

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph
December 26, 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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. - 1 John 3:2a

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25th

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

4:00 PM + Harry Folkerth

Sunday, December 26th

10:00 AM Holy Family Novena

Monday, December 27th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Tuesday, December 28th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Wednesday, December 29th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Thursday, December 30th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Friday, December 31st

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

4:00 PM + Members of our Parish Family Who
Were Called Home by the Lord This Past Year

Saturday, January 1st

10:00 AM Holy Family Novena

(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

4:00 PM + Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

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.

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 feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That as grateful children of God, we remember to tell family and friends that we love them every day and to pray for those people that may annoy us.

FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

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. Please be sure to pick one up after Mass.

JESSE TREE

The **Jesse (Giving) Tree** is still 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 this Sunday, **December 26th**. Best wishes to you on your special day, Father Phil. May God bless you!

DECEMBER 26th, 2021

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections (as of 12/12/21) \$ 1,942.60
Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,255.61
(Fiscal Year is July 2021 thru June 2022)

Parish Appeal 2021	\$ 120.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 40.00

Stewardship Reflection

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."
(1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received - being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

FAMILY LIFE ROSARY

Have you seen the *Family Life Rosary* webpage from the Missionaries of the Holy Family? Please go to www.msf-america.org and find it under the category, *Prayers Devoted to the Holy Family*. There are family life meditations for all 20 Mysteries of the Rosary. These Rosary meditations and many other prayers are published in our *Holy Family Prayer Book*, which can also be purchased through the website.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents
Wednesday:	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Thursday:	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday:	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Saturday:	The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** FRIDAY, 12/31/21, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Weldon Tieken
Cantor:	Ed Koeninger
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SATURDAY, 01/01/22, at 10:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Dennis Holland
Cantor:	Lisa Holland
Musician:	John Harper

***** SATURDAY, 01/01/22, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Jim Teschner
Cantor:	Mary Bardo
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 01/02/22, 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.

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski lifted the dispensation of the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. 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.

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

Sunday, December 26th

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

Holy Family Novena pamphlets are available in the vestibule of the church. You are encouraged to come to Mass as often as possible during the Novena. You can also say the prayers at home as a family or wherever you may be.

Missionaries of the Holy Family Collection is this weekend, 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.