

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."
- Matthew 1:23

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 17th

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

Sunday, December 18th

9:00 AM + William H. Meadows

Monday, December 19th

7:45 AM + John Rothweil

Tuesday, December 20th

7:45 AM Fr. Jim Wasser, M.S.F.

Wednesday, December 21st

7:45 AM + Walter Schaefer

Thursday, December 22nd

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Friday, December 23rd

7:45 AM The Finney Family

Saturday, December 24th

4:00 PM + Shirley Rancilio

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

DECORATING CHURCH

This **Sunday, December 18th**, we will be decorating the church for Christmas following the 9:00 am Mass.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The tree lot for **St. Wenceslaus Scout Unit 6** is located at St. Pius V Parking Lot, Grand & McKean. Hours on Saturday and Sunday are 9:00 am - 9:00 pm. The lot is open through this Sunday, December 18th. For more information contact Pat Griffard at 239-4735.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we can put our complete trust in God and become a model of discipleship like Joseph.

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a choir practice for Cantors, Musicians and Choir Members this coming **Tuesday, December 20th**, beginning at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend this practice.

THE VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

We will not be celebrating a morning Mass on Saturday, December 24th. The Vigil of Christmas Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 pm, and we will be singing Christmas Carols before the Mass, beginning at 3:30 pm.

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!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday & Best Wishes to **Fr. Jim Wasser, M.S.F.**, our pastor, who will be celebrating his birthday this Tuesday, December 20th. Fr. Jim, may God bless you on your special day and always. Congratulations!

DECEMBER 18th, 2016

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, Parish Appeal 2016, Maintenance, and Food for the Poor SVDP.

Stewardship Reflection

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. - Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Seminary Christmas Collection takes place next weekend, December 24th & 25th. The men of our seminary are truly a gift to the Church and to the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

FALL FESTIVAL RESULTS

This year's Fall Festival made a profit of \$27,727.77, one of our most successful ever. Thank you to all the chairpersons, and to everyone who worked, supported or helped us in any way. God Bless You All!

UPCOMING MEETING

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

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: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice
Friday: St. John of Kanty
Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 12/24/16, at 4:00 PM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: LeEllen Aboussie, Martie Aboussie
To Choir & Disabled: Jan Harper
Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater
Servers: Teresa & Ismael Aguayo, Theresa & Tommy Nguyen
Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser
Musicians: John Harper & Mary Martin

SUNDAY, 12/25/16, at 9:00 AM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Carmelita Pelch, Jody James
To Choir & Disabled: Jan Harper
Commentator & Lector: Dennis Holland
Servers: Tina Nguyen, Kathryn Holland
Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser
Musician: John Harper

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

An Advent Penitential Service and Confessions will take place this Wednesday, Dec. 21st, at 6:00 p.m. Extra priests will be available to hear your confession.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Young Catholic Musicians' 39th Annual Christmas Concert will be held on December 28th & 29th at Seven Holy Founders Church at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each for reserved seating and \$5.00 for General Admission.

FUNDRAISERS

Our Ladies of Mary will be hosting a Bake Sale this weekend, December 17th & 18th, after both Masses. Please stop by and support this fundraising effort. Our Trivia Night is being planned for February 18, 2017. Please save the date! You'll have a great time.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Friday, December 30th

Novena to the Holy Family begins this day and ends on Saturday, January 7th, with the 7:45 a.m. Mass. All Masses during the Novena will be held in the church. Holy Family Novena pamphlets are available in the vestibule of the church.