

# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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



Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 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  
Rev. Petrus Prasetyo, M.S.F., In Residence  
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 thru Saturday, 7:45 AM in the Annex Chapel

### 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. No arrangement for a dinner or reception etc. may be made until after the Church has officially set a Wedding date.

### 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

Nancy Haselhorst (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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENECTION

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel  
1st Wednesday (including Evening Prayer) at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel  
1st Saturday (including Morning Prayer) at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel

**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.website](http://www.stwenceslaus.website)

**SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:** [stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. - Baruch 5:7

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, December 5th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim  
4:00 PM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

#### Sunday, December 6th

8:00 AM + Brother John Griffin, M.S.F.  
10:00 AM People of the Parish

#### Monday, December 7th

7:45 AM + Louis Paszkiewicz, Jr.

#### Tuesday, December 8th

8:00 AM + Marcella Bronke  
6:00 PM Maria Walsh

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

#### Wednesday, December 9th

7:45 AM + Walter Schaefer

#### Thursday, December 10th

7:45 AM John Rothweil

#### Friday, December 11th

7:45 AM + Joann Dabrowski

#### Saturday, December 12th

7:45 AM + Wanda Groszek  
4:00 PM + Bruce Hegger

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Sue Barnowski, Jerry Bielicke, Patricia Carr, Richard Carr, Jr., Dennis Curtis, Chris Doerr, Pat Feeler, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Leon Frigillana, Joshua Galaster, John Gardabie, Lon Griffard, Gerry Harrington, Margaret Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Dolores LaBruyere, Everleigh Lauber, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Marion Mentzer, Carmelle Minton, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Ray Rancilio, Mary Ray, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, John Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Cathy Schlueter, Ariane Sery, Pat Thomas, Mary Ullo, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held **each Wednesday during Advent** at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. Join us this Wednesday!

We will decorate the church for Christmas following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, December 20th**. If physically able, please join us!

### WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may resist the lure of holiday advertising and instead concentrate on the message of simplicity and trust that is found in the Christmas manger scene.

### PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song - "Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

### ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Our Ladies of Mary are sponsoring a Women's Advent Day of Recollection next Saturday, December 12th, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. This is open to all women of the parish. See the bulletin boards for additional information, or call Mary Bardo at 606-5584.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a choir practice for all Cantors, Musicians and Choir Members this **Tuesday, December 8th**, following the 6:00 pm Mass in the church. Please plan on attending.

### NOVEMBER PASS-THE-CASH

**\$50 WINNER:** Doug Rothweil  
**\$25 WINNERS:** Brenda Rosillo, Donna Bolm  
Carol Waters, Shelia Craft

### JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is again available. Please place your gift cards for needy families in the box by the tree.

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of long-time parishioner **Gene Plassmeyer**, who passed away earlier this week. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

DECEMBER 6th, 2015

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Last Week's Collection, Weekly Collection Goal, Average Collection Fiscal Year, and Parish Appeal 2015.

Stewardship Reflection

And this is my prayer; that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value... (Philippians 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, December 5th & 6th, we will have a special collection for the current Refugee Crisis in Syria. Our gifts will, in part, assist Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), the Pontifical humanitarian agency working in the Middle East to help Christian refugees.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Ladies of Mary meet this Monday, December 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The Fall Festival 2015 wrap-up meeting will take place this Thursday, December 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. (Please note the change of date and time for this meeting). All Booth Chairpersons, please attend!

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
Monday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Juan Diego
Friday: St. Damasus I
Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

- TUESDAY, 12/08/15, at 8:00 AM: Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Ann Gajdosik, Bill Kren; To Choir & Disabled: Mary Mattammal; Commentator & Lector: Carmelita Pelch; Musician: Richard Carr
TUESDAY, 12/08/15, at 6:00 PM: Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Rich Olliges, Leon Frigillana; To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert; Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly; Cantor: Ed Koeninger; Musician: Richard Carr
SATURDAY, 12/12/15, at 4:00 PM: Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Joan Frigillana, Leon Frigillana; To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner; Commentator & Lector: Barb Kellner; Server: Matt Kellner; Cantor: Ed Koeninger; Musician: Richard Carr
SUNDAY, 12/13/15, at 8:00 AM: Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Darlene Doerr, Mary Ann Gajdosik; To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen; Commentator & Lector: Dennis Holland; Server: Kathryn Holland; Cantor: Lisa Holland; Musician: Richard Carr
SUNDAY, 12/13/15, at 10:00 AM: Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Blosser, Mike Blosser; To Choir & Disabled: Rich Olliges; Commentator & Lector: Mike Ackermann; Servers: Paula Nguyen, Alina Mendoza; Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser; Musician: John Harper

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, December 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the church.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. next Saturday, December 12th. Extra priests will be available to hear your confession. Please participate in this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.