

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 17, 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

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 6:30 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

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 16th

7:45 AM + Arlene Martin
4:00 PM + Charles Kubik, Sr.

Sunday, December 17th

9:00 AM + William H. Meadows

Monday, December 18th

7:45 AM + Charlotte Miller

Tuesday, December 19th

7:45 AM + Blankmann Family

Wednesday, December 20th

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

Thursday, December 21st

7:45 AM Edward & Jolena Rothweil

Friday, December 22nd

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Saturday, December 23rd

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Jerry Bielicke, Tom Bolen, Elam Burbage, Sharon Crocker, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Chris Doerr, Darlene Doerr, Esther Ellspermann, Harry Fabick, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Dennis Holland, Margaret Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Carol Kozemczak, Everleigh Lauber, Ana Clara Lightle, Richard Loy, Jr., Joyce McKiernan, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Matt Moore, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Austin Needham, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Carol Plassmeyer, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Makena Roelke, Barb Rothweil, Marvin Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Ariane Sery, Georgia Stockton, Lucille Tangel, Fr. Alberto Trevino, Mary Ullo, Tom Vossmeier, 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. The lot is open through this Sunday, December 17th, from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm. For more information contact Pat Griffard at 239-4735. Please stop by and 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 we realize suffering is a gift and helps us build empathy for others.

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for Eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER BOOK

The *Holy Family Prayer Book : Prayers for Every Family* is available in English and Spanish from Liguori Publications. Just go to the website of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, www.msf-america.org, click "Caring for your Family" and then click "Great Books." From there, an online order can be placed or call 1-800-325-9521.

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

Sunday, December 31st

Novena to the Holy Family begins this day and ends on Monday, January 8th, 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. You are encouraged to come to Mass as often as possible during the Novena. You can also say the prayers at home as a family or wherever you may be.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday & Best Wishes to **Fr. Jim Wasser, M.S.F.**, our pastor, who will be celebrating his birthday this Wednesday, December 20th. Happy Birthday & Best Wishes also to the **Very Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F.**, Provincial of the North American Providence, who will be celebrating his birthday on Tuesday, December 26th.

Fr. Jim and Fr. Phil, thanks for all you do. May God bless you on your special day and always. Congratulations!

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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 2017, Maintenance, and Food for the Poor SVDP.

Stewardship Reflection

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Seminary Christmas Collection will take place on December 24th & 25th. The men of our seminary are truly a gift to the Church and to the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. Please be generous in your support of this Christmas Day collection, which helps pay the day-to-day expenses and maintenance of our seminary. Thank you!

UPCOMING MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Tuesday, December 19th, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Currently, the Little Sisters of the Poor have openings in both their Nursing and Independent Living Areas. Please see the bulletin boards for additional information.

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: Third Sunday of Advent, Thursday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins, Saturday: St. John of Kanty.

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 12/23/17, at 4:00 PM

Table listing minister roles for Saturday: Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers, To Choir & Disabled, Commentator & Lector, Server, Cantor, Musician.

SUNDAY, 12/24/17, at 9:00 AM

Table listing minister roles for Sunday (9:00 AM): Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers, To Choir & Disabled, Commentator & Lector, Server, Cantor, Musician.

SUNDAY, 12/24/17, at 4:00 PM

Table listing minister roles for Sunday (4:00 PM): Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers, To Choir & Disabled, Commentator & Lector, Servers, Cantors, Musician.

MONDAY, 12/25/17, at 9:00 AM

Table listing minister roles for Monday: Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers, To Choir & Disabled, Commentator & Lector, Servers, Cantor, Musician.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

An Advent Penitential Service and Confessions will take place this Wednesday, December 20th, at 6:00 p.m. Extra priests will be available to hear your confession. Please come this Wednesday evening and 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.