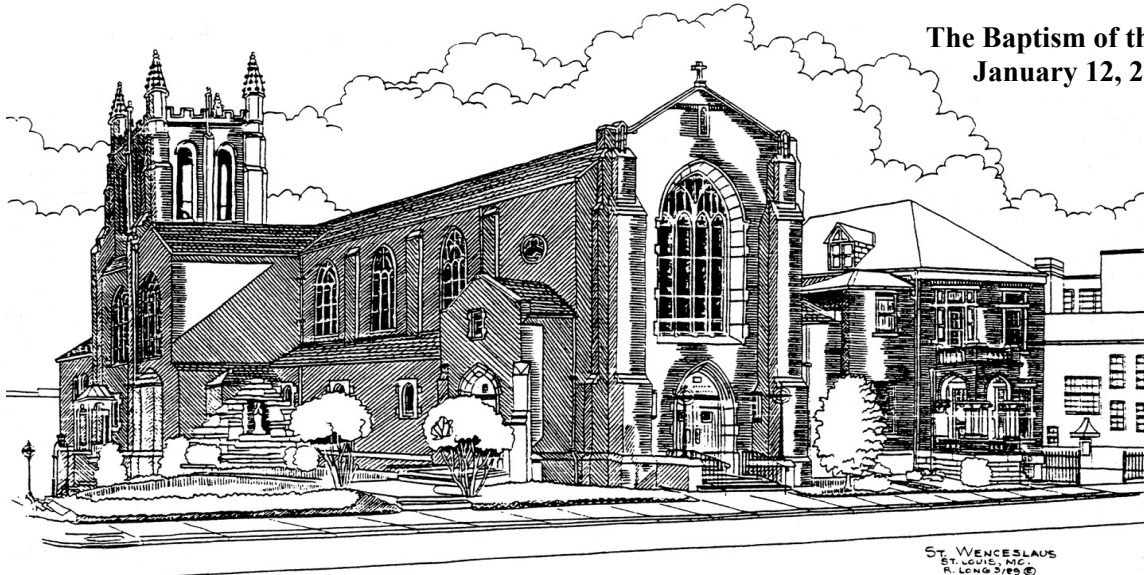


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
- Matthew 3:17

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 11th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

4:00 PM + Richard Fogelbach

Sunday, January 12th

10:00 AM + Johnny Tranca

Monday, January 13th

7:45 AM + Esther Ellspermann

Tuesday, January 14th

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

Wednesday, January 15th

7:45 AM Special Intention

Thursday, January 16th

7:45 AM Nighisti Tecele

Friday, January 17th

7:45 AM + Salvadora DeMierre

Saturday, January 18th

7:45 AM + Dr. Gary Michael Gutting

4:00 PM + Marcella Keim

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.

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.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the feast of The Baptism of the Lord.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That, through our generous giving, we may show our gratitude to God for the great gift of sending His beloved Son to save us.

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus - but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

ROSARY & FELLOWSHIP

Please join with members of our Holy Family Prayer Association in our Church's Parish Center to pray the Rosary this **Wednesday, January 15th, at 6:30 pm**. We will pray for your family and all families of the world. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the Rosary. All are welcome! You can call Maury at 577-6300 for more information.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

The Catholic Men for Christ Conference will be held on **Saturday, February 1st**, at the Touhill Performing Arts Center, located on the University of Missouri, St. Louis Campus. There will be a discounted price for all men attending the conference. Sign-up is available in the vestibule of the church. Call Matt Kellner at 638-7941 for more details.

JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is still available through this **Sunday, January 12th**, for anyone who would still like to give a gift card, or perhaps a monetary donation, for our Parish Food Pantry. We are very grateful to everyone who has supported this wonderful cause. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

JANUARY 12th, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Two Weeks' Collections	\$ 5,045.60
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,135.02

(Fiscal Year is July 2019 thru June 2020)

Parish Appeal 2020	\$ 553.00
Maintenance	\$ 328.30
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 1,043.00

Stewardship Reflection

*"And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
- Matthew 3:17*

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us, so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven, God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW

Place your renewal envelope for the St. Louis Review in the offertory collection next week, January 18th and 19th. Stay informed about Church news from around the archdiocese, nation and world. **For just \$35.00, the suggested contribution amount**, you get all the issues, plus full access to the website. The Review is funded solely through your subscriptions, contributions, and advertising. If you do not have a renewal envelope, but would like to subscribe, just contact Paul Jolly at the parish office.

MEN'S CLUB - MASS & BREAKFAST

The Men's Club will be attending the 10:00 am Mass on **Sunday, January 26th**. Breakfast will follow at Ari's, 3101 Hampton Ave. All men of the parish are invited, but reservations are required. If interested, please call Paul Jolly at the parish office at 865-1020, no later than Tuesday, January 21st. Please join us!

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Monday:	First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary
Friday:	St. Anthony
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 01/18/20, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Evelyn Reichert Charlie Reichert Monica Fingerhut
To Choir & Disabled:	Weldon Tieken
Commentator & Lector:	Jim Teschner
Server:	Weldon Tieken
Cantor:	Dan Zdrodowski
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 01/19/20, at 10:00AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Bill Kren Rich Olliges Kathy Blosser
To Choir & Disabled:	Karen Holthaus
Commentator & Lector:	Dennis Holland
Server:	Tina Nguyen
Cantor:	Mary Bardo
Musician:	Barb Kellner

WEDDING BELLS

Our parish family extends our congratulations and best wishes to **Matthew Wallis & Audra Plassmeyer** who entered into the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, January 11th.

May God bless and watch over you both as you begin life's journey of faith together.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated next **Sunday, January 19th**, at 10:00 a.m. for those who have lost a loved one. A luncheon follows Mass in the Parish Hall. An RSVP is requested for the luncheon. Flyers are available in the vestibule of the church. You can contact Mary Bardo or Barb Kellner at the numbers listed on the flyer.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be on **Saturday, February 8th**, in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:45 pm and Trivia will begin at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$20 per person; limit of 10 players per table. This includes drinks (beer, wine, soda and water), snacks, and paper products. Basket Raffles are also being planned, so please consider donating any extra Christmas gifts as a prize for our event. Donations of bottled wine and low value gift cards would also be gratefully appreciated.

To make reservations, or for more information, flyers are available in the vestibule of the church, or you can call Kathy Styer at 588-0770. Please support this fundraiser.