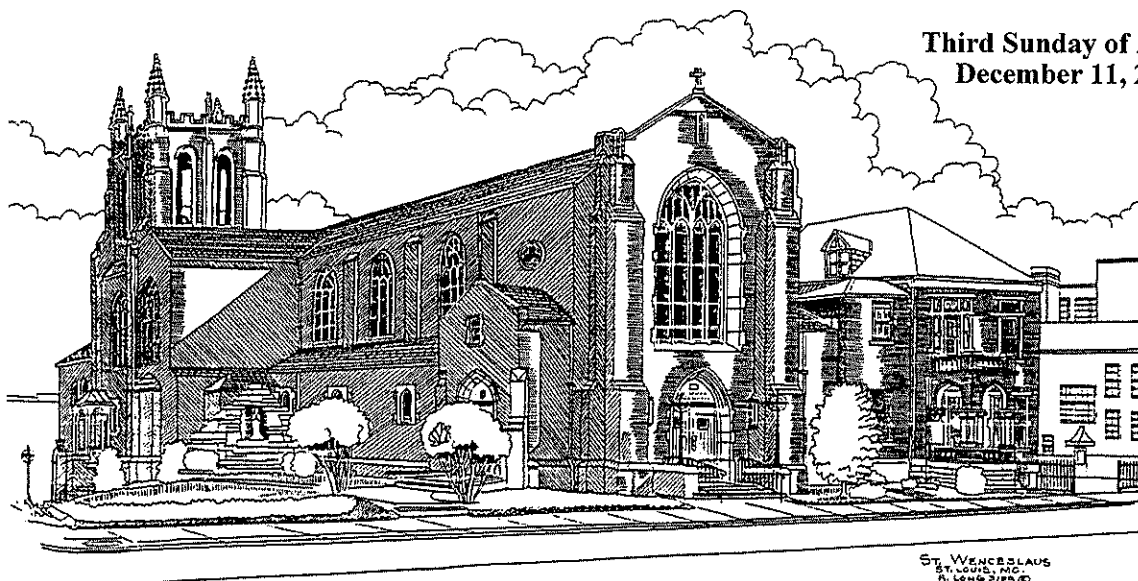


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 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
Rev. Benoit Ramanandraibe, M.S.F.
Rev. Andre Bemora, M.S.F.
Rev. Josselin Mamplandra, M.S.F.
Mr. Paul Jolly, Business Manager
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

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Deacon George Watson (314) 773-3070

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. - Isaiah 12:3

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 10th

7:45 AM + Ed & + Rhoda McGrail

4:00 PM + Janet Pinski

Sunday, December 11th

10:00 AM + Dennis Curtis

Monday, December 12th

7:45 AM + Jacob Folkerth

Tuesday, December 13th

7:45 AM + Mary Zlatic

Wednesday, December 14th

7:45 AM + John A. Fabick

Thursday, December 15th

7:45 AM + Deacon George Miller

Friday, December 16th

7:45 AM + Bill & + Arlene Martin

Saturday, December 17th

7:45 AM + Gene Smugala

4:00 PM + Patricia Kennedy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chris & Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, Mary Margaret Czapla, 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

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.

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 Third Sunday of Advent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That through daily prayer we gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.

THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

ADVENT BLESSINGS FROM CABRINI

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 this Saturday, 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 11th, 2022

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 1,940.50
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,282.92
(Fiscal Year is July 2022 thru June 2023)	

Parish Appeal 2022	\$ 58.00
Maintenance	\$ 73.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 78.00

Stewardship Reflection

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."
- James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

FALL FESTIVAL RESULTS

This year's Fall Festival made a profit of **\$32,293.24** a very successful fundraiser. Thank you once again to everyone who worked, supported or helped in any way. May God bless you all!

UPCOMING MEETING

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, December 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

CATHOLIC RADIO

As the liturgical year has ended and a new one has begun, tune in to Covenant Network for the best in Catholic radio programming to help you prepare your heart to receive the Christ Child this Christmas season. Tune in to AM 1080 WRYT on the radio or listen live on our free Covenant Network App or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday:	St. Lucy
Wednesday:	St. John of the Cross
Friday:	Las Posadas begins

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 12/17/22, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Maury Prater
Cantor:	Congregational
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 12/18/22, at 10:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Dennis Holland
Cantor:	Mary Pichler
Musician:	John Harper

***** SUNDAY, 12/18/22, at 12:00 PM *****

Commentators & Lectors:	Mariana Reyes Galeamo
	Fran Hernandez
Cantors:	Spanish Choir
Musician:	Ivan Aceves

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.

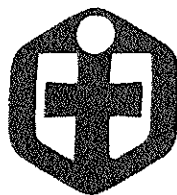
PRESENTATION ON THE EUCHARIST

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our special collection next weekend will benefit the Missionaries of the Holy Family. Very Rev. Philip Sosa, Rev. Benoit Ramanandraibe, Rev. Andre Bemora, and Rev. Josselin Mampandra serve at our parish, and they are members of the Missionaries of the Holy Family. Your gift will help the Missionaries continue to pastorally care for families, proclaiming the Holy Family as the standard of holiness for all families. The Missionaries of the Holy Family have served our parish since 1960. Please prayerfully consider making a donation. God bless your family! +JMJ+

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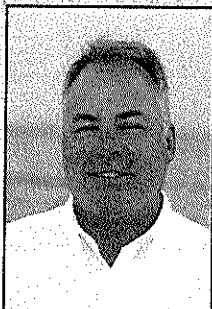
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