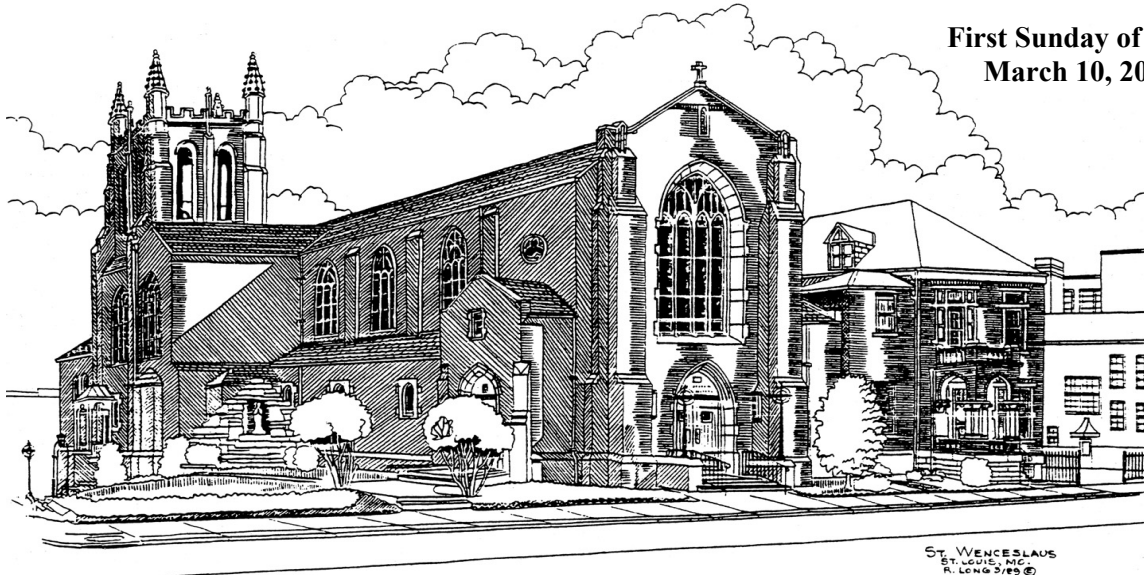


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

**First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
- Romans 10:8

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 9th

7:45 AM Paul Jolly
4:00 PM Deacon George Miller

Sunday, March 10th

10:00 AM + Marcella Keim

Monday, March 11th

7:45 AM Special Intention

Tuesday, March 12th

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

Wednesday, March 13th

7:45 AM + Salvadora DeMierre

Thursday, March 14th

7:45 AM Marie Rundle

Friday, March 15th

7:45 AM + Jerome "Jerry" Bielicke

Saturday, March 16th

7:45 AM + Charlie McGrail
4:00 PM + Tom Moran

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, Dennis & Lisa Holland, Margaret Kalbac, Patrick Kennedy, Carol Kozemczak, Everleigh Lauber, Ana Clara Lightle, Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Ray Miles, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Matt Moore, Austin Needham, Ray Orf, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Janet Pinski, Carol Plassmeyer, Mary Faye Rempé, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Justina Roling, Marvin Rothweil, Clem Ruenker, Len Sanneman, Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Ariane Sery, Georgia Stockton, Brenna Thornton, Mary Ullo, Tom Vossmeier, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of former parishioner **Jim Ogle**, who passed away recently. A funeral service will take place at St. Wenceslaus on Friday, April 12th, at 10:00 am. May his 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 First Sunday of Lent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we give God the "first fruits" of our gifts - our first and best time in prayer, charitable works in ministry participation and financial support of our parish mission and community outreach.

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we "set our offerings before the Lord, our God, and shall bow down in God's presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart...For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Always There Lawn Care & Housecleaning is looking for workers. If interested, please contact Nancy at 478-9942.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

This Tuesday, March 12th, and Thursday, March 21st, at the Cardinal Rigali Center at 7:00 pm, the Office of the Permanent Diaconate will be holding informational meetings for men who are interested in exploring the possibility of a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate. Interested men are invited to attend one of the sessions. Wives of interested men are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot at the meeting, please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 792-7431.

FEBRUARY PASS-THE -CASH

\$50 WINNER: Adela Peugnet
\$25 WINNERS: Jean Schallom, Ben Pelch
Diane Smith, Jack Pittman

MARCH 10th, 2019

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 2,751.95
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,840.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,108.70
(Fiscal Year is July 2018 thru June 2019)	
Parish Appeal 2019	\$ 230.00
Maintenance	\$ 212.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 253.00

Stewardship Reflection

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."
- Deuteronomy 26:10*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend is the 135th annual National **Black and Indian Mission** collection. Please be generous and help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

PETITION BOOK

We now have a Petition Book located in the vestibule (back) of the church. Please feel free to write your petitions in the book.

ENCOUNTER NORMA

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending; Daylight Saving Time begins
Monday:	Julian Calendar Lent begins
Friday:	Abstinence

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/16/19, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Marge Place Weldon Tieken
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Weldon Tieken
Server:	Matt Kellner
Cantor:	Mary Bardo
Musician:	John Harper

***** SUNDAY, 03/17/19, at 10:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Adela Peugnet Karen Holthaus
To Choir & Disabled:	Rich Olliges
Commentator & Lector:	Paul Jolly
Server:	Paula Nguyen
Cantor:	Mary Pichler
Musician:	John Harper

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held **on all Wednesdays during Lent** at 6:00 pm in the church. Please make this special time each week a part of your Lenten Journey.

The **Ladies of Mary** will sponsor and attend this week's service on March 13th.

The **Men's Club** will sponsor and attend the service on March 20th.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

Any one interested in our **Respect for Life** program should contact Dennis Holland at 608-6742 for additional information. All are welcome!

EWTN.COM/LENT

EWTN has made a special website, ewtn.com/lent! Journey through this season of Lent to the day of Easter joy with EWTN. Each day offers a Reflection, Lenten Question, Lenten Action, and Prayer. There are also links to many other resources.

UPCOMING MEETING

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, March 19th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday & Best Wishes to **Deacon George Miller** who will be celebrating his birthday this Thursday, **March 14th**. Deacon George, may God's peace and blessings be with you on this special day and always.

- Your Parish Family