

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 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 OF LENT

The Lord secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed. - Psalm 103:6

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 23rd

7:45 AM + Jack Morrissey
4:00 PM + Joe Ebert

Sunday, March 24th

10:00 AM + Donald & + Genevieve Geisel

Monday, March 25th

7:45 AM Special Intention

Tuesday, March 26th

7:45 AM + Jerome "Jerry" Bielicke

Wednesday, March 27th

7:45 AM + Evelyn O'Brien

Thursday, March 28th

7:45 AM + Arlene Martin

Friday, March 29th

7:45 AM + Salvadora DeMierre

Saturday, March 30th

7:45 AM Bob Blankmann
4:00 PM Marvin 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, Dennis & Lisa Holland, Margaret Kalbac, Patrick Kennedy, Carol Kozemczak, Everleigh Lauber, Ana Clara Lightle, Sr. Marie Loeffler, C.P.P.S., 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, Liz Rathbone, Mary Faye Rempe, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Justina Roling, Marvin Rothweil, Edward Rotter, Jr., 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 **Mary Teschner**, mother of parishioner Jim Teschner, who recently passed away. 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 of Lent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we are generous with all of our gifts and nurture and develop them to return with increase.

MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you...The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

CABRINI NEWS

You can support our parish school by buying raffle tickets! Cabrini students will be selling raffle tickets after the Masses this weekend. The winning tickets will be drawn at their Dinner and Auction on May 11th. Tickets are \$3.00 each, or 6 for \$15.00. Thank you for supporting our students.

Cabrini is also hosting a Shopping Event at Looking Glass Designs, 1917 Park Ave., next Sunday, March 31st, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to our school. Please shop and support our students.

FISH FRY

St. Pius V, 3540 Utah (Grand & Utah), is offering a fish fry on Fridays during Lent. The cost is \$10.00 for a full plate and \$5.00 for a half plate. The fish fry is open for business from 4:00 - 7:30 pm. Please support this fundraiser.

PETITION BOOK

We now have a Petition Book located in the vestibule of the church. Feel free to write your petitions in the book.

MARCH 24th, 2019

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 1,420.40
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,840.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,076.22
(Fiscal Year is July 2018 thru June 2019)	
Parish Appeal 2019	\$ 160.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 45.00

Stewardship Reflection

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services** collection. These funds provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously to this collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Envelopes are included in your monthly packet.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

The Dhathroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Donations support CRS's humanitarian relief programs in nearly 100 countries. Pick up your rice bowl in church today, and remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Monday:	Annunciation of the Lord
Friday:	Abstinence

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/30/19, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Marge Place Weldon Tiekens
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Maury Prater
Server:	Matt Kellner
Cantor:	Ed Koeninger
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 03/31/19, at 10:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Kathy Blosser Mike Blosser
To Choir & Disabled:	Pat Lohmar
Commentator & Lector:	Kathy Styer
Server:	Jose Campos
Cantors:	Stephanie Blosser & Andrea Harper
Musician:	John Harper

SPANISH MASS

We are happy to announce that our parish will begin celebrating a Mass in Spanish on Sundays at 12:00 pm, effective April 7, 2019. This does not replace or change our current Saturday or Sunday Mass schedule.

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 **Parish Pastoral Council** will sponsor and attend this week's service on March 27th.

The **Liturgy Committee** will sponsor and attend the service on April 3rd.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

The newly formed Respect Life group at St. Wenceslaus will Pray the Rosary to End Abortion before Mass this **Sunday, March 24th, at 9:20 am**. The rosary will be prayed in the church. We are planning to do this once a month. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Dennis Holland at 608-6742. Thank you!

MEN'S CLUB - MASS & BREAKFAST

The Men's Club will be attending the 10:00 am Mass next **Sunday, March 31st**. Breakfast will follow at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Mother House. All men of the parish are invited, but reservations are required. If interested, please contact Paul Jolly at the parish office at 865-1020, no later than this Tuesday, March 26th. We hope you will join us!