

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



Mary, the Holy Mother
of God
January 1, 2017

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 & BENECTION

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

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. - Luke 2:19

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31st

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena
4:00 PM + Members of our Parish Family Who Were Called Home by the Lord This Past Year

Sunday, January 1st

9:00 AM Holy Family Novena

Monday, January 2nd

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Tuesday, January 3rd

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Wednesday, January 4th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Thursday, January 5th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Friday, January 6th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

Saturday, January 7th

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena
4:00 PM People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Sue Barnowski, Norma Berry, Jerry Bielickie, Tom Bolen, Patricia Carr, Richard Carr, Jr., Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Chris Doerr, Darlene Doerr, Esther Ellspermann, 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, Katherine Rothweil, 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

MASS & FELLOWSHIP

Please join with members of our Holy Family Prayer Association for Mass on **Wednesday, January 25th**, at 6:30 pm to pray for your family and all families of the world. Fellowship and refreshments will follow Mass. Call Maury at 577-6300 for more information. We look forward to seeing you on the 25th!

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH
We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may see Mary as the perfect model of stewardship by her saying "yes" to the Lord.

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

2017 CALENDARS

Our new 2017 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.

JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree will be available through next Sunday, January 8th, for anyone who would still like to give a special gift to our Parish Food Pantry.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** and the **Men's Club** will not meet in January. Meetings will resume the first week of February.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

The 2017 Catholic Men for Christ Conference will be held on Saturday, February 18th. Please hold the date.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We are asking everyone who can help take down and put away decorations to join us following the 9:00 am Mass next Sunday, January 8th.

DECEMBER PASS-THE-CASH

\$50 WINNER: Debbie Boyer
\$25 WINNERS: Carol Hendricks, Scott Harper
Joe Nickerson, Stephanie Walton
Jim King Motors

JANUARY 1st, 2017

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection (as of 12/18/16) \$ 1,184.75

Weekly Collection Goal \$ 3,035.00

Average Collection Fiscal Year \$ 1,985.67
(Fiscal Year is July 2016 thru June 2017)

Parish Appeal 2016 \$ 60.00
Maintenance \$ 20.00
Food for the Poor SVDP \$ 55.00

Stewardship Reflection

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." - Luke 2:19

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said "yes" to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in God's providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW

Place your renewal envelope for the St. Louis Review in the collection basket on **Sunday, January 15th**. If you do not have a renewal envelope, but would like to subscribe, just contact Paul Jolly in the Parish Office.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be held **Saturday, February 18th**, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Tables of up to 10 are \$20 per person. This includes drinks (beer, wine, soda and water), snacks, and paper products. Basket Raffles are also planned, so please consider donating any extra Christmas gifts as a prize for our event.

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

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;
World Day of Prayer for Peace;
New Year's Day
- Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
- Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Thursday: St. John Neumann
- Friday: St. Andre Bessette; First Friday
- Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;
Julian Calendar Christmas

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** **SATURDAY, 01/07/17, at 4:00 PM** *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Monica Fingerhut
Phil Fingerhut
To Choir & Disabled: Dave Huelsing
Commentator & Lector: Mary Bardo
Server: Dave Huelsing
Cantor: Dan Zdrodowski
Musician: Mary Martin

***** **SUNDAY, 01/08/17, at 9:00 AM** *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Sandy Moore
Tim Moore
To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector: Adela Peugnet
Server: Anthony Nguyen
Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser
Musician: John Harper

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held **this Wednesday, January 4th, at 6:00 pm in the church.**

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who helped or assisted in any way in preparation for The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. To those who decorated the church, helped set-up or clean the church, or participated in the music liturgy, Thank You! Everything turned out beautifully.

BAKE SALE

The Ladies of Mary wish to thank everyone for their support of our recent Bake Sale. We collected \$177.00.

OFFICE CLOSING

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, January 2nd & 3rd, in observance of the New Year Holiday. The office reopens on Wednesday, January 4th.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Friday, December 30th

Novena to the Holy Family began this day and ends on Saturday, January 7th, with the 7:45 a.m. Mass. **All Masses during the Novena will be held in the church.**

Holy Family Novena pamphlets are available in the vestibule of the church. You are encouraged to come to Mass as often as possible during the Novena. You can also say the prayers at home as a family or wherever you may be.