

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 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 & BENEDICTION

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.
- Isaiah 35:10a

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 10th

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

Sunday, December 11th

9:00 AM + Gerry Harrington

Monday, December 12th

7:45 AM The Finney Family

Tuesday, December 13th

7:45 AM + Charles Kubik, Sr.

Wednesday, December 14th

7:45 AM + John A. Fabick

Thursday, December 15th

7:45 AM + Virginia Billo

Friday, December 16th

7:45 AM + Arlene Martin

Saturday, December 17th

7:45 AM + Ed & + Rhoda McGrail
4:00 PM +Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Sue Barnowski, Norma Berry, Jerry Bielicke, Tom Bolen, Patricia Carr, Richard Carr, Jr., 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, Katherine Rothweil, 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 celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Third Sunday of Advent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That through daily prayer we gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held this **Wednesday, December 14th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Please join us for this special time of prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist.

CHOIR PRACTICE

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

DECORATING CHURCH

Next **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 former parishioner **Vince Simpher**, who passed away recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

DECEMBER 11th, 2016

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Last Week's Collection (\$2,765.80), Weekly Collection Goal (\$3,035.00), Average Collection Fiscal Year (\$2,058.31), Parish Appeal 2016 (\$172.00), Maintenance (\$243.00), and Food for the Poor SVDP (\$523.00).

Stewardship Reflection

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." - James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

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

UPCOMING MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet next Tuesday, December 20th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. (Please make note of the time change for this meeting.)

CABRINI NEWS

Join our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, for its annual Christmas Program this Wednesday, Dec. 14th, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

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

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Friday: Las Posadas begins

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 12/17/16, at 4:00 PM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Evelyn Reichert, Charlie Reichert
To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector: Barb Kellner
Server: Matt Kellner
Cantor: Ed Koeninger
Musician: Mary Martin

***** SUNDAY, 12/18/16, at 9:00 AM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Blosser, Mike Blosser
To Choir & Disabled: Pat Lohmar
Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly
Server: Tommy Nguyen
Cantor: Lisa Holland
Musician: John Harper

SEMINARY APPEAL

This weekend, Tim Buback, a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, will speak at both Masses to promote the Seminary and the annual Christmas Collection. We look forward to him witnessing to the value of his priestly calling. Welcome, Tim!

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.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Enrich your faith this Advent and Christmas with special programming throughout the season on EWTN. Attend Mass in Vatican City with Pope Francis, enjoy concerts from Europe, and travel to the sacred sites of the Holy Land. Visit www.ewtn.com/channelfinder to find EWTN in your area, or call 205-795-5771.

FUNDRAISERS

Our Ladies of Mary will be hosting a Bake Sale next weekend, December 17th & 18th, after both Masses. Please plan on supporting this fundraising effort. Our Trivia Night is being planned for February 18, 2017. Please save the date!

PHONE PROBLEMS

We are currently experiencing problems with our phone service in the rectory. Until further notice, when calling the rectory, please call 865-1027. Thank you!