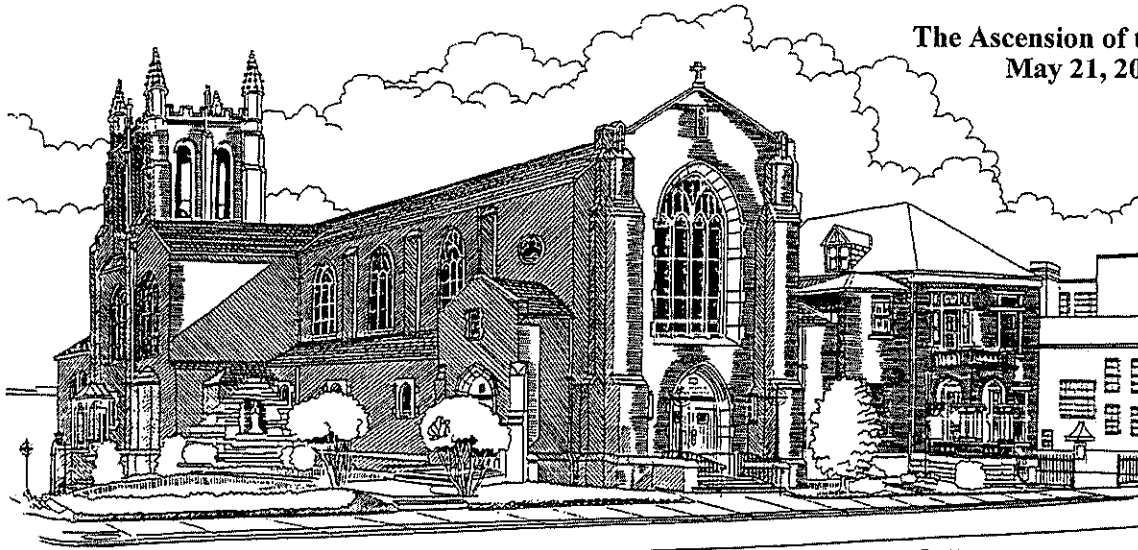


# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

*Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960*



The Ascension of the Lord  
May 21, 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](http://www.stwenceslaus.website)

### MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

[www.msf-america.org](http://www.msf-america.org)

### SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

[stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net)

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord,  
amid trumpet blasts. - Psalm 47:6

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday, May 20th**

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

4:00 PM + Ervin Roelke

#### **Sunday, May 21st**

10:00 AM + Deacon George Miller

#### **Monday, May 22nd**

7:45 AM + Carolyn Koeninger

#### **Tuesday, May 23rd**

7:45 AM + Betty & + Bob Blankmann

#### **Wednesday, May 24th**

7:45 AM + Gene Smugala

#### **Thursday, May 25th**

7:45 AM Carmelita Pelch

#### **Friday, May 26th**

7:45 AM + Jean Fabick

#### **Saturday, May 27th**

7:45 AM + Chris Paton

4:00 PM + Janet Pinski

### 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](http://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!

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

### WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on The Ascension of the Lord.

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we learn to pray not only in bad times, but also in good times. Pray for family, friends and those that may not treat us well.

### SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterword to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, our parish will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

### 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has recorded pledges to date of **\$4,100.00**. 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.

### GRIZZLIES BASEBALL GAME

Our **Men's Club** is sponsoring a night at the Grizzlies baseball game on June 13th. This is open to all men of the parish. If interested, contact Charlie Reichert no later than June 4th. He can be reached at 314-752-9302.

May 21st, 2023

## GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 2,405.50
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,415.38
(Fiscal Year is July 2022 thru June 2023)	

Parish Appeal 2023	\$ 00.00
Maintenance	\$ 15.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 20.00

### Stewardship Reflection

**"I am praying for them..." - John 17:9**

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, our special collection is for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio and print media. Your support helps spread the Gospel Message! Please be generous.

## THANK YOU FROM CABRINI ACADEMY!

This time of year is filled with a great sense of satisfaction as we reflect on the success of the current school year and look forward with hope to the next. God has blessed us with a vibrant school community. **Please help us grow!** Through great love and generosity we have accomplished much. Your support of our students and academic programs allows us to make a life-changing impact. You may contact me directly at: [Caroline.Koetting@CabriniAcademy.org](mailto:Caroline.Koetting@CabriniAcademy.org). Thank You!

## SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day; World Day for Cultural Diversity
Monday:	St. Rita of Cascia
Thursday:	St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene
Friday:	St. Philip Neri
Saturday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 05/27/23, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentator & Lector:	Jim Teschner
Cantor:	Congregational
Musician:	Barb Kellner

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 05/28/23, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 05/28/23, at 12:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Commentators & Lectors:	Gina Galeamo Nanci Bernal
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.

## TAILGATE SALE

Our Men's Club is hosting a Tailgate Sale on **Saturday, June 3rd**, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. To reserve a space @ \$20.00 each, (good through May 31st), you can contact Tom Wooten at 314-252-9649, or the parish office at 314-865-1020. Please support this fundraiser!

## MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

Praying in union with Mary, our Universal Mother, brings us into a closer relationship with Jesus, her Son and our Savior. We can serve Jesus better by serving one another, as Mary did. Pray the Rosary during the month of May.

## ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the **Very Rev. Philip Sosa, M.S.F.**, Parish Administrator and Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, North American Province, who will celebrate his **55th Anniversary** of Ordination to the Priesthood on **Thursday, June 1st**.

Thank you, Father Phil, for your many years of ministry and service and for being here with us at St. Wenceslaus. Your dedication and loyalty is greatly appreciated. May God's peace and blessings be yours on this special day and always.

