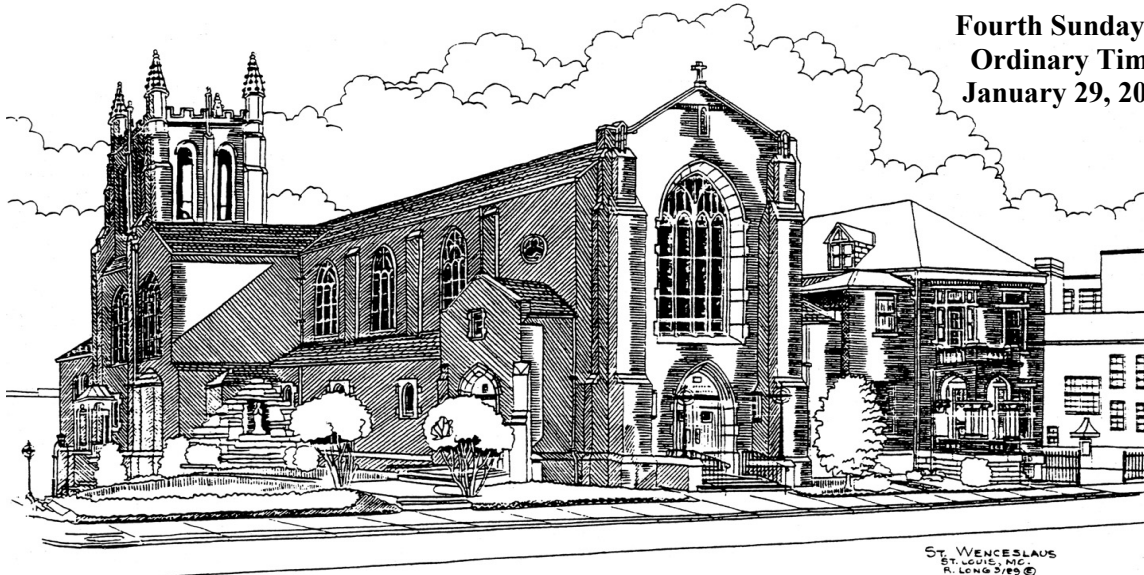


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

**Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
January 29, 2017**



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
- Matthew 5:3

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 28th

7:45 AM + Jack Morrissey
4:00 PM + Marcella Keim

Sunday, January 29th

9:00 AM + Clyde & + Evelyn Jolly

Monday, January 30th

7:45 AM + Leon Mitchell

Tuesday, January 31st

7:45 AM Barb Kellner

Wednesday, February 1st

7:45 AM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

Thursday, February 2nd

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik

Friday, February 3rd

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, February 4th

7:45 AM + Floyd Silvy
4:00 PM + Martie J. (Jay) Aboussie, Jr.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Sue Barnowski, Norma Berry, Jerry Bielicke, Tom Bolen, Patricia Carr, Richard Carr, Jr., Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Chris Doerr, Darlene Doerr, Esther Ellspermann, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Joshua Galaster, Dennis Holland, Jody James, Margaret Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Jim King, 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

BLESSING OF THROATS

Next weekend, we will have the Blessing of Throats at both Masses following the homily and general intercessions. In this blessing, we pray that through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, we will be delivered and healed from all illnesses of the throat and from every other evil.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH
We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we strive to put God first in all circumstances.

THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today’s first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a “remnant” in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul’s letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today’s Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus’ “Great Sermon.” As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God’s kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God’s chosen “remnant.”

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Elementary and High School Scholarship Applications for the 2017-2018 school year are available. You must apply between January 30th and February 28th, 2017. Hand-outs, with important information you will need to know, are available in the vestibule of the church. Be sure to apply early!

MASS MOB VOLUNTEERS

St. Wenceslaus Parish is honored to host the Archdiocesan “Mass Mob” on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 14th, 2017, at 9:00 am. Each Mass Mob averages between 400 and 500 visitors. This is a great opportunity to promote our beautiful church, but it will take many volunteers in a variety of committees. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Maury Prater at 577-6300. Thank you!

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joyce Bowen**, sister of parishioner Marge Place, who passed away recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

Your Contribution Statement for 2016 is now available. Please contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office at 865-1027.

JANUARY 29th, 2017

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 1,510.17
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,202.75
(Fiscal Year is July 2016 thru June 2017)	
Parish Appeal 2017	\$ 130.00
Maintenance	\$ 55.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 55.00

Stewardship Reflection

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” - Matthew 5:3

This one confuses people. Replace the word “humble” for “poor” and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember - God first in all circumstances.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will have a special collection for our **St. Vincent De Paul Fund**. Your support is greatly needed to continue our ministry of serving the poor and needy. Please be generous to this most worthy cause. Envelopes are in your monthly packet and also available in the vestibule of the church.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be held **Saturday, February 18th**, 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 gifts as a prize for our event. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday: St. John Bosco
- Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day
- Friday: St. Blasé; St. Ansgar; First Friday; Blessing of throats
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** **SATURDAY, 02/04/17, at 4:00 PM** *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Monica Fingerhut
Phil Fingerhut
- To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert
- Commentator & Lector: Harry Bardo
- Server: Jim Teschner
- Cantor: Rich Fogelbach
- Musician: Mary Martin

***** **SUNDAY, 02/05/17, at 9:00 AM** *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Rich Olliges
Jody James
- To Choir & Disabled: Karen Holthaus
- Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
- Server: Tina Nguyen
- Cantor: Mary Pichler
- Musician: John Harper

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Wednesday, **February 1st**, the 1st Wednesday of the month, Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held in the church at 6:00 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

Catholic School week begins, and Scholarship Sunday is celebrated, this Sunday, January 29th. Please welcome **Becky Qualls**, a parent representative from our school, to our 9:00 am Mass. She will discuss Cabrini and their Scholarship Fund. Envelopes are located in the pews and also in the vestibule of the church. There is also an Open House at the school from noon to 2:00 p.m. to meet the faculty, staff and student ambassadors. Please stop by and tour the school and enjoy some light refreshments.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

The Catholic Men for Christ Conference will be held on **Saturday, February 18th**, at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on the University of Missouri, St. Louis Campus. Sign-up is available in the vestibule of the church. Call Matt Kellner at 638-7941, or Paul Jolly at 865-1020.

BEYOND SUNDAY

Beyond Sunday Campaign Presentations will be held at St. Wenceslaus on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 pm in the church, and again on Saturday, February 11th at 9:30 am, also in the church. Abby Cole, a Beyond Sunday representative, will be here to lead the program. Parishioners who have not yet attended a Beyond Sunday presentation are asked to please attend on one of these two dates in February. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office.