jacqueline "Jackie" Burgoon

Tuesday, March 16th

7:45 AM + Charlie McGrail

Wednesday, March 17th

7:45 AM + Alice & + Phillip Mulligan

Thursday, March 18th

7:45 AM Sr. Marie Loeffler, C.P.P.S.

Friday, March 19th

7:45 AM Special Intention

Saturday, March 20th

7:45 AM Mel Felts
4:00 PM + Dennis & + Salvadora DeMierre

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, 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, 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, Ron & Marsha Williams, Shirley Wooten, Tom Wooten

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 thru next Sunday, March 21st. Please support this charitable cause!

- Deacon George Miller

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may show our gratitude for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own lives.

GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation. The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ - by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

BRO. RYAN JONES PRESENTATION

Brother Ryan Jones, former parishioner, will be doing a presentation on the Triduum and Biblical Symbolisms found in the Ritual through their Retreat and Conference Center. The presentation is online through Zoom on **March 20th** from 9:00 - 11:00 am CDT. The cost is \$10.00 per person. It is going to be his first presentation through his center. The link is <https://www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/treasure-of-the-triduum>. Please join Brother Ryan for his presentation!

FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus #453 are having a fish fry at St. Mary Magdalen - Southampton, 4924 Bancroft Ave., on **Friday, March 26th**, from 4-7 pm in the parish hall. Carry-out only. Please support this fundraiser.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to **Deacon George Miller** who is celebrating his birthday this Sunday, March 14th. Deacon George, thank you for your many years of dedicated service here at St. Wenceslaus. May God's peace and blessings be with you on your special day and always.

- Your Parish Family

MARCH 14th, 2021

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 2,150.76
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,159.54

(Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)

Parish Appeal 2021	\$ 59.00
Maintenance	\$ 42.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 77.00

Stewardship Reflection

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...” - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, 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**.

UPCOMING MEETING

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

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday:	St. Patrick
Thursday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday:	St. Joseph; Abstinence
Saturday:	Spring begins

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/20/21, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Maury Prater
Cantor:	Mary Bardo
Musician:	Barb Kellner

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

Commentator & Lector:	Dennis Holland
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!

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 March 17th.

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!