

# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

*Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960*



**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 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](http://www.stwenceslaus.website)

### MSF WEB SITE ADDRESS:

[www.msf-america.org](http://www.msf-america.org)

### SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:

[stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net)

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.  
- Isaiah 35:10a

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 14th

7:45 AM + John A. Fabick  
4:00 PM + Virginia Billo

### Sunday, December 15th

10:00 AM + William H. Meadows

### Monday, December 16th

7:45 AM + Arlene Martin

### Tuesday, December 17th

7:45 AM + Marie A. Blankmann

### Wednesday, December 18th

7:45 AM Nighisti Tecele

### Thursday, December 19th

7:45 AM + Tom Moran

### Friday, December 20th

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

### Saturday, December 21st

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim  
4:00 PM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

## 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, Sr. Janet Dohr, C.P.P.S., 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 be sure to 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 Third Sunday of Advent.

## Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That through daily prayer we will gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.

## REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

## 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](http://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.

## UPCOMING MEETING

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

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be held on **Saturday, February 8, 2020**. Please save the date and plan on attending. Flyers will be available in the vestibule of the church beginning next weekend.

## CABRINI NEWS

Please join our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, for its annual **Christmas Program** this **Wednesday, December 18th**, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

## DECEMBER 15th, 2019

### GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 2,528.50
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,032.31

(Fiscal Year is July 2019 thru June 2020)

Parish Appeal 2019	\$ 29.00
Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 94.00

#### Stewardship Reflection

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."  
- James 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

### BAKE SALE

The Ladies of Mary are having a Christmas Bake Sale this weekend **after all Masses**. Donations to this bake sale would be greatly appreciated. Please support this fundraising event. Thank you!

### FALL FESTIVAL RESULTS

This year's Fall Festival made a profit of **\$32,834.53**, a very successful festival. Thank you once again to everyone who worked, supported or helped in any way. May God bless you all!

### DINNER

Make plans to join with fellow parishioners for dinner at Crusoe's, 3152 Osceola, after the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 28th (Dutch Treat). If interested, please call Tom Wooten at 314-252-9649.

### JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is again available. Place your gift cards for needy families in the box beneath the tree and then please hang an ornament on the tree.

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Las Posadas begins
Saturday:	St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

### MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 12/21/19, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Evelyn Reichert Charlie Reichert Jim Teschner
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Weldon Tieken
Server:	Ismael Aguayo
Cantor:	Ed Koeninger
Musician:	Barb Kellner

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 12/22/19, at 10:00 AM\*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Kathy Blosser Mike Blosser Rich Olliges
To Choir & Disabled:	Karen Holthaus
Commentator & Lector:	Paul Jolly
Server:	Anthony Nguyen
Cantor:	Lisa Holland
Musician:	John Harper

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

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

### THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Enrich your faith this Advent and Christmas with special programming throughout the season on EWTN. Attend Mass in Vatican City with Pope Francis, enjoy concerts from Europe, and travel to the sacred sites of the Holy Land. Visit [www.ewtn.com/channelfinder](http://www.ewtn.com/channelfinder) to find EWTN in your area, or call 205-795-5771.

### DECORATING CHURCH

Next **Saturday, December 21st**, we will be decorating the church for Christmas beginning at 10:00 a.m.

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

**Sunday, December 29th**

Novena to the Holy Family begins this day and ends on Monday, January 6th, with the 7:45 a.m. Mass. **All Masses during the Novena will be held in the church.**

Holy Family Novena pamphlets are available in the vestibule of the church. You are encouraged to come to Mass as often as possible during the Novena. You can also say the prayers at home as a family or wherever you may be. May God bless your family!