

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Second Sunday of Advent
December 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. Philip Sosa, M.S.F., Parish Administrator
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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. - Baruch 5:7

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 8th

8:00 AM Bill Schacht
4:00 PM + Martie J. (Jay) Aboussie, Jr.

Sunday, December 9th

10:00 AM + Donald & + Genevieve Geisel

Monday, December 10th

7:45 AM Rick Hendricks

Tuesday, December 11th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Wednesday, December 12th

7:45 AM + Jacob Folkerth

Thursday, December 13th

7:45 AM + Charles Kubik, Sr.

Friday, December 14th

7:45 AM + John A. Fabick

Saturday, December 15th

7:45 AM + Arlene Martin
4:00 PM + Virginia Billo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, M.S.F., Bob Blankmann, Tom Bolen, Fr. Simon Brzozowski, M.S.F., Elam Burbage, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Darlene Doerr, 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, Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Ray Miles, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Matt Moore, Krista Myers, Austin Needham, Ray Orf, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Carol Plassmeyer, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Justina Roling, Marvin Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Len Sanneman, Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Ariane Sery, Georgia Stockton, Mary Ullo, Tom Vossmeier, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Fall Festival** 2018 Wrap-Up Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 15th, at 9:30 am in the Parish Center. All chairpersons, please make plans to attend this meeting.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, December 18th, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Second Sunday of Advent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may resist the lure of holiday advertising and instead concentrate on the message of simplicity and trust that is found in the Christmas manger scene.

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 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. It makes a great gift for the Christmas Season, and it has been awarded the prestigious Seal of Approval by the Catholic Writers Guild.

SEMINARY APPEAL

This weekend, **December 8th & 9th**, our parish family welcomes **Alex Rickert**, currently a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, who will speak to us at both Masses to promote the annual Christmas Collection for the Seminary. The men of our seminary are truly a gift to the Church and to the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. The collection will help pay the day-to-day expenses and maintenance of the seminary.

2019 CALENDARS

Our new 2019 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. Please be sure to pick one up after Mass.

DECEMBER 9th, 2018

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, and Parish Appeal 2018.

Stewardship Reflection

And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value... - Philippians 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

NOVEMBER PASS-THE-CASH

- \$50 WINNER: Jerome Orf
\$25 WINNERS: Mary Moran, Joe Plassmeyer, Joyce Steffel, Richard Engelman, Richard Collins

DECORATING CHURCH

Next Sunday, December 16th, we will be decorating the church for Christmas following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

CABRINI NEWS

Join our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, for its annual Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 19th, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

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

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: International Human Rights Day
Tuesday: St. Damasus I
Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday: St. Lucy
Friday: St. John of the Cross

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 12/15/18, at 4:00 PM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Evelyn Reichert, Charlie Reichert
To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector: Weldon Tieken
Server: Alina Mendoza
Cantor: Mary Pichler
Musician: Barb Kellner

SUNDAY, 12/16/18, at 10:00 AM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Blosser, Mike Blosser
To Choir & Disabled: Rich Olliges
Commentator & Lector: Dennis Holland
Server: Paula Nguyen
Cantor: Lisa Holland
Musician: John Harper

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held this Wednesday, December 12th, at 6:00 pm in the church.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

An Advent Penitential Service and Confessions will take place on Wednesday, December 19th, at 6:00 p.m. Extra priests will be available to hear your confession. Please make plans now to 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

FUNDRAISERS

Our Ladies of Mary will be hosting a Bake Sale next weekend, December 15th & 16th, immediately following both Masses. Please support this fundraising event. Our Trivia Night is being planned for February 9th, 2019. Please save the date!

PARISH UPDATE

With the passing of Father Jim Wasser, M.S.F., the pastoral duties of the parish will be assumed by the Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F. as Parish Administrator.