

# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

*Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960*



The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary, and Joseph  
December 31, 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](http://www.stwenceslaus.website)

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO: [stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net)

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples. - Luke 2:30-31

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 30th

7:45 AM + John C. Rundle  
4:00 PM Alice & Chris Paton

### Sunday, December 31st

9:00 AM Holy Family Novena  
4:00 PM + Members of our Parish Family Who Were Called Home by the Lord This Past Year  
(Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary)

### Monday, January 1st

9:00 AM Holy Family Novena  
(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)  
(Holy Day)

### Tuesday, January 2nd

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

### Wednesday, January 3rd

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

### Thursday, January 4th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

### Friday, January 5th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

### Saturday, January 6th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena  
4:00 PM Carol Ann Hendricks

## 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, Carol Kozemczak, Everleigh Lauber, Ana Clara Lightle, Richard Loy, Jr., Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Matt Moore, 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

The **Jesse (Giving) Tree** will be available through next Sunday, January 7th, for anyone who would still like to give a special gift to our Parish Food Pantry.

## WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That God will provide us the strength to forgive those that have hurt us.

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## BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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## 2018 CALENDARS

Our new 2018 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.

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

### Sunday, December 31st

Novena to the Holy Family begins this Sunday 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.

**Missionaries of the Holy Family Collection** is this weekend the feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Missionaries of the Holy Family have served our parish since 1960. Your gift will help them continue to pastorally care for families, emphasizing the Holy Family as the standard of holiness for all families. Please be generous!

DECEMBER 31st, 2017

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

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - Colossians 3:13

Forgiveness - one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

DECEMBER PASS-THE-CASH

- \$50 WINNER: Darin Groll
\$25 WINNERS: Paul Dobberstein, Jen Babb, Greg Ullo, Mark Fernandez, William & Mary Lou Peters

Congratulations to all our winners! Thank you for supporting St. Wenceslaus Parish.

FALL FESTIVAL RESULTS

This year's Fall Festival made a profit of \$27,653.35, another very successful festival. Thank you to all our chairpersons, and to everyone who worked, supported or helped in any way. May God bless you all!

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Friday: St. John Neumann: First Friday
Saturday: St. Andre Bessette; First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, 12/31/17, at 4:00 PM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Leon Frigillana, Bill Kren
To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector: Weldon Tiekens
Server: Matt Kellner
Cantor: Ed Koeninger
Musician: Ryan Jones

MONDAY, 01/01/18, at 9:00 AM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Adela Peugnet, Terry Dabrowski
To Choir & Disabled: Rich Olliges
Commentator & Lector: Dennis Holland
Server: Jose Campos
Cantor: Lisa Holland
Musician: John Harper

SATURDAY, 01/06/18, at 4:00 PM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Monica Fingerhut, Phil Fingerhut
To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert
Commentator & Lector: Mary Bardo
Server: Jim Teschner
Cantor: Dan Zdrodowski
Musician: Ryan Jones

SUNDAY, 01/07/18, at 9:00 AM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Bill Kren, Rich Olliges
To Choir & Disabled: Pat Lohmar
Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly
Server: Jose Campos
Cantors: Stephanie Blosser & Andrea Harper
Musician: John Harper

UPCOMING MEETING

The Ladies of Mary have scheduled an officers meeting for Monday, January 8th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be on Saturday, February 17th, in the Parish Hall. Tables of up to 10 are \$20 per person. Flyers, which include a reservation form, are available in the vestibule of the church. For more information, please contact Kathy Styer at 588-0770.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Patricia Kennedy, who passed away recently. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!