

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016**

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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. James Wasser, M.S.F., Pastor
Rev. Aloysius Irawan, M.S.F., In Residence
Deacon George W. Miller
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 9:00 AM

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. No arrangement for a dinner or reception etc. should 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 Church
1st Saturday (including Morning Prayer) at 7:00 a.m. in the Church

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Matthew 24:44

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 26th

7:45 AM + Marie Kubik
4:00 PM + Shirley Rancilio

Sunday, November 27th

9:00 AM + Jimmy Collins

Monday, November 28th

7:45 AM + Gerry Harrington

Tuesday, November 29th

7:45 AM Katie Rothweil

Wednesday, November 30th

7:45 AM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

Thursday, December 1st

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Friday, December 2nd

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, December 3rd

7:45 AM + Jack Morrissey
4:00 PM The Finney Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Sue Barnowski, Norma Berry, Jerry Bielicke, Tom Bolen, Patricia Carr, Richard Carr, Jr., Nadine Castro, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Chris Doerr, Darlene Doerr, Pat Feeler, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Joshua Galaster, Lon Griffard, Dennis Holland, Jody James, Margaret Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Everleigh Lauber, Robbie Ludwig, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Deacon George Miller, Ellen Miller, Carmelle Minton, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Carol Plassmeyer, Ray Rancilio, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Clem Ruemker, Ariane Sery, Don Sparks, Pat Thomas, Mary Ullo, Pat Wevers, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

MISSIONARIES OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Please check out some new pages on the MSF website, www.msf-america.org: *Our Mission Office, Food Packets for the Poor, and Gregorian Masses*. There are many other resources for your spiritual life too, including the *Holy Family Novena* which begins on Friday, December 30th. For more information, please see the bulletin boards. God bless your family!

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we don't take each day for granted and see the little miracles that occur in our lives every day.

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The **Ladies of Mary** is sponsoring an Advent Day of Recollection this **Saturday, December 3rd**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Sisters of St. Joseph at Carondelet Motherhouse, 6400 Minnesota Ave. Fr. Jim Wasser, M.S.F., our pastor, will celebrate Mass and serve as the guest speaker. The cost is \$16.00 and includes a buffet luncheon. Payment can be made in advance or on the day of the event. Sign-up forms are available in the vestibule of the church. Please complete a form and place it in the collection basket. See the bulletin boards for contact names and additional information.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The tree lot for **St. Wenceslaus Scout Unit 6** is located at St. Pius V Parking Lot, Grand & McKean. Hours will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm. The lot will be open through Sunday, December 18th. For more information contact Pat Griffard at 239-4735. Please support our Scouts!

DECORATING CHURCH

On **Sunday, December 18th**, we will be decorating the church for Christmas following the 9:00 am Mass. If you are physically able, your assistance would be appreciated.

NOVEMBER 27th, 2016

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 1,350.41
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year (Fiscal Year is July 2016 thru June 2017)	\$ 2,010.40
Parish Appeal 2016	\$ 15.00
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 00.00

Stewardship Reflection

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
- Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

SEMINARY APPEAL

Next weekend, December 3rd & 4th, we will welcome **Jeffrey Dodds**, a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, who will speak to us at both Masses to promote the annual Christmas Collection for the Seminary.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Missionaries of the Holy Family Collection will take place this year the weekend of **December 10th & 11th**, the Third Sunday of Advent. The Missionaries of the Holy Family have served our parish since 1960. Please be generous in your support of this special collection.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** will hold their next meeting on Monday, December 5th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The **Men's Club** will meet on Tuesday, December 6th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. (Members...remember to bring your side dishes and desserts for this meeting.)

The **Fall Festival 2016 Wrap-Up Meeting** will take place on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at 9:30 am in the Parish Center.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday:	St. Andrew
Thursday:	World AIDS Awareness Day
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 12/03/16, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Monica Fingerhut Phil Fingerhut
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Don Fielder
Server:	Matt Kellner
Cantor:	Mary Pichler
Musician:	Mary Martin

***** SUNDAY, 12/04/16, at 9:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Bill Kren Terry Dabrowski
To Choir & Disabled:	Karen Holthaus
Commentator & Lector:	Carmelita Pelch
Server:	Paula Nguyen
Cantor:	Lisa Holland
Musician:	Mary Martin

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a choir practice for Cantors, Musicians and Choir Members following each Advent Service on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7:00 pm. Advent Services will be held on Wednesday November 30th, and also on December 7th & 14th. Please plan to attend as we practice and prepare our music selections for Christmas.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held **Wednesdays during Advent at 6:00 pm in the church**. This Wednesday, November 30th, is the first week of Advent. Please join us during this Holy Season.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, December 8th, is the feast of the **Immaculate Conception** and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the church.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

An Advent Penitential Service and Confessions will take place on Wednesday, December 21st, at 6:00 p.m. Extra priests will be available to hear your confession. Please participate in this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

NOVEMBER PASS-THE-CASH

\$50 WINNER:	Barb Van Doren
\$25 WINNERS:	Dennis Rimkus, Ralph Harper Vicki Giese, Tom Haegele

Congratulations to all our winners! Thank you for your support of St. Wenceslaus Parish.