

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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The Epiphany 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. 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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Matthew 2:11b

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7th

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

Sunday, January 8th

9:00 AM The Finney Family

Monday, January 9th

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik

Tuesday, January 10th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Wednesday, January 11th

7:45 AM + Walter Schaefer

Thursday, January 12th

7:45 AM + Tim Morrissey

Friday, January 13th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, January 14th

7:45 AM + Shirley Rancilio
4:00 PM The Rothweil Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Sue Barnowski, Norma Berry, Jerry Bielicke, 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 The Epiphany of the Lord.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That, through our generous giving, we may show our gratitude to God for the great gift of sending His beloved Son to save us.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Paul VI Institute of Catechetical and Pastoral Studies, which offers college-level courses to adults pursuing a greater understanding of the Catholic Church, is preparing for their spring 2017 semester. The semester begins on February 13th and runs through May 5th. The registration deadline is January 31st. See the bulletin boards for more information on Paul VI Institute and some of the other courses they will be offering, including contact and website information.

JESSE TREE

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will be taking down and putting away decorations following the 9:00 am Mass this Sunday, January 8th.

JANUARY 8th, 2017

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Two Week's Collection	\$ 10,745.49
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,239.23
(Fiscal Year is July 2016 thru June 2017)	
Parish Appeal 2016	\$ 273.00
Maintenance	\$ 147.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 183.00

Stewardship Reflection

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share **all** of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW

Place your renewal envelope for the St. Louis Review in next week's collection. Stay informed about Church news from around the archdiocese, nation and world. For **just \$30.00**, you get 50 issues plus full access to the website. The St. Louis Review is funded solely through your subscriptions, contributions, and advertising. 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: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
- Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
- Friday: St. Hilary
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 01/14/17, at 4:00 PM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Rich Fogelbach
Jim Teschner
- To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert
- Commentator & Lector: Don Fielder
- Server: Matt Kellner
- Cantor: Ed Koeninger
- Musician: Mary Martin

***** SUNDAY, 01/15/17, at 9:00 AM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Rich Olliges
Karen Holthaus
- To Choir & Disabled: Pat Lohmar
- Commentator & Lector: Terry Dabrowski
- Server: Teresa Aguayo
- Cantor: Mary Pichler
- Musician: John Harper

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction is held each Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in the chapel. Please join us for this special time of prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will not meet during the month of January. Meetings will resume in February. Fr. Jim is calling a special meeting for all **Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers** to take place on Monday evening, January 16th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Please attend!

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a choir practice for Cantors, Musicians and Choir Members on **Tuesday, January 17th, at 6:30 p.m.**

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

The Catholic Men for Christ Conference will be held on **Saturday, February 18th**, at the Touhill Performing Arts Center, located on the University of Missouri, St. Louis Campus. There will be a discounted price for all men attending this conference. Sign-up is available in the vestibule of the church. Call Matt Kellner at 638-7941, or Paul Jolly at the Parish Office for more details.