

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 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 & BENECTION

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
— Isaiah 55:1

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 10th

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

Sunday, January 11th

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM + Frank Romeo

Monday, January 12th

7:45 AM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

Tuesday, January 13th

7:45 AM + John & + Odelia Rothweil

Wednesday, January 14th

7:45 AM + Gloria J. Hempfling

Thursday, January 15th

7:45 AM + Charles Kubik, Sr.

Friday, January 16th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Saturday, January 17th

7:45 AM + Marie Louise Doyle
4:00 PM + Susie Pinski

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, Mary Ann Gajdosik, Joshua Galaster, Lon Griffard, Gerry Harrington, 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, Mary Ray, 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.,

JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is still available through this Sunday for anyone who would still like to give a special gift to our Parish Food Pantry.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner **Louis Paszkiewicz, Jr.** who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we can put aside our own pride and ego to help fulfill God's plan for each of us.

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

GARFIELD COMMONS

You are invited to join **Archbishop Robert Carlson** for Mass on Thursday, January 15th, at 11:00 a.m., at Garfield Commons, 2612 Wyoming Street (the old Garfield School). Mass will be followed by a blessing of the building and refreshments. Please RSVP to Emily Wanner at 338-8189, or by email: ewanner@appcsinc.org.

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 calendars to our parish family.

JANUARY 11th, 2015

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 1,757.25
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,340.26
(All Collection Data as of 12/28/14)	
Parish Appeal 2014	\$ 120.00
Maintenance	\$ 15.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 33.00

Stewardship Reflection

“After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.” — Mark 1:7

We are put on this earth to love God, love our neighbor and make disciples. How many times does our own pride and ego get in the way on fulfilling God's plan for us? Humbling ourselves before God and putting Him first in all things should be our top priority.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW

Place your renewal envelope for the St. Louis Review in next week's collection. Stay informed about Church news from around the archdiocese, nation and world. For **just \$30**, you get 50 issues per year *plus* full access to the website, including more than 10 years of archives. The St. Louis Review is funded solely through your subscriptions, contributions, and advertising. If you do not have a renewal envelope, but would like to subscribe, just contact Paul Jolly in the Parish Office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council will not meet this month. The next meeting will be on February 17th at 7:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Everyone is welcome to help take down and put away decorations following the 10:00 am Mass this Sunday.

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 us in mind.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
- Tuesday: St. Hilary
- Saturday: St. Anthony

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

******* SATURDAY, 01/17/15, at 4:00 PM *******

- Extraordinary Ministers: Evelyn Reichert
Charles Reichert
- To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
- Commentator & Lector: Barb Kellner
- Server: Matt Kellner
- Cantor: Ed Koeninger
- Musician: Richard Carr

******* SUNDAY, 01/18/15, at 8:00 AM *******

- Extraordinary Ministers: Bill Kren
Carmelita Pelch
- To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
- Commentator & Lector: Terry Dabrowski
- Servers: Israel Campos & Tommy Nguyen
- Cantor: Michelle Dow
- Musician: Richard Carr

******* SUNDAY, 01/18/15, at 10:00 AM *******

- Extraordinary Ministers: Karen Holthaus
Adela Peugnet
- To Choir & Disabled: Rich Olliges
- Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly
- Server: Jose Campos
- Cantors: Stephanie Blosser & Andrea Harper
- 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 this weekend, **January 10th & 11th**, after all the Masses. Please bring your baked items before Mass. Donations are welcomed.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

The 8th Annual Catholic Men for Christ Conference will be held on Saturday, **February 7th**, at the Peabody Opera House in Downtown St. Louis. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church. We have a discounted price for parishioners. Contact Paul Jolly in the Parish Office for details and to sign-up. The deadline for sign-up and the discounted price is January 30th.