

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 19, 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 & 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.
- Leviticus 19:2b

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 18th

7:45 AM Sr. Lorraine Brueggemann, C.P.P.S.
4:00 PM Patrick & Patricia Kennedy

Sunday, February 19th

9:00 AM + William H. Meadows

Monday, February 20th

7:45 AM + Walter Schaefer

Tuesday, February 21st

7:45 AM + John Rothweil

Wednesday, February 22nd

7:45 AM George & Tom Cline Family

Thursday, February 23rd

7:45 AM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

Friday, February 24th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Saturday, February 25th

7:45 AM + Marie Kubik
4:00 PM Mary Teschner

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Sue Barnowski, 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, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Deacon George 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

CABRINI NEWS

On Sunday, March 5th, students from our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, will be selling raffle tickets for their Cabrini Auction. This year's theme is *A Midsummer Night at Cabrini*. It will take place on Saturday evening April 22nd, 2017. For any questions, or for more information, please contact Mrs. Kaitlyn Holdmeyer at 776-0883, or email at holdmeyer@cabriniacademy.org.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we find it in our hearts to pray for people that don't always treat us well.

DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge...love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest - without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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!

UPCOMING MEETING

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

MISSIONARIES OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Winter 2016-2017 issue of *The Messenger Magazine* is full of articles about family life. Copies of *The Messenger* are available in the vestibule of the church and also online at <http://msf-america.org/about-us/messenger-magazine>.

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Your individual contribution statement for 2016 is now available. If you would like to obtain one, please contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office at 865-1027.

FEBRUARY 19th, 2017

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 1,624.25
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year (Fiscal Year is July 2016 thru June 2017)	\$ 2,177.84
Parish Appeal 2017	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 67.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 100.00

Stewardship Reflection

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

TRIVIA FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS

St. Mary's High School is hosting a Trivia Night for 6th-8th grade boys and girls on Friday, February 24th. Enjoy trivia, games, and food! Doors open at 6:00 pm with trivia from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the St. Mary's High School Gymnasium. The cost is only \$2.00 a person or a table of 8 for \$15.00. For more information, or to RSVP, call 481-8400, Ext. 110, or email admissions@stmaryshs.com.

YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS

The Young Catholic Musicians is a choir and orchestra of young people age 10-17 who lead the music for Mass once a month at different churches throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Auditions for singers and instrumentalists are taking place now. If you would like to share your musical talent in a choir/orchestra of 60 young people from over 40 parishes and schools, contact the Director, Father Bruce Forman at 231-7464, or by email at revycm@charter.net. For additional information, check our web page: www.archstl.org/musicians.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Tuesday:	St. Peter Damian
Wednesday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
Thursday:	St. Polycarp

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 02/25/17, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	LeEllen Aboussie Martie Aboussie
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Jim Teschner
Server:	Matt Kellner
Cantor:	Rich Fogelbach
Musician:	Mary Martin

***** SUNDAY, 02/26/17, at 9:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Adela Peugnet Karen Holthaus
To Choir & Disabled:	Jan Harper
Commentator & Lector:	Darlene Doerr
Server:	Teresa Aguayo
Cantor:	Mary Pichler
Musician:	John Harper

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, we will have a special collection for the **Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS)**. The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments, and re-affirming Word of Christ, to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers, and people working for our government beyond U.S. borders. Please be generous! Envelopes can be found in the pews and also in the vestibule of the church.

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST

The Catholic Women for Christ Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 25th**, at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on the University of Missouri, St. Louis Campus. See the bulletin boards for additional information, or call Adela Peugnet at 315-7347. We hope you can attend.

BEYOND SUNDAY

Beyond Sunday Campaign Presentations were held at our parish this past week. We are thankful to those parishioners who attended one of these sessions. This weekend, Charlie Kubik will present us with an update of our parish's progress on the campaign and explain to us the Commitment Weekend process.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A final reminder...Elementary and High School Scholarship Applications for the 2017-2018 school year are still available. You must apply by February 28, 2017. Handouts, with important information you will need to know, are available in the vestibule of the church. Don't forget to apply!