

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018**

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 10:00 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

Last Wednesday of Month at 6:30 PM 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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?
- James 2:5

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 8th

7:45 AM + Mary Ann Gajdosik
4:00 PM + Jerome "Jerry" Bielicke

Sunday, September 9th

10:00 AM + Genevieve Geisel

Monday, September 10th

7:45 AM + William Zib

Tuesday, September 11th

7:45 AM + Magdalena Fabick

Wednesday, September 12th

7:45 AM + Matt McQuillen

Thursday, September 13th

7:45 AM + James Eichelberger

Friday, September 14th

7:45 AM + Betty Jane Blankmann

Saturday, September 15th

7:45 AM + Charles Kubik, Sr.
4:00 PM + Patricia Kennedy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Bob Blankmann, Therese Blomberg, Tom Bolen, Elam Burbage, Sharon Crocker, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Chris Doerr, Darlene Doerr, Joe Ebert, Esther Ellspermann, Harry Fabick, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Lou Gehr, Mary Henderson, Dennis Holland, Margaret Kalbac, Patrick Kennedy, Carol Kozemczak, Charlie Kubik, Everleigh Lauber, Ana Clara Lightle, Richard Loy, Jr., Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Ray Miles, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Matt Moore, Krista Myers, Austin Needham, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Carol Plassmeyer, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Justina Roling, Marvin Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Ariane Sery, Georgia Stockton, Lucille Tangel, Mary Ullo, Tom Vossmeier, Pat Wevers, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Fr. Jim Wasser, M.S.F., Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

REST IN PEACE

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

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may grow stronger in our faith, realizing that God does not measure us by what we possess but rather by what we do for one another.

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

FALL FESTIVAL

Please mark your calendars! Our Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, November 3rd**. We need new items for the Toy Booth, Christmas Booth and Cherry Tree Booth, and home-made / hand-made goods for our Country Store. We also need items for our Auctions.

Your donated items will help make our festival a wonderful success. Not able to shop? Perhaps you would consider a monetary donation to be used to purchase needed items.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

On Sunday, **September 23rd**, our parish will observe Stewardship Awareness Sunday. This year's theme - "**Share the Joy**" - means when we use our gifts in the way God intends, we experience true joy, a supernatural joy that others notice.

Brochures, with Giving Guides, and prayer cards are available in the vestibule of the church. Please be sure to read and reflect on these stewardship aids.

SEPTEMBER 9th, 2018

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 2,202.35
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,840.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year (Fiscal Year is July 2018 thru June 2019)	\$ 1,985.71
Parish Appeal 2018	\$ 198.00
Maintenance	\$ 165.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 166.00

Stewardship Reflection

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" - James 2:5

What is more important - being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

TAILGATE SALE

Our Men's Club is hosting a Tailgate Sale on **Saturday, October 6th**, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. To reserve a space @ \$17.00 each, contact Tim Moore at 814-0486, or the parish office at 865-1020. Spaces must be reserved no later than Thursday, October 4th. Flyers are available in the vestibule of the church. Please support this event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** will meet this Monday, September 10th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, September 18th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

UPCOMING RETREAT

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish is presenting a retreat on Sept. 14th & 15th. See the bulletin boards for details.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5779 begins at sunset

Tuesday: Patriot Day

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Thursday: St. John Chrysostom

Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday: Our Lady of Sorrows

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 09/15/18, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Evelyn Reichert
Charlie Reichert
To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector: Rich Fogelbach
Server: Alina Mendoza
Cantor: Dan Zdrodowski
Musician: John Harper

***** SUNDAY, 09/16/18, at 10:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Rich Olliges
Bill Kren
To Choir & Disabled: Karen Holthaus
Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
Server: Jose Campos
Cantors: Stephanie Blosser & Andrea Harper
Musician: John Harper

MEN'S WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

Need 3-days of rest, prayer and spiritual rejuvenation? Gather with other men on a White House Retreat, the Jesuit retreat house overlooking the Mississippi River. It begins on Thursday, October 11th, at 6:00 pm and ends on Sunday, October 14th, at 2:00 pm. For more information, call Rich Olliges at 323-7688.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are looking for dedicated parishioners to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations for the next 3-year term, beginning this November, should be submitted by Sunday, September 16th. If you would like to nominate someone, perhaps yourself, please speak to Father Jim or Paul Jolly. Good Stewardship includes our gifts of time and talent. Are you being called to serve?

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal is over and our parish has once again exceeded its goal. Thank you to all the generous donors, who in giving to the appeal, decided to "Share Your Story." With a benefactor gift to the appeal of \$11,000.00, our parish concluded the campaign with a total amount pledged of **\$23,642.00**.

On behalf of our Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, and our pastor, Fr. Jim Wasser, M.S.F., we express our gratitude. St. Francis of Assisi reminds us that it is in giving that we receive. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness in serving the needs of others.

Our sincerest thanks to **Matt & Barb Kellner** for their dedication and outstanding work as Chairpersons. May God bless you both!