

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph
December 29, 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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Over all other virtues put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. - Colossians 3:14

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 28th

7:45 AM + Bill Zib

4:00 PM + Richard E. Carr, Sr.

Sunday, December 29th

10:00 AM Holy Family Novena

Monday, December 30th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Tuesday, December 31st

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

4:00 PM + Members of our Parish Family Who Were Called Home by the Lord This Past Year
(Vigil Mass for Holy Day)

Wednesday, January 1st

10:00 AM Holy Family Novena

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, January 2nd

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Friday, January 3rd

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Saturday, January 4th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

4:00 PM Carol A. Blankmann

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., 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, 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, 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.

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

- G. K. Chesterton

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That through prayer and love, our family relationships put us on the path to holiness.

SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share within our families, parish families, and the wider human family, the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Ladies of Mary, Men's Club and Parish Pastoral Council will not meet in January. Meetings will resume in February.

JESSE TREE

The **Jesse (Giving) Tree** will be available through Sunday, January 12th, if you would still like to give a gift card.

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

Sunday, December 29th

Novena to the Holy Family begins this Sunday 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.

Missionaries of the Holy Family Collection is this weekend the feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

The Missionaries of the Holy Family have served our parish since 1960. Your gift will help them continue to pastorally care for families, emphasizing the Holy Family as the standard of holiness for all families. Please be generous!

DECEMBER 29th, 2019

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Last Week's Collections (as of 12/15/19) \$ 2,306.07; Weekly Collection Goal \$ 2,700.00; Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 2,043.72. (Fiscal Year is July 2019 thru June 2020)

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Parish Appeal 2019 \$ 153.00; Maintenance \$ 75.00; Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 65.00

Stewardship Reflection

“Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in every-thing...Fathers, do not provoke your children...” - Colossians 3:18-21

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become “schools of true human growth.” Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

2020 CALENDARS

Our new Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church. We gratefully thank Kutis Funeral Home.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be on Saturday, February 8th, in the Parish Hall. Tables of up to 10 are \$20 per person. Flyers are available in the vestibule of the church. For more information, contact Kathy Styer at 588-0770.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE II

Matthew Wallis & Audra Plassmeyer January 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve
Wednesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace; New Year’s Day
Thursday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Friday
Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, 12/31/19, at 4:00 PM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Evelyn Reichert, Charlie Reichert, Rich Olliges
To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater
Servers: Matt Kellner
Cantor: Ed Koeninger
Musician: Barb Kellner

Wednesday, 01/01/20, at 10:00 AM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Sandy Moore, Tim Moore, Bill Kren
To Choir & Disabled: Jan Harper
Commentator & Lector: Dennis Holland
Servers: Jose Campos
Cantor: Lisa Holland
Musician: John Harper

SATURDAY, 01/04/20, at 4:00 PM

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

SUNDAY, 01/05/20, at 10:00AM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Blosser, Mike Blosser, Karen Holthaus
To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly
Server: Anthony Nguyen
Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser
Musician: John Harper

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, January 1st, New Year’s Day, is the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and all Catholics are required to attend Mass.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Sunday, January 19th, at 10:00 am for parishioners who have lost a loved one during this past year. A luncheon will follow Mass. Please save the date and review the insert in this week’s bulletin. You can call Barb Kellner at 638-7941 with questions.