

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

**First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 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
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 Church

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
- Romans 10:8

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 13th

7:45 AM + Pierre Fabick
4:00 PM + Michael Rothweil

Sunday, February 14th

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM George & Tom Cline Families

Monday, February 15th

7:45 AM + Charles Kubik, Sr.

Tuesday, February 16th

7:45 AM + Sandra Bradford

Wednesday, February 17th

7:45 AM + Sylvester Pelch

Thursday, February 18th

7:45 AM Joe & Laurie Adams

Friday, February 19th

7:45 AM Sr. Lorraine Brueggemann, C.P.P.S.

Saturday, February 20th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim
4:00 PM Patrick & Patricia Kennedy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Sue Barnowski, Jerry Bielicke, Patricia Carr, Richard Carr, Jr., Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, 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, Mary Mattammal, Carmelle Minton, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Anna Pierce, Ray Rancilio, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Clem Ruemker, Cathy Schlueter, Ariane Sery, Pat Thomas, Mary Ullo, Pat Wevers, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will be held on **all Wednesdays during Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the church.** Please make this special time each Wednesday a part of your Lenten Journey. The **Parish Pastoral Council** will sponsor and attend this week's service.

"Every Christian is called to work for the common good and against the evils and injustices of their day. We all are called to witness to life in whatever job and setting God places us."
- **Life Matters: Call to Greatness**

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may joyfully bring our first fruits to the Lord, sharing our time, talent and treasure out of gratitude for all the blessings that God has given us.

JESUS AND THE DEVIL

The devil tempted Jesus by quoting scripture, as today's Gospel reminds us. Try a self-serving miracle. Try selling out. Try dazzling the audience; people are gullible, after all. Try all these easy ways. The tempter tries to urge Jesus onto the slippery slope, attempts the old soft-soap, the snake-oil solutions that are always readily at hand. The devil knows better, but is powerless to do better, much less be better. The devil is evil personified, who senses in Jesus the stronger, truly attractive presence of holiness.

Evil is exposed and engaged, we are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel. Evil knows the jig is up. The undoing of lies begins with Jesus, who takes up the work of soul-healing and world-healing. This Lent, the Church invites us to enter into this renewing, re-creative work and be made whole again.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Our Ladies of Mary are hosting a Lenten Day of Recollection this **Saturday, February 20th**, at the Sisters of St. Joseph at Carondelet Motherhouse from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person and is open to women 16 years of age and older. If you are interested, registration forms are available by the bulletin boards or contact Mary Bardo at 606-5584 for more information. We hope to see you there.

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST

The 2016 Catholic Women for Christ Conference will be on **Saturday, February 27th**, at Lindenwood University in the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, 2300 W. Clay Street, in St. Charles, MO. Elizabeth Westhoff of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be this year's emcee. Sign-up is available in the vestibule of the church. For more information, please contact Jody James at 249-6815.

2015 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Your individual contribution statement for 2015 is now available. If you would like to obtain one, please contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office at 865-1020.

FEBRUARY 14th, 2016

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 3,590.00
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,251.47
(Fiscal Year is July 2015 thru June 2016)	
Parish Appeal 2016	\$ 256.00
Maintenance	\$ 215.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 242.00

Stewardship Reflection

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."
(Deuteronomy 26:10)*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you remember that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend, our parish will take up the 131st annual **Black and Indian Mission** Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on our generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet many unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

OPERATION RICE BOWL Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Join our parish community, and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl in church today, and remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent; Valentine's Day; World Marriage Day
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Wednesday:	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Friday:	Abstinence

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 02/20/16, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Evelyn Reichert Charlie Reichert
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Maurice Prater
Server:	Melanie Hernandez
Cantor:	Dan Zdrodowski
Musician:	Mary Martin

***** SUNDAY, 02/21/16, at 9:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Carmelita Pelch Terry Dabrowski
To Choir & Disabled:	Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector:	Jody James
Server:	Anthony Nguyen
Cantor:	Michelle Dow
Musician:	John Harper

MASS CHANGES

Effective next Sunday, February 21st, the 2nd Sunday of Lent, we will no longer have an 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays; those two Masses have been combined into a **9:00 a.m. Mass**.

MEMORIAL MASSES

There will be two Memorial Masses celebrated for **Captain Kevin Roche, USMC** who was recently killed in a helicopter crash in Oahu, Hawaii. St. Ambrose Parish will celebrate a Mass on Saturday, **February 20th**, at 10:30 am, and St. Louis University will celebrate a Mass on Friday, **February 26th**, at 3:30 pm in the lower level of the College Church. Kevin was a graduate of our former parish school, Notre Dame Elementary.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Any **Catholic** family wishing to apply for tuition assistance from the **Catholic Families Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund** or the **Parish Employee Endowment Fund** for the 2016-2017 school year must submit a **Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF)** application. You may apply online at: www.ttef-stl.org. Students must attend an Archdiocesan or Parochial Elementary School or an Archdiocesan or Parochial High School to be eligible for these particular funds. The due date for the application is **Feb. 29th** and **must** include a copy of your **2014** Income Tax Return and **2015** W2's.

CONGRATULATIONS

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary to **Patrick & Patricia Kennedy!** May God's peace and blessings be with you on this special day and always!