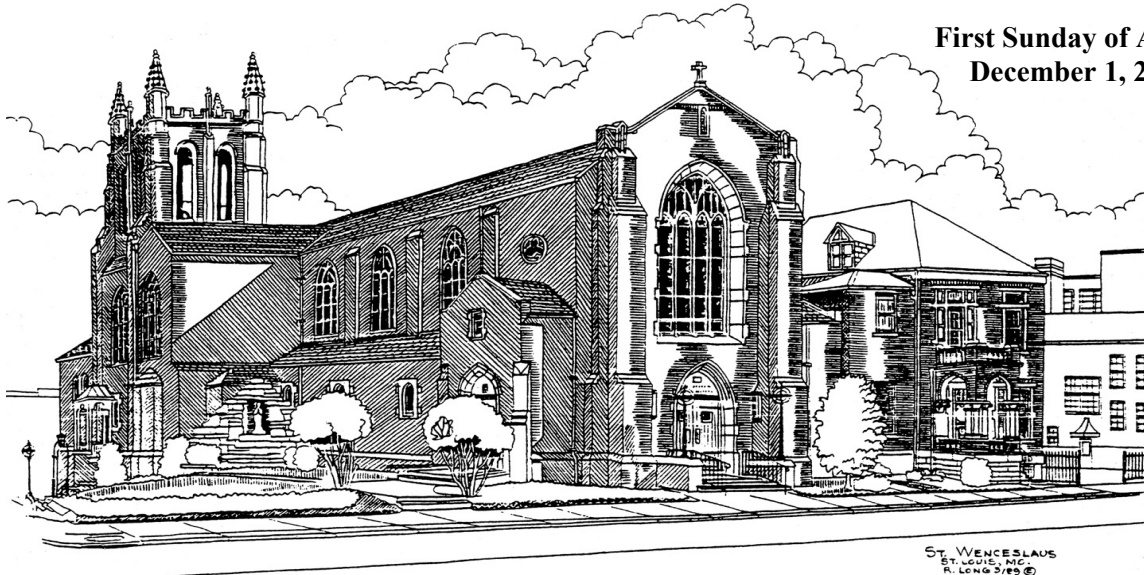


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



**First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 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

Rev. Angelot Andriamamitahina, M.S.F.,
(In Residence)

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.

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

MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

www.msf-america.org

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. - Jeremiah 33:15

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 30th

7:45 AM + Salvadora DeMierre

4:00 PM + Richard Fogelbach

Sunday, December 1st

10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, December 2nd

7:45 AM Special Intention

Tuesday, December 3rd

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik

Wednesday, December 4th

7:45 AM + Rosemary Rivituso

Thursday, December 5th

7:45 AM + Andy Przada

Friday, December 6th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends

Prayer Association

Saturday, December 7th

7:45 AM + Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM + Harry O'Brien, Jr.

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, Rich Cullen, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Darlene Doerr, Sr. Janet Dohr, C.P.P.S., Jim Estes, Harry & Judy Fabick, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Lou Gehr, Nerie Goff, 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, Mary Moran, Austin Needham, Fr. Arthur Ockwood, M.S.F., Ray Orf, Carmelita Pelch, 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.

ADVENT MOVIE

The Daughters of St. Paul will be showing the film "The Star" on Thursday, December 5th, at 6:30 pm at Pauline Books and Media, 9804 Watson Road. See the bulletin boards for more information.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the First Sunday of Advent.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we don't take each day for granted and see the little miracles that occur in our lives every day.

THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming - the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians, and all of us, to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king's coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

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. Makes a great gift for the Christmas Season, and it has been awarded the prestigious Seal of Approval by the Catholic Writers Guild.

CABRINI CORNER

Join us to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 12th, at 8:00 am. Mass will be celebrated at St. Wenceslaus Church, followed by traditional dancing in the Cabrini Gym. Everyone is invited to join us for this special celebration of Mary. We hope you can come!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be held on **Saturday, February 8, 2020**. Please save the date and plan on attending. More details to follow.

JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is again available. Please place your gift cards for needy families in the box by the tree.

DECEMBER 1st, 2019

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Last Week's Collections (as of 11/17/19) \$ 1,992.75; Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00; Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,002.20.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Parish Appeal 2019 \$ 00.00; Maintenance \$ 5.00; Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 00.00.

Stewardship Reflection

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." - Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues, or near-death experiences, generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Military Veterans of Saint Wenceslaus who attended a very wonderful Veterans Day Brunch with the Knights of Columbus Council 453. Thanks to all our Veterans for their service to our wonderful country.

Harry Bardo, Knights of Columbus Council 453

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Ladies of Mary meet this Monday, December 2nd, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The Men's Club will meet this Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The Fall Festival 2019 Wrap-Up Meeting will be next Saturday, December 7th, at 10:00 am in the Parish Center.

CATHOLIC RADIO

Listen to AM 1080 WRYT, Catholic radio. For more information, or a program schedule, call 314-752-7000.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday: St. John Damascene
Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday
Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 12/07/19, at 4:00 PM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Monica Fingerhut, Phil Fingerhut, Weldon Tieken
To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector: Weldon Tieken
Server: Matt Kellner
Cantor: Dan Zdrodowski
Musician: Barb Kellner

SUNDAY, 12/08/19, at 10:00 AM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Rich Olliges, Bill Kren, Karen Holthaus
To Choir & Disabled: Jan Harper
Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
Servers: Emily Martinez-Hernandez, Teresa Perez
Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser
Musician: John Harper

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, is being transferred this year to Monday, December 9th, because the solemnity falls on December 8th, the second Sunday of Advent. Please note: Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am and also 6:00 pm on Monday, December 9th.

SEMINARY APPEAL

Next weekend, December 7th & 8th, our parish family will welcome Kevin Lenius, currently a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, who will speak to us at all the Masses to promote the annual Christmas Collection for the Seminary.

BAKE SALE

St. Wenceslaus Ladies of Mary are having a Christmas Bake Sale on December 14th & 15th after all Masses. If you wish to donate to this bake sale, the Ladies of Mary would be most grateful. Questions, please contact Mary Bardo, president, at 606-5584. Please support this fund-raising event.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

An Advent Penitential Service and Confessions will take place on Saturday, December 21st, at 3:00 p.m. Extra priests will be available to hear your confession. Please make plans now to participate in this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.