

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord,
as water covers the sea. - Isaiah 11:9

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7th

7:45 AM + Souls in Purgatory

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

Sunday, December 8th

10:00 AM + Donald & + Genevieve Geisel

Monday, December 9th

8:00 AM Phoebe Cobb

6:00 PM + Mary Teschner

Tuesday, December 10th

7:45 AM + Johnny Tranca

Wednesday, December 11th

7:45 AM Sr. Janet Dohr, C.P.P.S.

Thursday, December 12th

7:45 AM + Jacob Folkerth

Friday, December 13th

7:45 AM + Joesphine Sindelar

Saturday, December 14th

7:45 AM + John A. Fabick

4:00 PM + Virginia Billo

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.

2020 CALENDARS

Our new 2020 Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church. We gratefully acknowledge and thank **Kutis Funeral Home** for providing these to our parish family. Please pick one up after Mass.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God.

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries, the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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 this 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 8th, 2019

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Last Two (2) Week's Collections \$ 4,170.57, Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00, Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,009.76. (Fiscal Year is July 2019 thru June 2020)

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Stewardship Reflection

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." - Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

SEMINARY APPEAL

This weekend our parish family welcomes Kevin Lenius, currently a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, who will speak to us at all Masses to promote the annual Christmas Collection for the Seminary.

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.

BAKE SALE

The Ladies of Mary are having a Christmas Bake Sale on Dec. 14th & 15th after all Masses. Donations to this bake sale would be appreciated. You can contact Mary Bardo at 606-5584. Please support this fundraising event.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Damasus I
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy
Saturday: St. John of the Cross

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** MONDAY, 12/09/19, at 8:00 AM *****

- To Choir & Disabled: Deacon George
Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater
Server: Deacon George

***** MONDAY, 12/09/19, at 6:00 PM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Rich Olliges, Bill Kren, Weldon Tieken
To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly
Server: Matt Keller
Cantor: Ed Koeninger
Musician: John Harper

***** SATURDAY, 12/14/19, at 4:00 PM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Marge Place, Weldon Tieken, Evelyn Reichert
To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert
Commentator & Lector: Jim Teschner
Server: Jose Campos
Cantor: Mary Bardo
Musician: Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 12/15/19, at 10:00 AM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Sandy Moore, Tim Moore, Mike Blosser
To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector: Adela Peugnet
Server: Anthony Nguyen
Cantor: Mary Pichler
Musician: John Harper

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

UPCOMING MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this month on Tuesday, December 17th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

NOVEMBER PASS-THE-CASH

- \$50 WINNER: Mary Moran
\$25 WINNERS: Bill Kren, Sandra McKinney, Mary Martin, Janet Rancilio, Bill Roberts