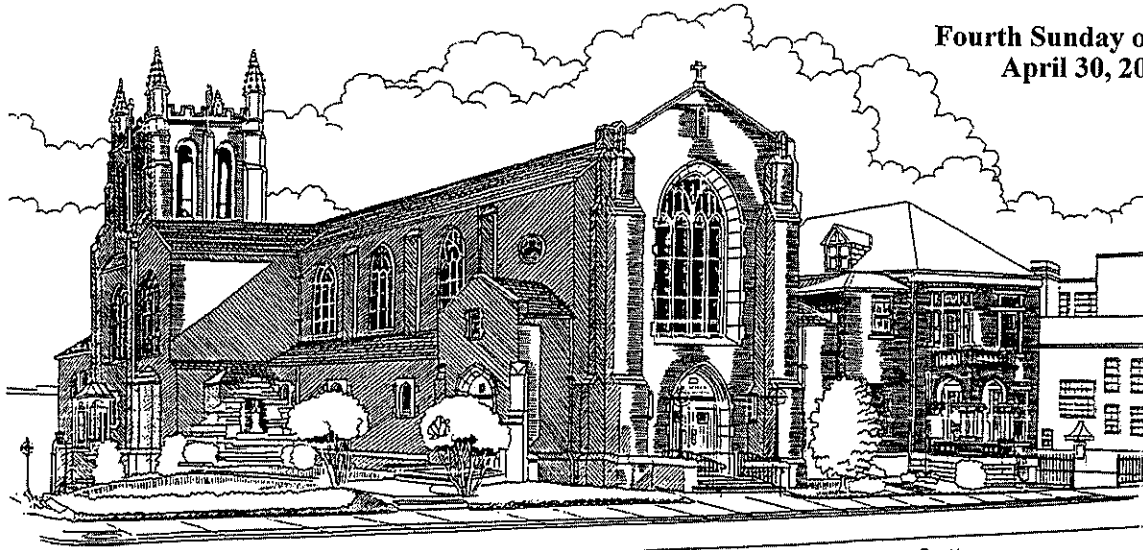


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."
- Acts 13:47b

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 29th

7:45 AM + Gene Smugala

4:00 PM + Carolyn Koeninger

Sunday, April 30th

10:00 AM + Betty & + Bob Blankmann

Monday, May 1st

7:45 AM Fr. Andre Bemora, M.S.F.

Tuesday, May 2nd

7:45 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, May 3rd

7:45 AM + Chris Paton

Thursday, May 4th

7:45 AM + Janet Pinski

Friday, May 5th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, May 6th

7:45 AM Carmelita Pelch

4:00 PM + Charles Russo, Sr.

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, Marvin Rothweil, Merion Rothweil, Marge Rybacki, Teresita Sanchez, Tek Schaefer, Don Schuler, Marsha Williams, Mary Zdrodowski

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER ASSOCIATION

You are invited to join our Holy Family Prayer Association! Who knows better the difficulties and challenges faced by families today than parents and grandparents themselves? The Missionaries of the Holy Family are seeking partnerships in prayer. There are no fees to join the prayer association, plus you will receive a free Holy Family religious medal and a pocket version of our *Holy Family Prayer Book*. Interested in learning more? Please visit www.msf-america.org and scroll down to the Prayer Association button, or call us toll free at 1-888-484-9945. God bless your family!

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Fourth Sunday of Easter.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That as we struggle to live a faith-filled life, we recognize we are not alone. Jesus is there to help guide us.

A FORETASTE OF PARADISE

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a "great multitude" worshiping God "day and night in his temple." Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has recorded pledges to date of \$1,400.00. Thank you to those who have already donated. Let's work together to make our Challenge Goal of \$12,052.00 a reality. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge soon. Chairpersons Matt & Barb Kellner will be available in the vestibule of the church asking for your support and accepting your pledge. Your continued prayers for the success of the ACA are greatly appreciated.

THE MASS

The Parish Council is hosting the viewing of Bishop Robert Barron's highly acclaimed DVD: *THE MASS* on the following Wednesdays: April 19 & 26, and May 3 & 10. Each session covering different parts of the Mass will begin at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Rich Olliges at (314) 323-7688, or see the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Judith Baumeier**, wife of Ervin Baumeier, who passed away. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

April 30th, 2023

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 2 858.50
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,410.40
(Fiscal Year is July 2022 thru June 2023)	

Parish Appeal 2023	\$ 295.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 85.00

Stewardship Reflection

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'"
- Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within - a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will have a special collection for our **St. Vincent De Paul Fund**. Your support is greatly needed to continue our ministry of serving the poor and needy. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Please be generous to this important cause.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CABRINI

St. Frances Cabrini Academy is still enrolling for the 2023-24 school year. Please contact the office at 314-776-0883 for additional information. Please know of our continued prayers for each of our parish communities.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Monday:	St. Joseph the Worker
Tuesday:	St. Athanasius
Wednesday:	Ss. Philip and James, Apostles
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer
Friday:	Cinco de Mayo; First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday

**May the sacred joy of the Risen Lord Jesus
be with you this Easter Season and always!**

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 05/06/23, at 4:00 PM *****

Commentator & Lector:	Weldon Tieken
Cantor:	Congregational
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 05/07/23, at 10:00 AM *****

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

***** SUNDAY, 05/07/23, at 12:00 PM *****

Commentators & Lectors:	Sonia Ayala Ticha Bueno
Cantors:	Spanish Choir
Musician:	Ivan Aceves

PUBLIC MASSES

You are still encouraged to consider wearing a mask while in church. We also ask that everyone continue practicing social distancing whenever possible. This is deemed necessary to provide for the safest possible environment while in church.

All other changes and measures at parishes will continue to be determined by the parish pastor.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** will meet this Monday, May 1st, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The **Men's Club** will meet this Tuesday, May 2nd, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

BAKE SALE

The **Ladies of Mary** will be hosting a bake sale after all the Mother's Day Masses on **May 13th and 14th**. Please support this fundraiser.

MOTHER'S DAY MASSES

To remember your loved ones, living or deceased, we have Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet envelopes and cards available in the vestibule of the church. Please fill these out for our Mother's Day Masses and return no later than May 11th. Honor all Mothers!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to **Father Andre Bemora, M.S.F.** who will celebrate his birthday this Monday, May 1st. Thank you Fr. Andre for all you do for our parish family. We are happy to have you here at St. Wenceslaus. May God grant you His peace and blessings on your special day and always!

