

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2015

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. James E. Wuerth, M.S.F., Pastor
Deacon George W. Miller
Mr. Paul Jolly, Business Manager
Mr. Ron Williams, Parish Maintenance
Mr. Bob Bollinger, Parish Maintenance

MASSES FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 AM

MASSES FOR WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday
7:45 AM in the Annex Chapel

MASSES FOR HOLYDAYS

Eve before Holyday 6:00 PM
Holyday - 8:00 AM

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

Deborah Halter (314) 773-3070

ST. FRANCES CABRINI ACADEMY 776-0883

COMMUNION CALLS

To have Communion brought to your home contact the Parish Office.

NOVENA

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal 9:45 AM on Sunday.

LADIES OF MARY 1st Monday of Month 6:30 PM
in the Parish Center

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

1st Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Church
1st Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel

LITURGY COMMITTEE When announced

MEN'S CLUB 1st Tuesday of Month 6:30 PM in the Parish Center

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

3rd Tuesday of Month 7:00 PM in the Parish Center

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

PARISH WEB SITE ADDRESS:

www.stwenceslaus.catholicweb.com

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO: stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. — Psalm 72:11

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 3rd

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena
4:00 PM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

Sunday, January 4th

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Holy Family Novena

Monday, January 5th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Tuesday, January 6th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Wednesday, January 7th

7:45 AM + Susie Pinski

Thursday, January 8th

7:45 AM Eula Ferrell

Friday, January 9th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, January 10th

7:45 AM + Sue Baskin
4:00 PM + Gladys Reichert

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fred Ackermann, Emmanuel Aziz, Jerry Bielicke, Jim Blankmann, Debbie Conley, Rich Cullen, Dennis Curtis, Don Fielder, Jim Finn, Rosa Flores, Donna Frank, Joshua Galaster, Lon Griffard, Patricia Kennedy, Fr. John Lombardi, M.S.F., Tom Malle, Gerald Mengwasser, Marion Mentzer, Carmelle Minton, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Ruth Paddock, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Judy Plassmeyer, Ray Rancilio, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Katie Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Ariane Sery, Mary Siess, Pat Thomas, Wilma Turnbull, Mary Ullo, Joseph Waelterman, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Sister Janet Winogrocki, O.S.F., Sheila Wright

JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree will be available through next Sunday, January 11th, for anyone who would still like to give a special gift to our Parish Food Pantry.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held **this Wednesday, January 7th**, at 6:00 pm in the church.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That, like the Magi, we generously share our gifts with the Lord, trusting He will provide all that we need.

PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a “postpartum” depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression “partners in the promise.” This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring; it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

JOY TO THE WORLD!

Throughout this Christmas season, enjoy many presentations perfect for the entire family on **EWTN**. To find the EWTN Channel in your area, please call 205-271-2900.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY FAMILY

The Novena to the Holy Family which began last Sunday, December 28th, will end this Monday, January 5th, with the 7:45 a.m. Mass. Please come to Mass if possible. You can also say the prayers at home as a family or wherever you are.

CABRINI NEWS

Our parish school is once again selling **Handmade Tamales**. Through January 13th, you can order tamales at \$15/dozen. Pick-up is on Sunday, January 18th, at the school. Order forms are available in the vestibule of the church.

2015 CALENDARS

Our 2015 Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church. We gratefully acknowledge and thank **Kutis Funeral Home** for providing these to our parish family.

JANUARY 4th, 2015

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 1,804.91
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,363.58
(All Collection Data as of 12/21/14)	
Parish Appeal 2014	\$ 165.00
Maintenance	\$ 55.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 00.00

Stewardship Reflection

"...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." — Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

DECEMBER PASS-THE-CASH

- \$50 WINNER:** McKenzie Bethea
- \$25 WINNERS:** Marian Burke, Shirley Becker
Joan Hackett, Monica Fingerhut

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** will meet this Monday, January 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The **Men's Club** will meet this Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. (Note the change of date).

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We are asking everyone who can help take down and put away decorations to join us following the 10:00 am Mass next Sunday, January 11th.

FALL FESTIVAL 2015

It's not too early to think about this year's Fall Festival. If you find some great sale items, please keep our Christmas booth and other booths & auctions in mind.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
- Monday: St. John Neumann
- Tuesday: St. Andre Bessette
- Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

******* SATURDAY, 01/10/15, at 4:00 PM *******

- Extraordinary Ministers: Leon Frigillana
Joan Frigillana
- To Choir & Disabled: Charles Reichert
- Commentator & Lector: Maurice Prater
- Server: Melanie Hernandez
- Cantor: Sister Lorraine
- Musician: Richard Carr

******* SUNDAY, 01/11/15, at 8:00 AM *******

- Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Ann Gajdosik
Jody James
- To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
- Commentator & Lector: Darlene Doerr
- Servers: Theresa & Tina Nguyen
- Cantor: Lisa Holland
- Musician: Richard Carr

******* SUNDAY, 01/11/15, at 10:00 AM *******

- Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Pichler
Rich Olliges
- To Choir & Disabled: Jan Harper
- Commentator & Lector: Mike Ackermann
- Servers: Ismael & Teresa Aguayo
- Cantor: Amanda Mendez
- Musician: John Harper

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be held **Saturday, February 28th**, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Tables of up to 10 are \$20 per person. This includes drinks (beer, wine, soda and water), snacks, and paper products. Basket Raffles are also planned, so please consider donating any extra Christmas gifts as a prize for our event. Thank you!

To make reservations, or for more information, flyers are available in the vestibule of the church, or call Kathy Styer at (314) 588-0770. Please support this fundraising event.

BAKE SALE

The Ladies of Mary are hosting a Bake Sale next weekend, **January 10th & 11th**, after all the Masses. If you wish to donate items for the sale, please bring them before Mass. Monetary donations are also gladly accepted.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who helped or assisted in any way in preparation for The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. To those who decorated the church, helped set-up or clean the church, or participated in the music liturgy, we say Thank You! Everything turned out beautifully.