

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 17, 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 6:30 PM in the Parish Center

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

PARISH WEB SITE ADDRESS:
www.stwenceslaus.website

SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO: stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. - Sirach 28:2

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 16th

7:45 AM + All Deceased Parishioners
4:00 PM + Everett & Catherine Ludwig

Sunday, September 17th

9:00 AM + Betty Plassmeyer

Monday, September 18th

7:45 AM + Abisai Parra

Tuesday, September 19th

7:45 AM + John Rothweil

Wednesday, September 20th

7:45 AM Special Intention

Thursday, September 21st

7:45 AM + Jack Morrissey

Friday, September 22nd

7:45 AM + Ansel Grant Davis

Saturday, September 23rd

7:45 AM + Mildred Nowiki
4:00 PM Mike Mattammal

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Elmer Arndt, Emmanuel Aziz, Autumn Baker, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Jerry Bielicke, Tom Bolen, Elam Burbage, 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, Carol Kozemczak, Everleigh Lauber, Ana Clara Lightle, Richard Loy, Jr., Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Austin Needham, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Kay Peters, Rosemary Pichler, Carol Plassmeyer, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Makena Roelke, Marvin Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Ariane Sery, Georgia Stockton, Lucille Tangel, Pat Thomas, Mary Ullo, Tom Vossmeier, Pat Wevers, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

FORGIVE OTHERS

There are many kinds of alms, the giving of which helps us obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us. - St. Augustine

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we recognize everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, including our very own lives.

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

PARISH MISSION

As Christians we are disciples of Jesus and apostles of the gospel. Yet our daily lives are so full that we sometimes forget "who we are and whose we are." A parish mission is a time of listening to God's word, remembering what Christ has done and re-energizing our true selves. Set aside the dates of **October 1st through October 4th**, for **An Old Fashion Parish Mission**, a renewal program conducted by Father George Knab, O.M.I. Make plans to be there. (A complete schedule will be available next weekend.)

UPCOMING MEETING

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Tuesday, September 19th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

TAILGATE SALE

Our Men's Club is hosting a Tailgate Sale on **Saturday, September 30th**, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. To reserve a space @ \$17.00 each, (\$20.00 each after September 27th), contact Tim Moore at 814-0486, or the parish office at 865-1020. Flyers are available in the vestibule of the church. Please help us promote this fundraiser.

SEPTEMBER 17th, 2017

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Last Week's Collection, Weekly Collection Goal, Average Collection Fiscal Year, Parish Appeal 2017, Maintenance, and Food for the Poor SVDP.

Stewardship Reflection

“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's”. - Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Archbishop Robert Carlson has requested that all parishes have a second collection to aid those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Funds raised will go directly to Catholic relief efforts via Catholic Charities of St. Louis.

PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

The Ladies of Mary will be hosting a Pancake/Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, October 8th, starting at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. A bake sale will also take place, so you can buy some wonderful baked goods to take home.

THANK YOU

We offer our thanks and gratitude to Rich Olliges who served as the parish chairman for our Men's White House Retreat held earlier this month.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Tuesday: St. Januarius
Wednesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions
Thursday: St. Matthew
Friday: Autumn begins
Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 09/23/17, at 4:00 PM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: LeEllen Aboussie, Martie Aboussie
To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert
Commentator & Lector: Rich Fogelbach
Server: Jim Teschner
Cantor: Mary Pichler
Musician: Ryan Jones

***** SUNDAY, 09/24/17, at 9:00 AM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Jody James, Terry Dabrowski
To Choir & Disabled: Pat Lohmar
Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
Server: Paula Nguyen
Cantor: Mary Pichler
Musician: John Harper

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Next Sunday, September 24th, our parish will observe Stewardship Awareness Sunday. This year's theme - “Grateful and Generous” - means giving back to God for all He has given us - it is truly right and just.

We welcome Jody James, this year's Stewardship Lay Witness Speaker who will speak at both Masses next weekend.

Brochures, with Giving Guides, and prayer cards are available in the vestibule of the church. Please be sure to read and reflect on these stewardship aids.

FALL FESTIVAL

Please mark your calendars! Our Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, November 4th. We will need new items for the Toy Booth, Christmas Booth and Cherry Tree Booth, and home-made / hand-made goods for our Country Store.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of parishioner Elsie Gutweiler and Mardel Pelch, daughter-in-law of parishioner Carmelita Pelch, who both passed away recently.