

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

**Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 26, 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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. - Isaiah 49:15

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 25th

7:45 AM + Marie Kubik
4:00 PM Mary Teschner

Sunday, February 26th

9:00 AM + Blankmann Family

Monday, February 27th

7:45 AM + Bill Martin

Tuesday, February 28th

7:45 AM + Betty Blankmann

Ash Wednesday, March 1st

6:00 PM + Lon Griffard

Thursday, March 2nd

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik

Friday, March 3rd

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, March 4th

7:45 AM + Ansel Grant Davis
4:00 PM People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Sue Barnowski, Jerry Bielicke, Tom Bolen, Patricia Carr, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Chris Doerr, Darlene Doerr, Esther Ellspermann, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Joshua Galaster, Dennis Holland, Margaret Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Jim King, Everleigh Lauber, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Deacon George 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

CABRINI NEWS

Next Sunday, March 5th, students from our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, will be selling raffle tickets for their Cabrini Auction. It will take place on Saturday evening April 22nd, 2017. For any questions, or for more information, please contact Mrs. Kaitlyn Holdmeyer at 776-0883, or email at holdmeyer@cabriniacademy.org.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That through our generosity we keep God first and money second.

DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often, it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

MASS MOB VOLUNTEERS

St. Wenceslaus Parish is honored to host the Archdiocesan "Mass Mob" on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th, 2017, at 9:00 am. Each Mass Mob averages between 400 and 500 visitors. This is a great opportunity to promote our beautiful church, but it will take many volunteers in a variety of committees. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Maury Prater at 577-6300. Thank you!

MISSIONARIES OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Winter 2016-2017 issue of *The Messenger Magazine* is full of articles about family life. Copies of *The Messenger* are available in the vestibule of the church and also online at <http://msf-america.org/about-us/messenger-magazine>.

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Just a reminder...Your individual contribution statement for 2016 is available. If you would like to obtain one, please contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office at 865-1027.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held beginning Wednesday, March 8th, and on all Wednesdays during Lent at 6:00 pm in the church.

FEBRUARY 26th, 2017

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 2,105.67
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,157.36
(Fiscal Year is July 2016 thru June 2017)	
 Parish Appeal 2017	 \$ 110.00
Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 195.00

Stewardship Reflection

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth).” - Matthew 6:24

For many people, God and money run “neck and neck” as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution - become more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a “god” before God.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

On Ash Wednesday, **March 1st**, we will take up the collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. Next weekend, **March 4th & 5th**, we will take up the annual **Black and Indian Mission** Collection. Please be generous to both of these collections. Envelopes are included in your monthly packet.

YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS

The Young Catholic Musicians is a choir and orchestra of young people age 10-17 who lead the music for Mass once a month at different churches throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Auditions for singers and instrumentalists are taking place now. If you would like to share your musical talent in a choir/orchestra of 60 young people from over 40 parishes and schools, contact the Director, Father Bruce Forman at 231-7464, or by email at revycm@charter.net. For additional information, check our web page: www.archstl.org/musicians.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; **Fast and Abstinence**
- Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
- Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** **WEDNESDAY, 03/01/17, at 6:00 PM** *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Leon Frigillana
Jim Teschner
- To Choir & Disabled: Rich Olliges
- Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly
- Server: Rich Fogelbach
- Cantor: Ed Koeninger
- Musician: John Harper

***** **SATURDAY, 03/04/17, at 4:00 PM** *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Monica Fingerhut
Phil Fingerhut
- To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert
- Commentator & Lector: Don Fielder
- Server: Jim Teschner
- Cantor: Mary Pichler
- Musician: Mary Martin

***** **SUNDAY, 03/05/17, at 9:00 AM** *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Rich Olliges
Bill Kren
- To Choir & Disabled: Karen Holthaus
- Commentator & Lector: Carmelita Pelch
- Server: Paula Nguyen
- Cantor: Lisa Holland
- Musician: John Harper

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be no morning Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. There will be a Para-Liturgical Service, with the distribution of ashes, at **12:00 noon** in the church. Mass will be celebrated at **6:00 pm** in the church, also with the blessing and distribution of ashes.

LECTOR TRAINING SESSION

Fr. Jim has scheduled a training session for lectors to be held on Thursday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm in the church. All lectors, please plan to attend.

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST

The Catholic Women for Christ Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 25th**, at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on the University of Missouri, St. Louis Campus. See the bulletin boards for additional information, or call Adela Peugnet at 315-7347. We hope you can attend.

BEYOND SUNDAY

This weekend, Fr. Jim will talk to us about Commitment Weekend, which is the final phase of the Archdiocesan Beyond Sunday campaign. Thank you to everyone who has participated by turning in their pledge card.