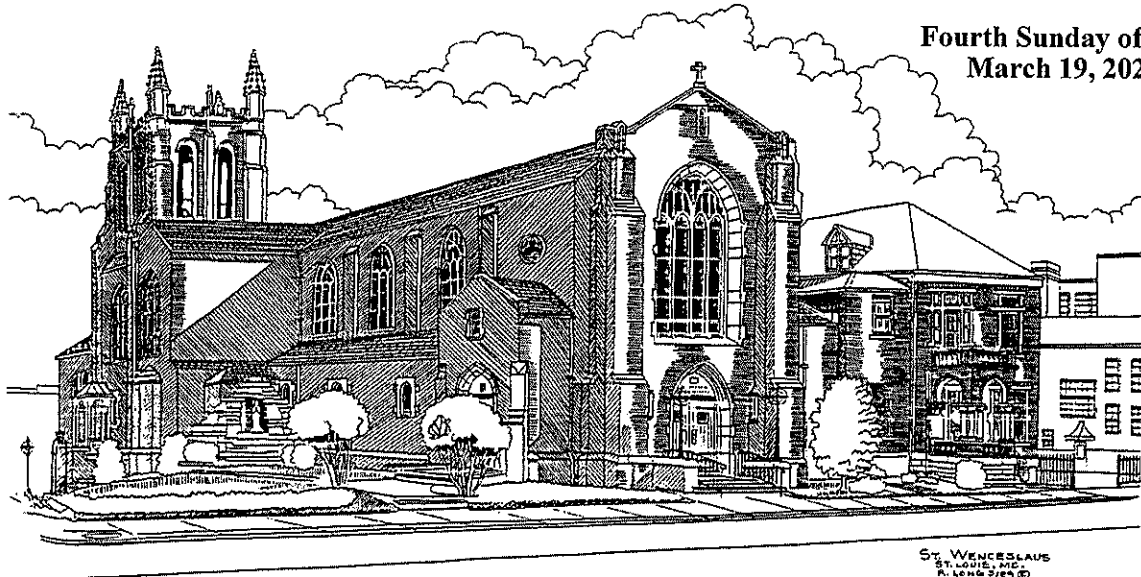


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 18th

7:45 AM + Charles Russo, Sr.

4:00 PM Barb Hoeing

Sunday, March 19th

10:00 AM + Fr. Joe Roelke, M.S.F.

Monday, March 20th

7:45 AM Bonnie Martin

Tuesday, March 21st

7:45 AM + Janet Pinski

Wednesday, March 22nd

7:45 AM Jim Pender

Thursday, March 23rd

7:45 AM + Jim Blankmann

Friday, March 24th

7:45 AM Maureen Morrissey

Saturday, March 25th

7:45 AM + Dennis Curtis

4:00 PM + Joseph & + Ann Rempe

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, 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we are less concerned about our outward appearance and more concerned with our interior conversion of heart.

SEEING THE LIGHT

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

UPCOMING MEETING

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Tuesday, March 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

DIAPER DRIVE

The **Permanent Diaconate Community** is once again sponsoring an annual Diaper Drive. All diapers: infant, child are welcomed, even wipes, creams, etc. There is currently a special need for the larger size diapers, 3's, 4's, and 5's. What is collected will be donated to Our Lady's Inn. Place your donations with the food donations located in the vestibule of the church. The Drive runs Saturday, March 18th, through Sunday, March 26th. Please support this charitable cause that was so important to Deacon George Miller. Thank you!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Father Phil Sosa will commission our Parish Pastoral Council Members next **Sunday, March 26th**, at the Noon Mass. Please consider attending this Mass to familiarize yourself with our current members: Rich Olliges (President), Weldon Tieken (Vice-President), Tom Wooten (Secretary), Scott Brouk, Bill Kren, Ricardo Reyes, Debbie Seiter, Sintia Verduzco, and Sonya Valentine.

We also acknowledge and thank out-going members Charles Kubik, Ana Mendoza and Kathy Styer for their years of service. May God bless you for all your time and effort.

March 19th, 2023

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 2,077.00
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,415.37
(Fiscal Year is July 2022 thru June 2023)	

Parish Appeal 2023	\$ 30.00
Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 65.00

Stewardship Reflection

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."
- 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's Love** to those most in need.

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.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

Visit St. Mary's High School on **March 31st** for a day of fun and discovery from 8:00 am - noon. For more information, flyers are available in the vestibule of the church.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday:	St. Toribius of Mogrovejo
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	The Annunciation of the Lord

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/25/23, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater
Cantors: Mary Bardo & Sharon Farrell
Musician: Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 03/26/23, at 10:00 AM *****

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

***** SUNDAY, 03/26/23, at 12:00 PM *****

Commentators & Lectors: Nanci Bernal
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 22nd**. Please join us!

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our parish is holding a Lenten Reconciliation Service on **Saturday, March 25th**, from 3:00 - 3:50 pm. We will have priests available to hear your confession. Use this opportunity to go to confession during the Lenten Season.

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!

