

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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The Presentation
of the Lord
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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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way. - Hebrews 2:17a

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 1st

7:45 AM + Clyde & + Evelyn Jolly

4:00 PM Bob Roelke

Sunday, February 2nd

10:00 AM + Fr. Jim Wasser, M.S.F.

Monday, February 3rd

7:45 AM + Dr. Gary Michael Gutting

Tuesday, February 4th

7:45 AM + Gene Smugala

Wednesday, February 5th

7:45 AM + Tim Morrissey

Thursday, February 6th

7:45 AM + Johnny Tranca

Friday, February 7th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, February 8th

7:45 AM + Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, M.S.F., Bob Blankmann, Tom Bolen, 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, Sr. Marie Loeffler, C.P.P.S., Bonnie Martin, Ray Miles, Cathy Miller, Deacon George Miller, Mary Moran, 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, Georgia Stockton, Tom Vossmeier, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Tom Wooten, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

BLESSING OF THROATS

This weekend, we will have the Blessing of Throats at the conclusion of all Masses. In this special blessing, we pray that through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, we will be delivered and healed from all illnesses of the throat and from every other evil.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That others can see we live as Christians by the way we act, dress and talk.

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surrounding his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

CABRINI CORNER

Cabrini Academy is holding their annual International Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 15th, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Reservations are available online, but not through the school office. See the bulletin boards for more information, or contact Becky Qualls at 258-1850.

THE MESSENGER MAGAZINE ONLINE

The online version of the winter issue of *The Messenger* magazine from the Missionaries of the Holy Family is now available at www.msf-america.org. Free, printed copies are also available from our parish office. Be sure to check out the many family life articles and much more. May God bless your family! +JMJ+

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** will meet this Monday, February 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The **Men's Club** will meet this Tuesday, February 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** meets again on Tuesday, February 18th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

FEBRUARY 2nd, 2020

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 4,214.00
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,178.12

(Fiscal Year is July 2019 thru June 2020)

Parish Appeal 2020	\$ 140.00
Maintenance	\$ 19.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 35.00

Stewardship Reflection

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." - Luke 2:22

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, we will have a special collection for our **St. Vincent De Paul Fund**. Your support is greatly needed to continue our ministry of serving the poor and needy. Envelopes are in the vestibule of the church. Please be generous and support this important cause.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW

You can place your renewal envelope for the St. Louis Review in the upcoming weekend collections. The suggested contribution amount is \$35.00. Subscription cards are available in the vestibule of the church, or you can contact Paul Jolly at the parish office. Please subscribe!

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday; Groundhog Day
Monday:	Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
Wednesday:	St. Agatha
Thursday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 02/08/20, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Marge Place Weldon Tieken Monica Fingerhut
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Maury Prater
Server:	Ismael Aguayo
Cantor:	Dan Zdrodowski
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 02/09/20, at 10:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Adela Peugnet Karen Holthaus Sandy Moore
To Choir & Disabled:	Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector:	Dennis Holland
Server:	Anthony Nguyen
Cantor:	Lisa Holland
Musician:	John Harper

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the soul of long-time parishioner **Dennis DeMierre**, who passed away earlier this week. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements for 2019 are now available. Please call Paul Jolly at the Parish Office at 865-1020 to obtain your statement.

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST

The Catholic Women for Christ Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 7th**, at the Touhill Performing Arts Center. See the bulletin boards for more information, or call Adela Peugnet at 315-7347. Save the date.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be this **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 a gift 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.