

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2016

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 & BENEDICTION

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

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO: stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. - Isaiah 60:1

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 2nd

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena
4:00 PM + Mary Siess

Sunday, January 3rd

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

Monday, January 4th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Tuesday, January 5th

7:45 AM + Sandra Bradford

Wednesday, January 6th

7:45 AM Luis & Andrea Lightle

Thursday, January 7th

7:45 AM + Walter Schaefer

Friday, January 8th

7:45 AM + Joann Dabrowski

Saturday, January 9th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association
4:00 PM Marvin & Barbara Rothweil

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, 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

JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree will be available through next Sunday, January 10th, 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 6th**, 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 each of us use our unique gifts to help build the Body of Christ.

LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY FAMILY

The Novena to the Holy Family which began last Sunday, December 27th, will end this Monday, January 4th, 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.

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, Thank You! Everything turned out beautifully.

BAKE SALE

The Ladies of Mary wish to thank everyone for their generous donations to our recent Bake Sale. We collected \$182.00. God Bless and Happy New Year!

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 10th.

JANUARY 3rd, 2016

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection (wk. of 12/20/15)	\$ 4,358.88
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,277.94
(Fiscal Year is July 2015 thru June 2016)	
Parish Appeal 2015	\$ 142.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 110.00

Stewardship Reflection

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."
(Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. We were all given different gifts; we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one" in this Year of Mercy.

DECEMBER PASS-THE-CASH

- \$50 WINNER:** Joyce Boeger
- \$25 WINNERS:** Rich Olliges, Doris Bender
Mary Bopp, James Tangel

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be held **Saturday, February 13th**, 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 588-0770. Please support this fundraising event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** and the **Men's Club** will not meet in January. Meetings resume the first week of February.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord
- Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Tuesday: St. John Neumann
- Wednesday: St. Andre Bessette
- Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

******* SATURDAY, 01/09/16, at 4:00 PM *******

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Joan Frigillana
Leon Frigillana
- To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert
- Commentator & Lector: Maurice Prater
- Server: Melanie Hernandez
- Cantor: Ed Koeninger
- Musician: Richard Carr

******* SUNDAY, 01/10/16, at 8:00 AM *******

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Jody James
Bill Kren
- To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
- Commentator & Lector: Carmelita Pelch
- Server: Anthony Nguyen
- Cantor: Michelle Dow
- Musician: Richard Carr

******* SUNDAY, 01/10/16, at 10:00 AM *******

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Sandy Moore
Tim Moore
- To Choir & Disabled: Jan Harper
- Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly
- Server: Tommy Nguyen
- Cantor: Leon Frigillana
- Musician: John Harper

"GRATITUDE" CONCERT

Richard Carr, our pianist, will be moving to California in late February. On **January 17th, at 2:30 pm**, Richard will give a solo piano concert as a part of his "Gratitude" concert series. This free concert is being given by Richard in gratitude to the St. Wenceslaus community.

FATHER PETRUS PRASETYO, M.S.F.

Father Petrus Prasetyo, M.S.F. (Fr. Peter) has been appointed to serve as Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Sequin, Texas. The appointment is effective January 18, 2016.

Fr. Peter came to us from his home country of Indonesia on December 10, 2015. He was assigned here at St. Wenceslaus to begin his study of English and to gain some initial experience of ministry in the United States. He is now prepared to move on to serve in another parish in another part of the country.

Fr. Peter has made a deep impact upon our Parish Family and has touched the hearts and souls of many. He is a good priest, a faithful Missionary of the Holy Family, a hard worker and a delightful person.

Our prayers and love will accompany you, Father Peter.