

## **“Welcome to those who join us on the internet”**

At the start of every mass, we hear Deacon Martin say, “Welcome to St. Wenceslaus, and welcome to those who join us on the internet.” But have you ever wondered, “How many people actually watch these videos?”

To answer that question, I’ve been keeping track of that information since we moved everything to a new Facebook site back in March, 2022 in order to avoid some technical problems that plagued our former site. Since then (March 12, 2022 to June 25, 2023), there have been 134 possible weekend masses, with 121 actual weekend masses once one accounts for the suspended Saturday services at St. Wenceslaus. During that time period we recorded 114 videos, with only 7 masses missed due to network errors, etc. That translates to an impressive 94.2% recording coverage of our weekend masses, which were watched by a total of 1,555 viewers. We also recorded holiday masses, weddings, and funerals, which are not included in these figures.

We also have improved the stability of our videos as best as we can (given our relatively poor internet service). We updated to a brand new computer several weeks ago in order to keep the system up-to-date. We also ran an “Ethernet” cable from the rectory to the church to avoid losses of signal that were a result of the long distance involved in our wireless connectivity. The upgrades have seemed to help a lot in terms of better quality videos and reliability of the system.

If you look at the graph below, you will see that our efforts are paying off, with a steady increase in viewership over the past months. We hope this trend continues so that our masses can be enjoyed by an expanding audience. Pass the word along to your friends. Our Facebook site is at: <https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Wenceslaus-of-Gills-Pier/100067132621450/>; the video page is accessed directly at: <https://www.facebook.com/100067132621450/videos/>. When the system is operating, all masses can be viewed live as they are presented. God bless you and all of our viewers!

-- Don Les

St Wenceslaus Mass Video Views

