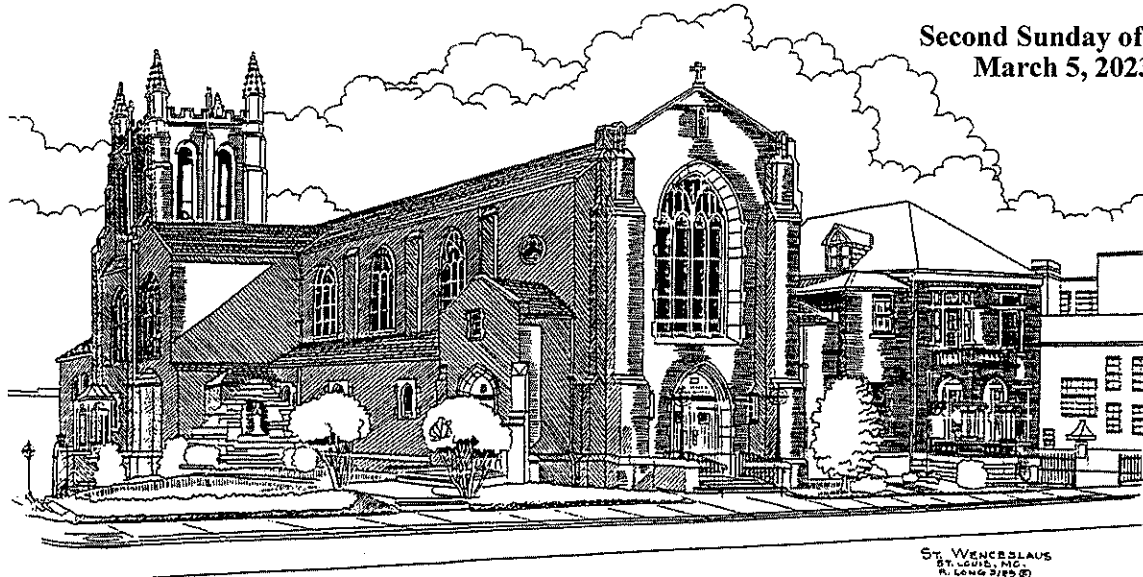


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**Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023**

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
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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? - Psalm 27:1

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 4th

7:45 AM + Deacon George Miller

4:00 PM + Carolyn Koeninger

Sunday, March 5th

10:00 AM + Gus Rivituso

Monday, March 6th

7:45 AM + Mary Zlatic

Tuesday, March 7th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Wednesday, March 8th

7:45 AM + Chris Paton

Thursday, March 9th

7:45 AM Paul Jolly

Friday, March 10th

7:45 AM + Cathy Miller

Saturday, March 11th

7:45 AM + Lavern Edwards

4:00 PM + Carol King

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 Second Sunday of Lent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide all that we need.

TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

The **Men's Club** will meet this Tuesday, March 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the people who worked so very hard to make our **Trivia Night** such a wonderful success. This year's event recognized a profit of **\$5,205.00**. Congratulations to Mike & Sue Ebert and their table for finishing first. Special thanks to Kathy Styer for chairing this event, and to everyone who supported this fundraiser in any way. We greatly appreciate your time and effort. God bless you all!

March 5th, 2023

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

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| Last Week's Collections | \$ 2,224.00 |
| Weekly Collection Goal | \$ 2,700.00 |
| Average Collection Fiscal Year | \$ 2,381.39 |
| (Fiscal Year is July 2022 thru June 2023) | |

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| Parish Appeal 2023 | \$ 55.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 00.00 |
| Food for the Poor SVDP | \$ 00.00 |

Stewardship Reflection

**"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."
- Genesis 12:1**

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

SPECIAL COLLECTION

At the request of Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis, we will have a second collection next weekend to support emergency relief efforts in both Syria and Turkey. Organizations are working with local authorities in bringing displaced people to safe spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Please be generous and support this special collection.

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.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Sunday: | Second Sunday of Lent |
| Monday: | Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset |
| Tuesday: | Ss. Perpetua and Felicity |
| Wednesday: | St. John of God |
| Thursday: | St. Frances of Rome |
| Friday: | Abstinence |

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/11/23, at 4:00 PM *****

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

***** SUNDAY, 03/12/23, at 10:00 AM *****

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

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

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| Commentators & Lectors: | Sonia Ayala Ticha Bueno |
| 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 **Ladies of Mary** will sponsor and attend this week's service on **March 8th**. Please join us!

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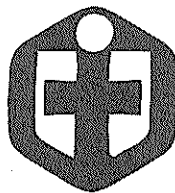
Help South City Parish School of Religion raise money with a Spirit Night this Wednesday, March 8th, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. For more information, flyers are available in the vestibule of the church.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person*, and reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God and not from any of our own actions. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people.

Thank you for making CRS' Operation Rice Bowl a part of your Lenten Journey!

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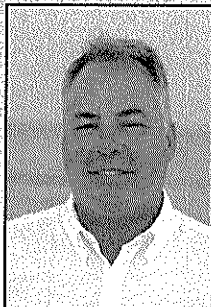
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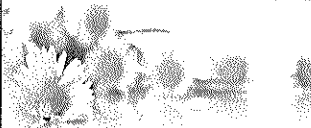
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