

# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 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. Wuertth, M.S.F., Pastor  
Deacon George W. Miller  
Rev. Petrus Prasetyo, 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 thru 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. No arrangement for a dinner or reception etc. may be made until after the Church has officially set a Wedding date.

### 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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel  
1st Wednesday (including Evening Prayer) at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel  
1st Saturday (including Morning Prayer) at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel

**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](http://www.stwenceslaus.website)

**SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:** [stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. - Isaiah 12:3

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, December 12th

7:45 AM + Wanda Groszek

4:00 PM + Bruce Hegger

#### Sunday, December 13th

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM + John A. Fabick

#### Monday, December 14th

7:45 AM + Charles Kubik, Sr.

#### Tuesday, December 15th

7:45 AM + Virginia Billo

#### Wednesday, December 16th

7:45 AM + Arlene Martin

#### Thursday, December 17th

7:45 AM + Blankmann Family

#### Friday, December 18th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

#### Saturday, December 19th

7:45 AM + Wanda Groszek

4:00 PM Douglas & Jerrie Rothweil & Family

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Sue Barnowski, Jerry Bielicke, Patricia Carr, Richard Carr, Jr., Dennis Curtis, Chris Doerr, Pat Feeler, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Leon Frigillana, Joshua Galaster, Lon Griffard, Gerry Harrington, Margaret Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Dolores LaBruyere, Everleigh Lauber, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Marion Mentzer, Carmelle Minton, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Ray Rancilio, Mary Ray, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, John Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Cathy Schlueter, Ariane Sery, Pat Thomas, Mary Ullo, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held for the last time during this Advent Season **on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.** Please join us for this special time of prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist.

We will decorate the church for Christmas following the 10:00 a.m. Mass next **Sunday, December 20th.** If physically able, please join us!

### 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 we may take time to be grateful to God, who is the ultimate giver of all gifts.

### CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God "will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals" (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah's words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don't have to worry, for God's peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as "my dancing day" and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because "the Lord is near," as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

### CABRINI NEWS

Please join our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, for its annual Christmas Concert this Wednesday, Dec. 16th, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This concert has something for everyone. So make plans now to attend.

### BAKE SALE

Our Ladies of Mary are hosting a Bake Sale next weekend, **December 19th & 20th** after all Masses.

### JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is again available. Please place your gift cards for needy families in the box by the tree.

### REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Opal Beckley**, mother of parishioner Evelyn Reichert, who recently passed away.

Pray also for the repose of the soul of parishioner **John "Candy Man" Gardabie**, who passed away this week. John's funeral Mass will be at St. Wenceslaus on Monday, December 14th, at 10:00 a.m.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

DECEMBER 13th, 2015

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Last Week's Collection, Weekly Collection Goal, Average Collection Fiscal Year, and Parish Appeal 2015.

Stewardship Reflection

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. (Philippians 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

SEMINARY CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This weekend, Michael Lampe, a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, will speak at all the Masses to promote the Seminary and the Christmas Collection. We look forward to him witnessing to the value of his priestly calling. Welcome, Michael!

ADVENT/HOLIDAY CONCERT

The 5th Annual Advent/Holiday Benefit Concert with Richard Carr and vocalist, Karlyn Alderson will take place next Sunday, December 20th, at 2:30 pm in the church. The concert is free, but a suggested donation of \$10.00 is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

St. Wenceslaus will once again sing Christmas Carols for the residents and staff of Little Sisters of the Poor located at 3225 N. Florissant. Our very own John Harper, organist extraordinaire, will be playing the keyboard. The date is Sunday, December 27th, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of the Cross

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 12/19/15, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Evelyn Reichert, Charlie Reichert
To Choir & Disabled: Dave Huelsing
Commentator & Lector: Don Fielder
Server: Melanie Hernandez
Cantor: Ed Koeninger
Musician: Richard Carr

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 12/20/15, at 8:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Carmelita Pelch, Terry Dabrowski
To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector: Darlene Doerr
Server: Theresa Nguyen
Cantor: Michelle Dow
Musician: Richard Carr

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 12/20/15, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Sandy Moore, Tim Moore
To Choir & Disabled: Karen Holthaus
Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
Servers: Tommy & Tina Nguyen
Cantor: Leon Frigillana
Musician: John Harper

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a choir practice for all Cantors, Musicians and Choir Members this Tuesday, December 15th, at 6:30 pm in the church. Please plan on attending.

UPCOMING MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council will serve as sponsor for our Advent Holy Hour this Wednesday, December 16th. Following Holy Hour, the council's monthly meeting for December will be held in the Parish Center.

JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is again available. Please place your gift cards for needy families in the box by the tree.

MUSIC NOTICE

Robert Sousa, trumpet extraordinaire, unfortunately will not be able to make our Christmas Mass celebration at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, nor the Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. this year.

However, the Good News is that Robert will still be able to play the trumpet for us at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day this year.

"Praise the Lord with the blast of the trumpet" Psalm 150:3