

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019**

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 IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
- Luke 4:18a

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 26th

7:45 AM + Ed & + Rhoda McGrail
4:00 PM Barb Kellner

Sunday, January 27th

10:00 AM + Donald & + Genevieve Geisel

Monday, January 28th

7:45 AM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

Tuesday, January 29th

7:45 AM Harry Fabick

Wednesday, January 30th

7:45 AM + Salvadora DeMierre

Thursday, January 31st

7:45 AM + Clyde & + Evelyn Jolly

Friday, February 1st

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, February 2nd

7:45 AM + Sam & + Cecilia Bresler
4:00 PM + Barbara Rothweil

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, M.S.F., Bob Blankmann, Tom Bolen, Elam Burbage, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Darlene Doerr, Harry Fabick, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Lou Gehr, Mary Henderson, Dennis & Lisa 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, Janet Pinski, 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.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the soul of long-time parishioner **Esther Ellspermann**, who passed away earlier this week. She had just turned 104 years old on Jan. 13th. 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we balance our lives by enjoying the gifts we have been given and generously sharing with those in need, without expecting anything in return.

TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy...do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** will meet next Monday, February 4th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The **Men's Club** will meet again on Tuesday, February 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

CABRINI NEWS

Catholic Schools week begins, and Cabrini's Open House is celebrated this Sunday, **January 27th**. Be sure to stop by the Open House at the school from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and meet the faculty, staff and student ambassadors.

RECTORY FURNACE

Our annual maintenance on the rectory furnace this year revealed a crack in the unit's heat exchanger. We were advised to replace the unit due to safety concerns. The cost of the new furnace is **\$4,400.00**. Any free-will offerings from our parish family designated to help defray the cost of this unexpected expense would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for whatever you can do to help. May God bless you!

JANUARY 27th, 2019

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 1,678.67
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,840.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year (Fiscal Year is July 2018 thru June 2019)	\$ 2,097.59
Parish Appeal 2019	\$ 34.00
Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 84.00

Stewardship Reflection

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”
- Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will have a special collection for our **St. Vincent De Paul Fund**. Your support is greatly needed to continue our ministry of serving the poor and needy. Envelopes are in the vestibule of the church.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW

You can place your renewal envelope for the St. Louis Review in the upcoming weekend collections. Subscription forms are available in the vestibule of the church, or you can contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements for 2018 will be available as of this Thursday, January 31st. Contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office at 865-1020 to request your statement.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
- Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas
- Thursday: St. John Bosco
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Blessing of Candles; First Saturday;
World Day for Consecrated Life

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** **SATURDAY, 02/02/19, at 4:00 PM** *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Monica Fingerhut
Phil Fingerhut
- To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
- Commentator & Lector: Weldon Tieken
- Server: Emily Martinez-Hernandez
- Cantor: Ed Koeninger
- Musician: John Harper

***** **SUNDAY, 02/03/19, at 10:00 AM** *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Blosser
Mike Blosser
- To Choir & Disabled: Jan Harper
- Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
- Server: Tina Nguyen
- Cantor: Mary Pichler
- Musician: John Harper

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to the Ladies of Mary for hosting last Sunday's Mass of Remembrance and to everyone who participated in any way to help make this a special day. (In the Mass of Remembrance program that was distributed, the name of Ann Sanneman, sister-in-law of parishioner Karen Holthaus, was not included. We apologize for this oversight.) Please keep all of our deceased family members in your prayers.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

The Catholic Men for Christ Conference takes place next **Saturday, February 2nd**. Sign-up is still available in the vestibule of the church. Call Matt Kellner at 638-7941, or Paul Jolly at the Parish Office for more details.

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST

Save the date. The Catholic Women for Christ Conference will be on **Saturday, March 9th**. See the bulletin boards, or call Adela Peugnet at 315-7347.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be on **Saturday, February 9th**, in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm and Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person; limit of 10 players per table. This includes drinks (beer, wine, soda and water), snacks, and paper products. Basket Raffles are also being planned. Donations of items for the raffles or can beer (AB products) would be greatly appreciated.

To make reservations, or for more information, flyers are available in the vestibule of the church, or you can call Kathy Styer at 588-0770. Please support this fundraiser.