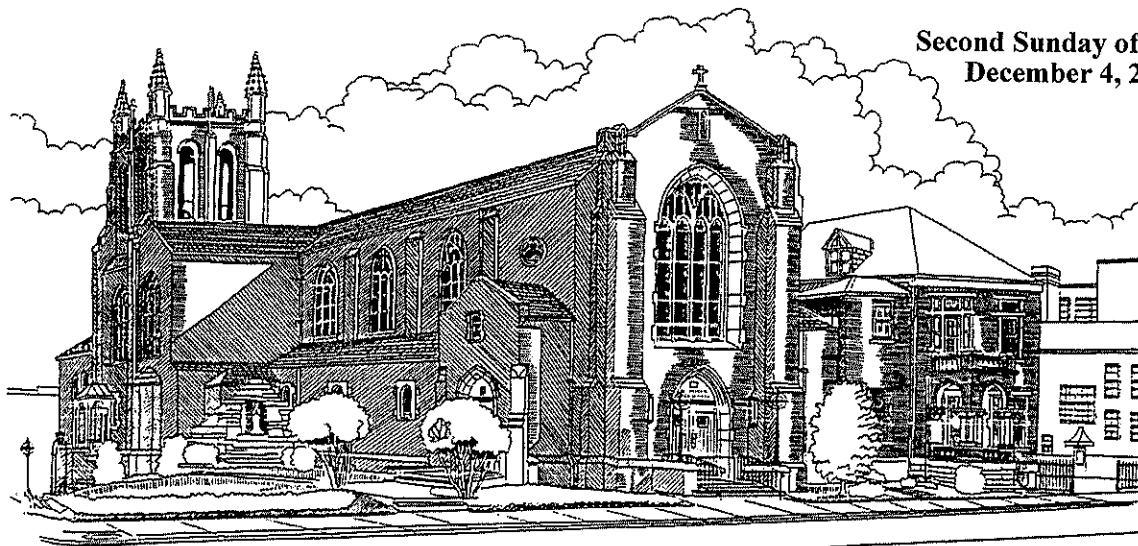


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

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

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(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

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. - Baruch 5:7

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3rd

7:45 AM + Tim Morrissey

4:00 PM + Carol King

Sunday, December 4th

10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, December 5th

7:45 AM + Lavern Edwards

Tuesday, December 6th

7:45 AM + Dr. Gary Michael Gutting

Wednesday, December 7th

7:45 AM Amanda Donovan Heiple

Thursday, December 8th

8:00 AM + Chris Paton

6:30 PM + Jim Blankmann

Friday, December 9th

7:45 AM + Dennis & + Salvadora DeMierre

Saturday, December 10th

7:45 AM + Ed & + Rhoda McGrail

4:00 PM + Janet Pinski

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chris & Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, Mary Margaret Czaplá, Margie Sosa Delgado, Judy Fabick, Don Fielder, Rosa Flores, Donna Frank, Dennis & Lisa Holland, Beverly Hutchinson, Margaret Kalbac, Milton Kempen, Patrick Kennedy, Bonnie Martin, Mary Moran, Carmelita Pelch, Jim & Nancy Pender, Debbie Rappe, Mary Ray, Frank Reichert, Marvin Rothweil, Merion Rothweil, Marge Rybacki, Tek Schaefer, Mary Wiedemann, Ron & Marsha Williams, Mary Zdrodowski

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner **Charles J. Russo, Sr.** who passed away this week. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

JESSE (GIVING) TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is again available. Please place your gift cards for needy families in the box beneath the tree. Your generosity during this special time of the year is greatly appreciated.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God.

HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

ADVENT BLESSINGS FROM CABRINI

A special thank you to everyone who attended and/or supported our annual auction. Your generosity allows us to continue to *Feed Our Families: Body, Mind, and Spirit!*

Advent blessings! At Cabrini, we celebrate the season and our school community in many ways: by praying together daily, gathering for our weekly Mass, and by sharing our musical gifts at our Advent programs. Our 2nd Graders are also preparing to receive their First Reconciliation on December 10th. We are joy-filled and hopeful as we wait for the coming of our Savior.

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, 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, and it has been awarded the prestigious Seal of Approval by the Catholic Writers Guild. Thank you and God bless your Family! +JMJ+

2023 CALENDARS

Our new 2023 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.

December 4th, 2022

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 1,242.00
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,298.48
(Fiscal Year is July 2022 thru June 2023)	

Parish Appeal 2022	\$ 205.00
Maintenance	\$ 00.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 00.00

Stewardship Reflection

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
- Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, we will have a special collection for our **St. Vincent De Paul Fund**. Your support is greatly needed to continue our ministry of serving the poor and needy. Envelopes are in the vestibule of the church.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** will meet this Monday, December 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The **Men's Club** will meet this Tuesday, December 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

WELCOME

Please join us as we extend a warm welcome to **Father Andre, M.S.F.**, and **Father Josselin, M.S.F.**, who are now in residence at our parish and will be studying English in preparation for their ministry here in the United States. Both priests are from Madagascar. Welcome Father Andre and Father Josselin!

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. Nicholas
Wednesday:	St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Thursday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Juan Diego
Saturday:	Our Lady of Loreto

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** Thursday, 12/08/22, at 8:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater

***** Thursday, 12/08/22, at 6:30 PM *****

Commentators & Lectors: Weldon Tieken

Cantors: Nanci Bernal
Ed Koeninger

Musicians: Spanish Choir
Barb Kellner
Ivan Aceves

***** SATURDAY, 12/10/22, at 4:00 PM *****

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

***** SUNDAY, 12/11/22, at 10:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
Cantor: Lisa Holland
Musician: John Harper

***** SUNDAY, 12/11/22, at 12:00 PM *****

Commentators & Lectors: Sintia Verduzco
Nanci Bernal
Cantors: Spanish Choir
Musician: Ivan Aceves

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8th, is the feast of the **Immaculate Conception** and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am and a Bilingual Mass at 6:30 pm.

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.

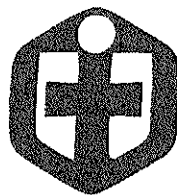
You are still encouraged to consider wearing a mask while in church.

We ask that everyone continue practicing social distancing whenever possible. This is deemed necessary to provide for the safest possible environment while in church.

PRESENTATION ON THE EUCHARIST

The Catholic Renewal Office of the Archdiocese of St. Louis encourages all parishioners to register and attend Dr. Feingold's presentation on the Eucharist. These presentations are being held monthly and focus on formation in this diocesan year of the Eucharistic Revival. For dates, times, locations, and for information on how to register, please see the bulletin boards, or you can call 314-792-7413.

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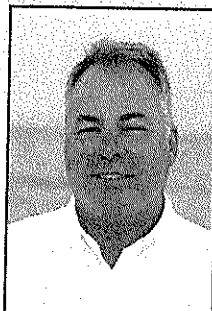
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