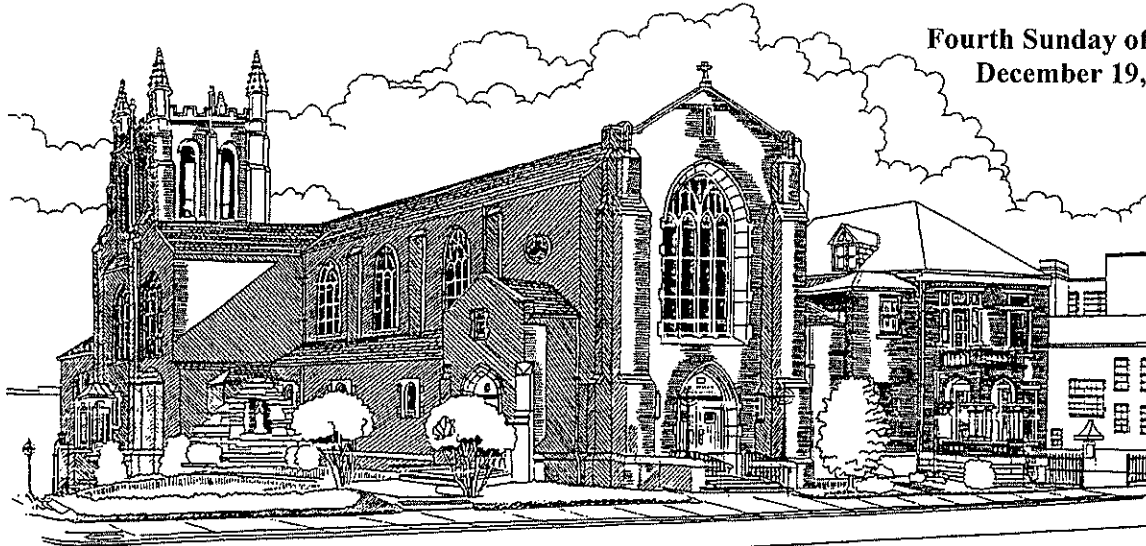


# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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



**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 19, 2021**

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## 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](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)

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted. - Psalm 80:15-16

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday, December 18th**

7:45 AM + Dennis Curtis

4:00 PM + Patricia M. Kennedy

#### **Sunday, December 19th**

10:00 AM + Tom Moran

#### **Monday, December 20th**

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

#### **Tuesday, December 21st**

7:45 AM Special Intention

#### **Wednesday, December 22nd**

7:45 AM + Bill Zib

#### **Thursday, December 23rd**

7:45 AM + Mike & + Neoma McDermott

#### **Friday, December 24th**

4:00 PM + Donald & + Genevieve Geisel

#### **Saturday, December 25th**

10:00 AM Very Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F.

4:00 PM + Harry Folkerth

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chris & Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, Jim Blankmann, Margie Sosa Delgado, Judy Fabick, Don Fielder, Rosa Flores, Donna Frank, Dennis & Lisa Holland, Margaret Kalbac, Patrick Kennedy, Carolyn Koeninger, Sr. Marie Loeffler, Cathy Miller, Mary Moran, Carmelita Pelch, Jim & Nancy Pender, Debbie Rappe, Mary Ray, Frank Reichert, Marvin Rothweil, Merion Rothweil, Tek Schaefer, Mary Wiedemann, Ron & Marsha Williams

### 125TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET

We would like everyone who is a part of our parish family to have a free copy of our booklet celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Founding of our Parish and the history of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. If you have not yet received a copy of the booklet, please contact Paul Jolly at the parish office.

### 2022 CALENDARS

Our new 2022 Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church. We gratefully acknowledge and thank **Kutis Funeral Home** for providing these to our parish family. Be sure to pick one up after Mass.

## WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we take time to properly prepare ourselves to celebrate Mass each Sunday.

### AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PRAYER BOOK

The *Holy Family Prayer Book: Prayers for Every Family* is available in English and Spanish from Liguori Publications. Just go to the website of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, [www.msf-america.org](http://www.msf-america.org), click "Caring for Your Family" and then click "Great Books." From there, an online order can be placed, or call 1-800-325-9521. Makes a great gift for the Christmas Season. Thank you!

### JESSE TREE

The **Jesse (Giving) Tree** is again available. Place your gift cards for needy families in the box beneath the tree. Thank you for helping those in need.

### TREE OF LIFE

Purchasing a leaf on our Tree of Life is one way that you can create a loving and lasting memory for a loved one or family during this Christmas Season while supporting our parish. Pamphlets are in the vestibule of the church.

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to the **Very Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F.** Provincial of the North American Province, and Parish Administrator here at St. Wenceslaus. Father Phil celebrates his birthday next Sunday, **December 26th**. Best wishes to you on your special day, Father Phil. May God bless you!

DECEMBER 19th, 2021

## GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections (as of 12/05/21) \$ 2,878.00

Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00

Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,269.22

(Fiscal Year is July 2021 thru June 2022)

Parish Appeal 2021 \$ 214.00

Maintenance \$ 140.00

Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 139.00

### Stewardship Reflection

**"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."**

(Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The **Seminary Christmas Collection** will take place on **Dec. 24th & 25th**. These men are responding to Christ's call to follow Him and are a gift to the Church and the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Please be generous.

**Missionaries of the Holy Family Collection** will be on **Dec. 25th & 26th**, the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Missionaries of the Holy Family have served our parish since 1960. Please be generous.

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 26th

Novena to the Holy Family begins this day and ends on Monday, January 3rd, with the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

Novena pamphlets are available in the vestibule of the church. You can also call (314) 577-6300 or e-mail [mprater@msf-america.org](mailto:mprater@msf-america.org). God bless your family!

## SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins  
Thursday: St. John of Kanty  
Friday: The Vigil of Christmas  
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* FRIDAY, 12/24/21, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector: Jim Teschner  
Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser  
Musician: John Harper

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 12/25/21, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly  
Cantor: Mary Pichler  
Musician: John Harper

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 12/25/21, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 12/26/21, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer  
Cantor: Mary Pichler  
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.

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski 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 still applies to all parish faithful.**

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.

## FALL FESTIVAL RESULTS

This year's Fall Festival made a profit of \$24,710.36, a very successful fundraiser. Thank you once again to everyone who worked, supported or helped in any way. It's wonderful that so many people were so very generous during this most difficult time. May God bless you all!

## CHRISTMAS WISHES

**A Most Blessed Celebration of Christmas to Everyone  
and Best Wishes for a Grace-filled Year 2022!**

**Very Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F. and Staff**