

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



**Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 1, 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. 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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life. - John 6:27a

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 31st

7:45 AM Carmelita Pelch

4:00 PM + Ray Rancilio

Sunday, August 1st

10:00 AM + Ann & + Anton Seiter

Monday, August 2nd

7:45 AM + Dennis & + Salvadora DeMierre

Tuesday, August 3rd

7:45 AM The Pender Family

Wednesday, August 4th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Thursday, August 5th

7:45 AM Mary Moran

Friday, August 6th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, August 7th

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik

4:00 PM The Paur Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, Bob Blankmann, Margie Sosa Delgado, Judy Fabick, Don Fielder, Rosa Flores, Donna Frank, Pat Griffard, Dennis & Lisa Holland, Margaret Kalbac, Patrick Kennedy, Carolyn Koeninger, Sr. Marie Loeffler, Bonnie Martin, Maria Mendoza, Angel Mendoza, Cathy Miller, Mary Moran, Carmelita Pelch, Jim & Nancy Pender, Janet Pinski, Debbie Rappe, Frank Reichert, Marvin Rothweil, Tek Schaefer, Evelyn Williams, Ron & Marsha Williams, Shirley Wooten, Tom Wooten

PSR REGISTRATION

South City Deanery Parish School of Religion (PSR) provides Catholic religious education (Grade 1 to Confirmation Prep) for the children in parishes of the South City Deanery. Sessions are on Monday evenings, September through May, from 6:20 - 7:40 pm. For more program and registration information, flyers are available in the vestibule of the church.

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.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we recognize the difference between what we need and what we want and trust that God has provided us with enough to share.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

SUMMER READING

The online version of the summer issue of *The Messenger* magazine from the Missionaries of the Holy Family is now available at www.msf-america.org/about-us/messenger-magazine. Free printed copies are also available from the parish office. Be sure to check out the many family life articles. Free extra copies for your family and friends are also available from the provincial office in Saint Louis, at 1-888-484-9945 or mprater@msf-america.org.

CABRINI ENROLLMENT

Our parish school is currently enrolling grades kindergarten thru 8th for the 2021-2022 school year. All grades are open until 25 spots are filled. Call 776-0883, or e-mail secretary@cabriniacademy.org for more information.

FIVE STAR FOODIES

Five Star Center is looking to engage the community with a monthly food truck night. The event will be held on the second Thursday of the month, August through October, from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Drinks will be available to purchase, or you can bring your own. For more information, see the bulletin boards or call their office at 314-664-1008.

AUGUST 1st, 2021

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 3,247.00
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,544.18
(Fiscal Year is July 2021 thru June 2022)	
Parish Appeal 2021	\$ 200.00
Maintenance	\$ 127.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 88.00

Stewardship Reflection

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." - Exodus 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has recorded pledges to date of \$9,800.00, or 88% of our Challenge Goal of \$11,122.00. The campaign is closing very soon. If you are new to the parish, or haven't donated before, please consider making a pledge soon. Thank you!

UPCOMING MEETING

The **Fall Festival Committee** will meet on Thursday, August 12th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. All chair-persons please attend this very important meeting.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
Wednesday:	St. John Vianney
Thursday:	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Friday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 08/07/21, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Jim Teschner
Cantor:	(Congregational)
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 08/08/21, at 10:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Weldon Tieken
Cantor:	Lisa Holland
Musician:	John Harper

WEDDING BELLS

Our parish family extends our congratulations and best wishes to **Sean Doyle & Erin McCann** who entered into the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, July 31st.

May God bless and watch over you as you begin life's journey of faith together.

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.

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski has lifted the dispensation of the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as of July 1, 2021. Parishioners who are sick, homebound, immunocompromised and gravely concerned for their health retain the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, which has always been the case in normal times.

The mask mandate now only applies to all parish faithful who have not received a vaccination against the COVID-19 virus.

All other restrictions and measures at parishes will be determined by the parish pastor and what he deems is needed to provide for the safest possible environment.

We will continue 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.

125th ANNIVERSARY

Please plan to join us for a noon Bilingual Mass and luncheon reception on Sunday, September 26th, 2021 to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of St. Wenceslaus Parish and the Missionaries of the Holy Family. RSVP forms will be available beginning next week.