

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 4, 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 Wasser, M.S.F., Pastor
Rev. Aloysius Irawan, M.S.F., In Residence
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 9:00 AM

MASSES FOR WEEKDAYS

Monday thru Saturday, 7:45 AM in the 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. should 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 Church
1st Saturday (including Morning Prayer) at 7:00 a.m. in the Church

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord,
as water covers the sea. - Isaiah 11:9

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 3rd

7:45 AM + Jack Morrissey
4:00 PM The Finney Family

Sunday, December 4th

9:00 AM + Joy Donahue

Monday, December 5th

7:45 AM + Sister Grace Berger, D.C.

Tuesday, December 6th

7:45 AM Bonnie Martin

Wednesday, December 7th

7:45 AM Lisa & Ralph Hueneburg & Family

Thursday, December 8th

8:00 AM + Walter Schaefer
6:00 PM + Shirley Rancilio

Friday, December 9th

7:45 AM + John Rothweil

Saturday, December 10th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim
4:00 PM People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Sue Barnowski,
Norma Berry, Jerry Bielicke, Tom Bolen, Patricia Carr,
Richard Carr, Jr., Nadine Castro, Dennis Curtis, Margie
Sosa Delgado, Chris Doerr, Darlene Doerr, Don
Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Joshua Galaster,
Lon Griffard, Dennis Holland, Jody James, Margaret
Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Everleigh Lauber, Robbie
Ludwig, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Bonnie Martin,
Joyce McKiernan, Deacon George Miller, Ellen Miller,
Carmelle Minton, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth,
Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Carol
Plassmeyer, Ray Rancilio, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke,
Clem Ruemker, Ariane Sery, Don Sparks, Pat Thomas,
Mary Ullo, Pat Wevers, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams,
Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

CHRISTMAS TREES

The tree lot for **St. Wenceslaus Scout Unit 6** is
located at St. Pius V Parking Lot, Grand & McKean.
Hours will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm; also on Saturday and Sunday,
9:00 am - 9:00 pm. The lot will be open through
Sunday, December 18th. For more information contact
Pat Griffard at 239-4735. Please support our Scouts!

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH
We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrat-
ing the Eucharist with us on the Second Sunday of Advent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is
our gift back to God.

PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as
Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of
locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet
Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of
the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are
often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear
his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to
the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each
year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in
our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again
and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to
turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way
of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the
Lord, in whom we place our hope.

EUCCHARISTIC 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!

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a choir practice for Cantors, Musicians and
Choir Members following the Advent Service on Wednesday
evenings, December 7th & 14th, beginning at 7:00 pm.
Please plan to attend as we prepare our music for Christmas.

DECORATING CHURCH

On **Sunday, December 18th**, we will be decorating the
church for Christmas following the 9:00 am Mass. If you are
physically able, your assistance would be appreciated.

2017 CALENDARS

Our new 2017 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.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of long-time parishioner
Patricia Feeler, who passed away recently. May her soul
and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace!

DECEMBER 4th, 2016

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Last Week's Collection (\$2,357.00), Weekly Collection Goal (\$3,035.00), Average Collection Fiscal Year (\$2,026.15), Parish Appeal 2016 (\$368.00), Maintenance (\$121.00), and Food for the Poor SVDP (\$244.00).

Stewardship Reflection

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." - Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Missionaries of the Holy Family Collection will be next weekend, December 10th & 11th, the Third Sunday of Advent. The Missionaries of the Holy Family have served our parish since 1960. Please be generous!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Ladies of Mary will hold their meeting this Monday, December 5th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. The Men's Club will meet on Tuesday, December 6th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. (Members....remember to bring your side dishes and desserts for this meeting.) The Fall Festival 2016 Wrap-Up Meeting will be on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at 9:30 am in the Parish Center.

JESSE TREE

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

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Table with 2 columns: Day and Observance. Includes Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent, Tuesday: St. Nicholas, Wednesday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday: St. Juan Diego, Saturday: International Human Rights Day.

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** THURSDAY, 12/08/16, at 8:00 AM *****

Table with 2 columns: Role and Name. Includes Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Ann Gajdosik, Bill Kren; To Choir & Disabled: Mary Mattammal; Commentator & Lector: Carmelita Pelch; Cantor: Jim Martin; Musician: Mary Martin.

***** THURSDAY, 12/08/16, at 6:00 PM *****

Table with 2 columns: Role and Name. Includes Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Dave Huelsing, Leon Frigillana; To Choir & Disabled: Rich Olliges; Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly; Cantor: Ed Koeninger; Musician: John Harper.

***** SATURDAY, 12/10/16, at 4:00 PM *****

Table with 2 columns: Role and Name. Includes Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Joan Frigillana, Leon Frigillana; To Choir & Disabled: Dave Huelsing; Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater; Server: Dave Huelsing; Cantor: Mary Pichler; Musician: Mary Martin.

***** SUNDAY, 12/11/16, at 9:00 AM *****

Table with 2 columns: Role and Name. Includes Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Rich Olliges, Karen Holthaus; To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen; Commentator & Lector: Jody James; Server: Anthony Nguyen; Cantor: Lisa Holland; Musician: John Harper.

SEMINARY APPEAL

This weekend, we welcome Jeffrey Dodds, currently a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, who will speak to us at both Masses to promote the annual Christmas Collection for the Seminary. Welcome Jeffrey!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, 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.

(The Parish Office will be closed on this day. It will open again on Friday, December 9th, at 9:00 a.m.)

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

An Advent Penitential Service and Confessions will take place on Wednesday, December 21st, at 6:00 p.m. Extra priests will be available to hear your confession. Please participate in this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.