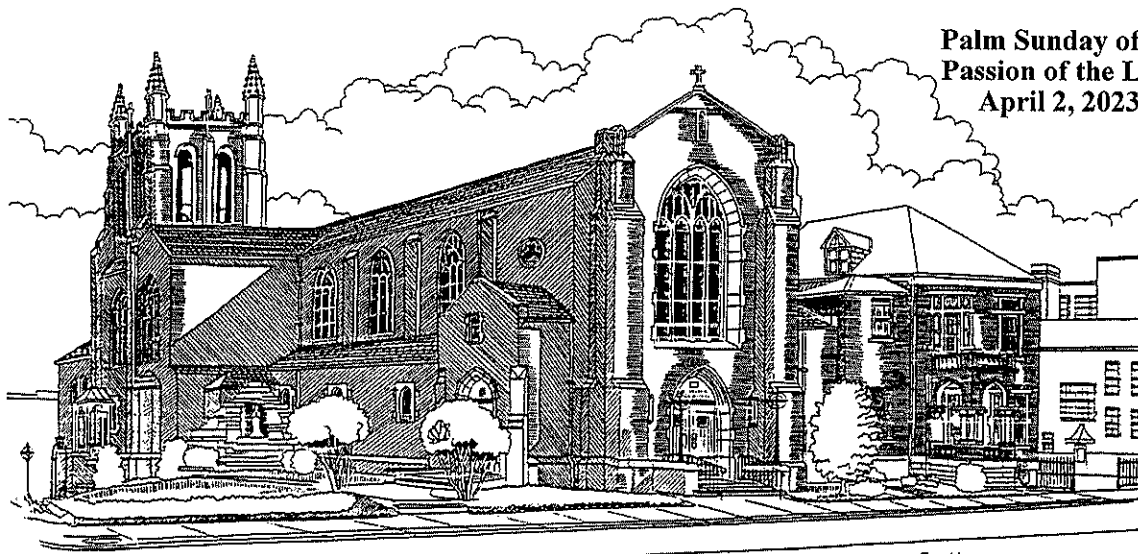


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
April 2, 2023**

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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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.
- Isaiah 50:7a

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 1st

7:45 AM + Barb & + Wally Schelbrink
4:00 PM + Bill Hejlek

Sunday, April 2nd

10:00 AM + Marcella Keim

Monday, April 3rd

7:45 AM + Lavern Edwards

Tuesday, April 4th

7:45 AM + Helen Weaver

Wednesday, April 5th

7:45 AM + Jane Fabick

Holy Thursday, April 6th

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM + Deacon George Miller
(Adoration until 10:00 p.m.)

Good Friday, April 7th

1:30 PM Stations of the Cross
& Chaplet of Divine Mercy

7:00 PM **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil, April 8th

7:00 PM + Chris Paton

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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we learn to put other's needs before our own and help our neighbor "carry his cross".

ENCOUNTER WITH THE CROSS

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

We will have a special collection for the **Holy Land** on **Good Friday, April 7th**. Your support helps the church minister in parishes and offer religious education. It also helps preserve the sacred shrines and provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

The annual collection for **Retired Priests** (Regina Cleri) will be on **Easter Sunday, April 9th**. Opened as a home for retired archdiocesan priests in 1959, many of these priests continue to assist in parishes, nursing homes and hospitals. (Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church.)

GOOD FRIDAY

The church will be open on Good Friday, **April 7th**, from noon until 3:00 pm for prayer and reflection. The **Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will take place beginning at 1:30 pm. Please plan to attend!

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the soul of long-time parishioner **Frank Brettle** who passed away recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

April 2nd, 2023

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 1,529.50
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,376.74
(Fiscal Year is July 2022 thru June 2023)	

Parish Appeal 2023	\$ 95.00
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 60.00

Stewardship Reflection

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." - Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** will meet this Monday, April 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The **Men's Club** will meet this Tuesday, April 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday:	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday:	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday:	Wednesday of Holy Week; Passover (Jewish celebration) begins at sunset
Thursday:	Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday:	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence
Saturday:	Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** HOLY THURSDAY, 04/06/23, at 7:00 PM *****

Commentators & Lectors: R1 - Paul Jolly
R2 - Ticha Bueno
Cantors: Lisa Holland & Spanish Choir
Musicians: Barb Kellner & Ivan Aceves

***** GOOD FRIDAY, 04/07/23, at 7:00 PM *****

Commentators & Lectors: R1 - Weldon Ticken
R2 - Irene Rivas
Narrator for the Passion: Jim Teschner
Cantors: Mary Pichler & Spanish Choir
Musicians: John Harper & Ivan Aceves

***** HOLY SATURDAY, 04/08/23, at 7:00 PM *****

Commentators & Lectors: Maury Prater
R1 - Dennis Holland
R2 - Nanci Bernal
R3 - Jim Teschner
R4 - Nanci Bernal
Cantors: Lisa Holland & Ed Koeninger
Mary Bardo & Spanish Choir
Musicians: Barb Kellner & John Harper

**** EASTER SUNDAY, 04/09/23, at 10:00 AM ****

Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly
Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser
Musician: John Harper

**** EASTER SUNDAY, 04/09/23, at 12:00 PM ****

Commentators & Lectors: Nanci Bernal
Ticha Bueno
Cantors: Spanish Choir
Musician: Ivan Aceves

PUBLIC MASSES

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.

HOLY WEEK CHANGES

To follow the Archdiocesan directives for Holy Week, we will make the following changes: On Holy Thursday, there will be **no washing of the feet**. On Good Friday, there will be **no kissing at the Veneration of the Cross**, instead, you will be invited to either bow, touch or genuflect. On Holy Saturday, **candles will not be handed out**, instead, they will be made available at the entrance of the church for you to take one as you enter.

