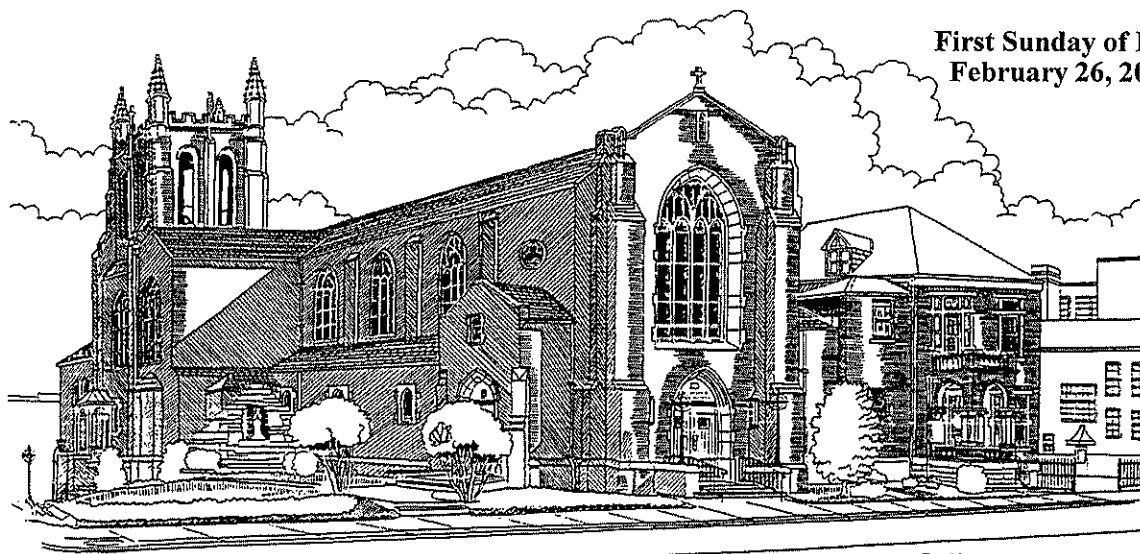


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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**First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023**

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. Andre Bemora, M.S.F.

Rev. Josselin Mampiandra, 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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
- Romans 10:8

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 25th

7:45 AM Carmelita Pelch

4:00 PM Jim Pender

Sunday, February 26th

10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, February 27th

7:45 AM + Harry Fabick

Tuesday, February 28th

7:45 AM + Bill & + Arlene Martin

Wednesday, March 1st

7:45 AM + Dennis Curtis

Thursday, March 2nd

7:45 AM + Dr. Gary Michael Gutting

Friday, March 3rd

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, March 4th

7:45 AM + Deacon George Miller

4:00 PM + Carolyn Koeninger

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,
Kathy & Kevin Harrington, 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, Kathy Richardson,
Marvin Rothweil, Merion Rothweil, Marge Rybacki,
Tek Schaefer, Don Schuler, Marsha Williams,
Mary Zdrodowski

LENT: PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING

Have you heard of Gregorian Masses? These are a series of thirty (30) consecutive Masses celebrated exclusively for the release of one Soul in Purgatory as recommended by Pope Saint Gregory the Great. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most powerful prayer for your dearly departed loved ones. The provincial office of the Missionaries of the Holy Family accepts requests for Gregorian Masses. The suggested minimum donation is \$200. Requests are received online at www.msf-america.org, or call 1-888-484-9945.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH
We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the First Sunday of Lent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we prune ourselves of earthly things and nurture and develop heavenly things.

WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements for 2022 are available. Contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office at 314-865-1020 to request your statement.

CATHOLIC RADIO

Journey through Lent with Covenant Network Catholic radio as your daily companion. Excellence in broadcasting combined with the Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other devotions will help keep you focused on a fruitful Lenten season. There will be special Lenten programming throughout the season to help you on your Lenten journey. Tune in to WRYT 1080 AM or listen anytime on our Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our parish is sponsoring a Blood Drive this **Saturday, March 4th**, in our Parish Hall from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Appointments are required. For more information, flyers are available in the vestibule of the church, or you can call Scott Brouk at 314-773-7828. Please support this good cause.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner **Mary Wiedemann** who passed away recently. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

February 26th, 2023

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 2,176.75
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,386.02

(Fiscal Year is July 2022 thru June 2023)

Parish Appeal 2023	\$ 95.00
Maintenance	\$ 65.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 110.00

Stewardship Reflection

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" - Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CABRINI

St. Frances Cabrini Academy is now enrolling for the 2023-24 school year. Please contact the office at 314-776-0883 for additional information. During this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, please know of our continued prayers for each of our parish communities.

FISH FRY

The Church of the Magdalen & Knights of Columbus #453, located at 4924 Bancroft, are having their fish fries on Fridays during Lent from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation, TTEF, scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 school year ends on February 28th. Flyers are in the vestibule of the church. For questions, you can call Laura George at 314-792-7623, or email ttef@archstl.org.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Gregory of Narek; Julian Calendar Lent begins
Friday:	St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday:	St. Casimir; First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/04/23, at 4:00 PM *****

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

***** SUNDAY, 03/05/23, at 10:00 AM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Kathy Styer
Cantors:	Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser
Musician:	John Harper

***** SUNDAY, 03/05/23, at 12:00 PM *****

Commentators & Lectors:	Mariana Reyes Galeamo Sintia Verduzco
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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are being held on **all Wednesdays during Lent at 6:30 pm** in the church. Please make this special time each week a part of your Lenten Journey.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will sponsor and attend this week's service on **March 1st**. Please join us!

PSR FUNDRAISER

Help South City Parish School of Religion raise money with a Spirit Night on Wednesday, March 8th, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. For more information, flyers are available in the vestibule of the church.

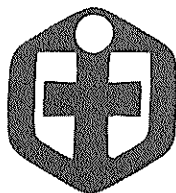
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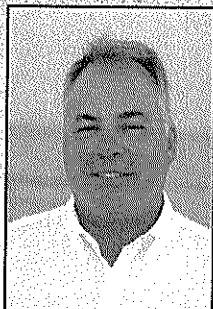
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