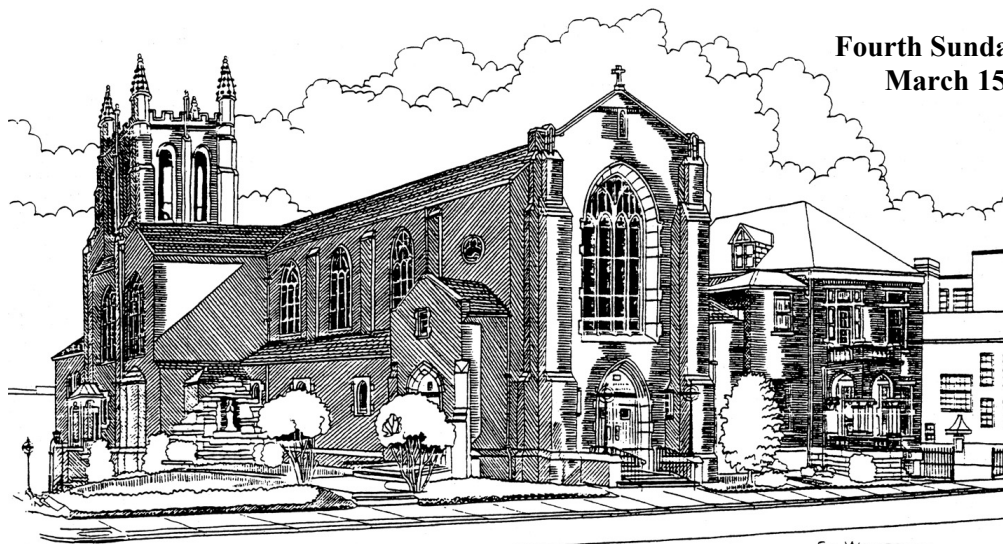


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2015**



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. James E. Wuerth, M.S.F., Pastor
Deacon George W. Miller
Rev. Petrus Prasetyo, M.S.F., In Residence
Rev. Denis Velomana, 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 8:00 and 10:00 AM

MASSES FOR WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday
7:45 AM in the Annex 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

Deborah Halter (314) 773-3070

ST. FRANCES CABRINI ACADEMY 776-0883

COMMUNION CALLS

To have Communion brought to your home contact the Parish Office.

NOVENA

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal 9:45 AM on Sunday.

LADIES OF MARY 1st Monday of Month 6:30 PM
in the Parish Center

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

1st Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Church
1st Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel

LITURGY COMMITTEE When announced

MEN'S CLUB 1st Tuesday of Month 6:30 PM in the Parish Center

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

3rd Tuesday of Month 7:00 PM in the Parish Center

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

PARISH WEB SITE ADDRESS:
www.stwenceslaus.website

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO: stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. — John 3:17

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 14th

7:45 AM Fr. Peter Prasetyo, M.S.F.

4:00 PM Deacon George Miller

Sunday, March 15th

8:00 AM Mary Lindenberger

10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, March 16th

7:45 AM + Charles Kubik, Sr.

Tuesday, March 17th

7:45 AM + Alice Moro

Wednesday, March 18th

7:45 AM + Joann Dabrowski

Thursday, March 19th

7:45 AM + Ed & + Rhoda McGrail

Friday, March 20th

7:45 AM + Betty Ruemker

Saturday, March 21st

7:45 AM + Ted Lott

4:00 PM + Martie J. (Jay) Aboussie, Jr.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fred Ackermann, Emmanuel Aziz, Jerry Bielicke, Jim Blankmann, Debbie Conley, Rich Cullen, Dennis Curtis, Don Fielder, Jim Finn, Rosa Flores, Donna Frank, Mary Ann Gajdosik, Joshua Galaster, John Gardabie, Lon Griffard, Gerry Harrington, Patricia Kennedy, Joe Kroupa, Everleigh Lauber, Fr. John Lombardi, M.S.F., Tom Malle, Gerald Mengwasser, Marion Mentzer, Carmelle Minton, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Judy Plassmeyer, Ray Rancilio, Mary Ray, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Katie Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Ariane Sery, Mary Siess, Pat Thomas, Wilma Turnbull, Mary Ullo, Joseph Waelterman, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Sister Janet Winogrocki, O.S.F.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will be held this **Wednesday**, March 18th, and all Wednesdays during Lent, at **6:00 p.m. in the church**. The **Parish Pastoral Council** will sponsor and attend this week's service. Please make this special time each Wednesday evening a part of your Lenten journey.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may show our gratitude for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own lives.

RAISED UP BY THE MESSIAH

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today's first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today's first reading. In the first paragraph, we hear that Israel had, in effect, "fallen" already through its infidelity to the covenant. Lest we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called "messiah"). In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being "lifted up" for our salvation in one of the best-known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This **Saturday, March 21st**, the **Ladies of Mary** are hosting "A Lenten Day of Recollection" for women, featuring Sister Philip Marie Burle, CPPS. It will be held at the Sisters of St. Joseph at Carondelet Motherhouse, 6400 Minnesota Ave., from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The cost is \$19.00 per person and is open to those 16 years of age and older. If you are interested, contact Mary Bardo today at 664-3776 or 606-5584.

MEN'S CLUB - MASS & BREAKFAST

The Men's Club will be attending the 10:00 am Mass next **Sunday, March 22nd**. Breakfast will follow at Ari's, 3101 Hampton Ave. The cost is only \$5.00 per person. All men of the parish are invited, but reservations are required. Please contact Paul Jolly at the parish office at 865-1020, no later than Wednesday, March 18th, if interested.

UPCOMING MEETING

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this coming Tuesday evening, March 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

MARCH 15th, 2015

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 2,440.94
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,382.59
(Fiscal Year is July 2014 thru June 2015)	
Parish Appeal 2015	\$ 1,065.00
Maintenance	\$ 67.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 148.00

Stewardship Reflection

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." — *John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we be generous in making some sacrifices for Him.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, we will have a special collection for **Catholic Relief Services**. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. Please give generously!

BAPTISM

This Sunday, March 15th, at 1:00 p.m., we will celebrate the Baptism of **Kaielle Amira White**, baby child of Christopher White and Thu Le Kiev Nguyen.

Welcome into God's family, Kaielle Amira!
Congratulations to you and all your family!

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our parish will be holding a Lenten Reconciliation Service next Saturday, **March 21st, from 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.** Additional priests will be available to hear your confession. Please use this opportunity to go to confession during the Lenten Season.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny
Tuesday: St. Patrick
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday: St. Joseph
Friday: Abstinence; Spring begins

Pick up your family's rice bowl in church today, and remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/21/15, at 4:00 PM *****

Extraordinary Ministers: Evelyn Reichert
Charles Reichert
To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector: Maurice Prater
Server: Matt Kellner
Cantor: Sr. Lorraine
Musician: John Harper

***** SUNDAY, 03/22/15, at 8:00 AM *****

Extraordinary Ministers: Darlene Doerr
Mary Ann Gajdosik
To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector: Mike Ackermann
Server: Theresa Nguyen
Cantor: Lisa Holland
Musician: John Harper

***** SUNDAY, 03/22/15, at 10:00 AM *****

Extraordinary Ministers: Rich Olliges
Mary Mattammal
To Choir & Disabled: Karen Holthaus
Commentator & Lector: Adela Peugnet
Server: Tommy Nguyen
Cantor: Mary Pichler
Musician: John Harper

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be choir practice on **Tuesday, March 24th**, at 6:30 p.m., in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. All cantors, choir members, and musicians please attend.

THANK YOU

Congratulations and our heartfelt thanks to **John Harper** on the occasion of his 40th year of service as organist and musician for our parish. John, may God's many blessings be yours today and always. From all your family and friends here at St. Wenceslaus, we say....Thank You!

God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song. God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises.

A cry from deep within our being, music is a way for God to lead us to the realm of higher things. As St. Augustine says, "Singing is for the one who loves." Music is therefore a sign of God's love for us and of our love for him. In this sense, it is very personal. But unless music sounds, it is not music, and whenever it sounds, it is accessible to others. By its very nature, song has both an individual and a communal dimension. Thus, it is no wonder that singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to his people. Sing to the Lord (USCCB, 2007)