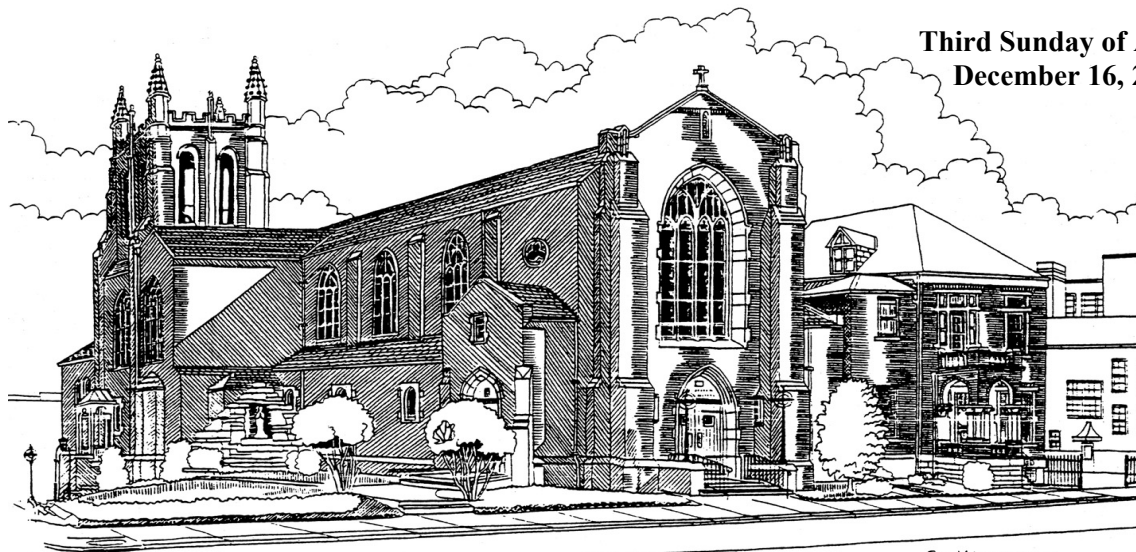


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. - Zephaniah 3:15b

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 15th

7:45 AM + Arlene Martin

4:00 PM + Virginia Billo

Sunday, December 16th

10:00 AM + William H. Meadows

Monday, December 17th

7:45 AM + Marie A. Blankmann

Tuesday, December 18th

7:45 AM + Salvadora DeMierre

Wednesday, December 19th

7:45 AM + Tom Moran

Thursday, December 20th

7:45 AM + Father Jim Wasser, M.S.F.

Friday, December 21st

7:45 AM Harry Fabick

Saturday, December 22nd

7:45 AM + Janet McMahon

4:00 PM + Patricia Kennedy

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.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Sunday, January 20, 2019, at 10:00 am for parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year.

The Ladies of Mary will host a buffet luncheon in the Parish Hall following the Mass. More details will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

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 may take time to be grateful to God, who is the ultimate giver of all gifts.

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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.

UPCOMING MEETING

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the **Very Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F.**, Provincial of the North American Province, and current Parish Administrator for our parish, who celebrates his birthday on Wednesday, December 26th.

Also, **Father Jim Wasser, M.S.F.** would have celebrated his birthday this Thursday, December 20th. Please continue to keep Father Jim in your thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace. Amen!

DECEMBER 16th, 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, Parish Appeal 2018, Maintenance, and Food for the Poor SVDP.

Stewardship Reflection

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." - Philippians 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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!

FUNDRAISERS

Our Ladies of Mary will be hosting a Bake Sale this weekend immediately following both Masses. Our Trivia Night will take place on February 9th, 2019. Please save the date!

CABRINI NEWS

Join our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, for its annual Christmas Program this 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: Third Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: International Migrants Day
Friday: St. Peter Canisius, Winter begins

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 12/22/18, at 4:00 PM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Joan Frigillana, Leon Frigillana
To Choir & Disabled: Jim Teschner
Commentator & Lector: Rich Fogelbach
Server: Matt Kellner
Cantor: Dan Zdrodowski
Musician: John Harper

***** SUNDAY, 12/23/18, at 10:00 AM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Sandy Moore, Tim Moore
To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly
Server: Anthony Nguyen
Cantor: Mary Pichler
Musician: John Harper

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

An Advent Penitential Service and Confessions will take place this 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.

DECORATING CHURCH

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

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

Sunday, December 30th

Novena to the Holy Family begins this day and ends on Monday, January 7th, 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. May God bless your family!