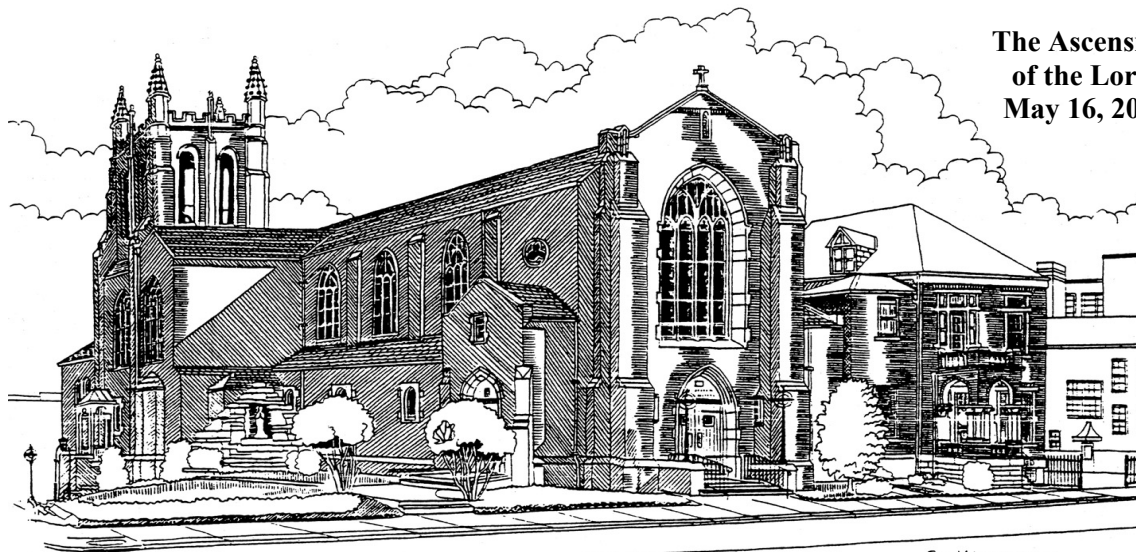


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**The Ascension
of the Lord
May 16, 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

Rev. Angelot Andriamamitahina, M.S.F.,
(In Residence)

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

Mr. Paul Jolly, Business Manager

Mr. Micah Caldwell, 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 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

MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

www.msf-america.org

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.
- Mark 16:16

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 15th

7:45 AM + Linda Misch
4:00 PM + Bob Roelke

Sunday, May 16th

10:00 AM + Mary Ullo

Monday, May 17th

7:45 AM + Dr. Gary Michael Gutting

Tuesday, May 18th

7:45 AM + Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

Wednesday, May 19th

7:45 AM + Gene Smugala

Thursday, May 20th

7:45 AM + Ervin Roelke

Friday, May 21st

7:45 AM + Dennis Curtis

Saturday, May 22nd

7:45 AM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig
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, Mary Moran, Carmelita Pelch, Jim & Nancy Pender, Janet Pinski, Debbie Rappe, Frank Reichert, Marvin Rothweil, Edward Rotter, Jr., Tek Schaefer, Joseph Styer, Evelyn Williams, Ron & Marsha Williams, Shirley Wooten, Tom Wooten

CATHOLIC RADIO

Easter is more than just one day on the calendar. It is an entire season, 50 days of rejoicing in the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Covenant Network presents the very best in Catholic programming. Tune into WRYT (AM 1080).

RESPECT FOR LIFE

Join our Respect Life Group as they pray the rosary in church before weekend Mass on Saturdays at 3:20 pm and on Sundays at 9:20 am. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Tom Wooten at 252-9649.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on The Ascension of the Lord.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we have the courage to defend our faith and share our witness joyfully with others.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER ASSOCIATION

You are invited to join our Holy Family Prayer Association! 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*. Visit www.msf-america.org and scroll down to the Prayer Association button, or call us toll free at 1-888-484-9945.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will have a special collection for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. (Envelopes are included in your monthly packet.)

CABRINI ENROLLMENT

St. Frances Cabrini Academy has resumed full in-person learning on Mondays-Thursdays! Enrollment is currently underway for the 2021-22 school year. We welcome families to contact us at 314-776-0883 for additional information.

MAY 16th, 2021

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 1,898.21
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,172.82
(Fiscal Year is July 2020 thru June 2021)	

Parish Appeal 2021	\$ 32.00
Maintenance	\$ 35.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 40.00

Stewardship Reflection

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” - 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has recorded pledges to date of \$3,950.00. Thank you to those who have already donated. There is still plenty of time to participate. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge soon. Let's work together to make our Challenge Goal of \$11,122.00 a reality. Your continued prayers for the success of the ACA are greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, our special collection is for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! Please be generous.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day;
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sundown
- Tuesday: St. John I
- Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena;
Julian Calendar Ascension
- Friday: St. Christopher Magellanes and
Companions
- Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia; Vigil of Pentecost

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 05/22/21, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Maury Prater
Cantor:	Ed Koeninger
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 05/23/21, at 10:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Paul Jolly
Cantors:	Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser
Musician:	John Harper

PUBLIC MASSES

Anyone who is ill, symptomatic (cough, sore throat, headache, fever, among others), 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 has mandated 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.

GOD OF WISDOM

God of Wisdom, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people.

UPCOMING MEETING

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this coming Tuesday, May 18th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

Praying in union with Mary, our Universal Mother, brings us into a closer relationship with Jesus, her Son and our Savior. We can serve Jesus better by serving one another, as Mary did. Pray the Rosary during the month of May.

FR. ANGELOT ANDRIAMAMITAHINA

Fr. Angelot will be leaving St. Wenceslaus this Monday, May 17th, for his new position in Donna, Texas. Our prayers and love will accompany you, Fr. Angelot. You will be missed!