

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 28, 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
Sunday 12:00 PM (Spanish)

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

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

- Colossians 2:12

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 27th

7:45 AM + Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM + Ray Rancilio

Sunday, July 28th

10:00 AM + Sarah Devlin

Monday, July 29th

7:45 AM + Rose Roelke

Tuesday, July 30th

7:45 AM Robert Rothweil

Wednesday, July 31st

7:45 AM + Tim Morrissey

Thursday, August 1st

7:45 AM + Esther E. Ellspermann

Friday, August 2nd

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, August 3rd

7:45 AM + Gene Smugala
4:00 PM People of the Parish

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, Jim Estes, Harry & Judy Fabick, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Lou Gehr, Dennis & Lisa Holland, Jody James, Margaret Kalbac, Patrick Kennedy, Carol Kozemczak, Ana Clara Lightle, Sr. Marie Loeffler, C.P.P.S., Bonnie Martin, Ray Miles, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Matt Moore, Mary Moran, Austin Needham, Fr. Arthur Ockwood, M.S.F., Ray Orf, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Janet Pinski, Carol Plassmeyer, Mary Faye Rempe, Bob Roelke, Justina Roling, Marvin Rothweil, Edward Rotter, Jr., Clem Ruemker, Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Ariane Sery, Georgia Stockton, Tom Vossmeier, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

GET ACQUAINTED SUNDAY

Our Men's Club is hosting a 'Get Acquainted Sunday' this **Sunday, July 28th**, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please plan to join us in the Parish Center for donuts and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may learn to see the difference between the things we need and the things we want.

ASKING FOR HELP

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us, even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

CABRINI NEWS

St. Frances Cabrini Academy, our parish school, is currently enrolling grades kindergarten thru 8th for the 2019-2020 school year. All grades are open until 25 spots are filled. Consider enrolling soon. Please call 776-0883, or e-mail admissions@cabriniacademy.org for more information.

The school is also looking for a part-time classroom aide and a part-time music teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants should contact Caroline Koetting, Principal, at 776-0883, or Caroline.Koetting@CabriniAcademy.org.

PSR NEWS

The South City Deanery Parish School of Religion (PSR) is in need of catechists and substitutes. If you are a practicing Catholic and interested in this ministry, contact Nancy Haselhorst at 773-3070, or email at stl.scdpsr@gmail.com.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

The Missionaries of the Holy Family will be hosting a First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary here at St. Wenceslaus next **Sat., August 3**, beginning with the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 2:30 pm and ending with Mass at 4:00 pm. The Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayers will be included. Call Maury at 577-6300 for information.

JULY 28th, 2019

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 1,916.76
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,840.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,054.45
(Fiscal Year is July 2019 thru June 2020)	
Parish Appeal 2019	\$ 209.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 594.00

Stewardship Reflection

“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend is the Archbishop’s special collection to aid those impacted by the most recent flooding in our community. Several hundred households have been affected with major damage or a complete loss. Funds raised will go directly to relief efforts provided by Catholic Charities of St. Louis and Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church.

Next weekend, we will have a special collection for the **Latin America Apostolate**. This collection strengthens our faith and community with our brothers and sisters in Bolivia through the work of our Archdiocesan Missionaries. Your support is bringing the Gospel and invaluable resources to people who might not otherwise have access to pastoral care or church programs. Envelopes are included in your monthly packet. Please be generous.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Martha
- Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus
- Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
- Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 08/03/19, at 4:00 PM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Monica Fingerhut
Phil Fingerhut
Weldon Tieken
- To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert
- Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater
- Server: Jim Teschner
- Cantor: Mary Bardo
- Musician: Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 08/04/19, at 10:00 AM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Sandy Moore
Tim Moore
Rich Olliges
- To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
- Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
- Server: Anthony Nguyen
- Cantors: Stephanie Blosser & Andrea Harper
- Musician: John Harper

SPANISH MASS

On Sundays, our parish now celebrates a Mass in Spanish at noon. Join us in celebrating the Eucharist in Spanish.

OFFERTORY GIVING

During the summer many of us take vacations and spend weekends away from home. It is inevitable that we do not attend Mass regularly on weekends at our parish church, St. Wenceslaus. Please remember that our bills and expenses continue, and the need for regular offertory giving is important. In your absence we still need your support. Thank you for your continued giving.

SUMMER READING

The online version of the summer issue of *The Messenger* magazine from the Missionaries of the Holy Family is now available, www.msf-america.org/about-us/messenger-magazine. Free, printed copies are also available from the parish office. Be sure to check out the many family life articles in this issue of *The Messenger*.

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has recorded pledges to date of **\$9,110.00**, or 67% of our ACA Challenge Goal of \$13,642.00. Thank you to all those who have generously donated. Your gift is greatly appreciated.

If you have not yet done so, prayerfully consider making a gift to this year’s ACA campaign. Let’s work together to make our Challenge Goal of \$13,642.00 a reality.