

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 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 & 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.
- Romans 5:8

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 18th

7:45 AM Sr. Marie Loeffler, C.P.P.S.
4:00 PM + Martie J. (Jay) Aboussie, Jr.

Sunday, March 19th

9:00 AM + Genevieve Geisel

Monday, March 20th

7:45 AM + William Heine

Tuesday, March 21st

7:45 AM + Pat Feeler

Wednesday, March 22nd

7:45 AM Marsha Williams

Thursday, March 23rd

7:45 AM Rita & Joseph Salina

Friday, March 24th

7:45 AM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

Saturday, March 25th

7:45 AM + Marie Kubik
4:00 PM + Michael Mattammal

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Elmer Arndt, Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Sue Barnowski, Jerry Bielicke, Tom Bolen, Patricia Carr, Sharon Crocker, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Chris Doerr, Darlene Doerr, Esther Ellspermann, Harry Fabick, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Joshua Galaster, Dennis Holland, Margaret Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Everleigh Lauber, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Tom Moran, Friar Ed Mundwiller, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Carol Plassmeyer, Ray Rancilio, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Katherine Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Ariane Sery, Don Sparks, Pat Thomas, Mary Ullo, E. Vossmeier, Pat Wevers, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

CABRINI NEWS

Our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, will be holding an **Easter Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, April 1st, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. See the bulletin boards for additional information, or you can contact Kaitlyn Holdmeyer at 776-0883, or email at holdmeyer@cabriniacademy.org. Please support our parish school.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may joyfully use the gifts God has given us to help spread the message of the Risen Christ to all those who need to know our Savior's love and grace.

THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He, whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies, is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our parish will be holding a Lenten Reconciliation Service on **Saturday, April 1st, from 3:00 - 3:50 pm**. Additional priests will be available to hear your confession. Use this opportunity to go to confession during the Lenten Season.

FISH FRY

St. Pius V is holding a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent. See the bulletin boards for more information.

UPCOMING MEETING

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Tuesday evening, March 21st, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

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REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Richard Romeo**, father of parishioner Sandy Moore, who passed away recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

MARCH 19th, 2017

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection (as of 03/05/17)	\$ 4,220.50
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,179.65
(Fiscal Year is July 2016 thru June 2017)	
Parish Appeal 2017	\$ 236.00
Maintenance	\$ 224.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 345.00

Stewardship Reflection

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
- John 4:13*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions, we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will have a special collection for **Catholic Relief Services**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRS collection and **help Jesus in disguise**. (Envelopes are included in your monthly packet.)

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Join our faith community, and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in church today. May this Lenten Season better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

Are you being called to the Permanent Diaconate? Come to an Information Night on Thurs., April 6th, at 7:00 pm at the Cardinal Rigali Center, or call 792-7431.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday:	St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	The Annunciation of the Lord

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/25/17, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	LeEllen Aboussie Martie Aboussie
To Choir & Disabled:	Charlie Reichert
Commentator & Lector:	Harry Bardo
Server:	Jim Teschner
Cantor:	Mary Pichler
Musician:	Mary Martin

***** SUNDAY, 03/26/17, at 9:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Carmelita Pelch Terry Dabrowski
To Choir & Disabled:	Pat Lohmar
Commentator & Lector:	Paul Jolly
Server:	Tina Nguyen
Cantor:	Lisa Holland
Musician:	John Harper

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held this **Wednesday, March 22nd, at 6:00 pm in the church**, and on all Wednesday evenings during Lent. The Men's Club will sponsor and attend this week's service.

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be choir practices on Wednesday nights during Lent following the Stations of the Cross. Practices will begin shortly after 6:30 pm. They will finish no later than 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

HISTORY OF THE SACRAMENTS

Fr. Jim will continue his class on the History of the Sacraments on **Tuesday, March 28th**, and on all Tuesday nights, whenever possible, until completion of the program (approx. 10 weeks). The class will be from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule of the church. Last minute walk-ups are also welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST

The Catholic Women for Christ Conference is this **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. It's not too late to sign up.

BEYOND SUNDAY

The Beyond Sunday Campaign has ended. We would like to collect everyone's Pledge Card / Commitment Card. If you have already turned one in, we Thank You. If not, please do so soon, whether you can make a pledge at this time or not. Your participation is greatly appreciated.