

# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

*Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960*

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 21, 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)

Rev. Benoit Ramanandraibe, M.S.F.,  
(In Residence)

Mr. Paul Jolly, Business Manager

Mr. Ron Williams, 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 Church

### 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](http://www.stwenceslaus.website)

### MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

[www.msf-america.org](http://www.msf-america.org)

### SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

[stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net)

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. - Jeremiah 31:33

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 20th**

7:45 AM Mel Felts

4:00 PM +Dennis & + Salvadora DeMierre

**Sunday, March 21st**

10:00 AM + Dominic Vitale

**Monday, March 22nd**

7:45 AM + Rosemary Pichler

**Tuesday, March 23rd**

7:45 AM + Dr. Gary Michael Gutting

**Wednesday, March 24th**

7:45 AM + Mary Teschner

**Thursday, March 25th**

7:45 AM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

**Friday, March 26th**

7:45 AM + Gene Smugala

**Saturday, March 27th**

7:45 AM + Tim Morrissey

4:00 PM + Linda Misch

## 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 has been extended thru next Sunday, March 28th. 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent.

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That, as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent and treasure with others.

## THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart. Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

## 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.

## MARCH PASS-THE-CASH

**\$50 WINNER:** Ivan Acoves

**\$25 WINNERS:** Mary Ann Marciante, Shannon Deelo  
Rosa Flores, Tony Kremer

## WELCOME

Please join us as we extend a warm welcome to **Father Benoit Ramanandraibe, M.S.F.**, who is now in residence at our parish and will be studying English in preparation for his ministry here in the United States. Father "Ben" is from Madagascar. Welcome to St. Wenceslaus, Father Ben!

MARCH 21st, 2021

### GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 1,692.50
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,146.90

(Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)

Parish Appeal 2021	\$ 60.00
Maintenance	\$ 80.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 125.00

#### Stewardship Reflection

**“I will be their God and they shall be my people.”**  
- Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don’t know, just as God cares for each of us.

### 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 24th.

### HOLY FAMILY PRAYER ASSOCIATION

You are invited to join our Holy Family Prayer Association! Who knows better the difficulties and challenges faced by families today than parents and grandparents themselves? The Missionaries of the Holy Family are seeking partnerships in prayer. There are no fees to join the prayer association, plus you will receive a free Holy Family religious medal and a pocket version of our *Holy Family Prayer Book*. Interested in learning more? Please visit [www.msf-america.org](http://www.msf-america.org) and scroll down to the Prayer Association button, or call us toll free at 1-888-484-9945. Thank you and God bless your family!

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Tuesday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Thursday:	The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday:	Abstinence

### MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 03/27/21, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector:	Weldon Tieken
Narrator for the Passion:	Maury Prater
Cantor:	Dan Zdrodowski
Musician:	Barb Kellner

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 03/28/21, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector:	Dennis Holland
Narrator for the Passion:	Kathy Styer
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!

### 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!**

### POLISHING SACRED VESSELS

If you are able and would like to help polish brass for the sanctuary in preparation for Holy Week and Easter, please contact Jim Teschner or Paul Jolly at the parish office. All required supplies will be provided.