

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. - Mark 13:33

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 2nd

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik
4:00 PM Patrick & Patricia Kennedy

Sunday, December 3rd

9:00 AM + Louise Charboneau

Monday, December 4th

7:45 AM Bonnie Martin

Tuesday, December 5th

7:45 AM + Walter Schaefer

Wednesday, December 6th

7:45 AM + Tim Morrissey

Thursday, December 7th

7:45 AM Marty & Pam Keeven & Family

Friday, December 8th

8:00 AM + Michael Rothweil
6:00 PM + Marcella Keim

Saturday, December 9th

7:45 AM Special Intention
4:00 PM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, 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, Matt Moore, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Austin Needham, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Carol Plassmeyer, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Makena Roelke, Marvin Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Ariane Sery, Georgia Stockton, Lucille Tangel, Fr. Alberto Trevino, Mary Ullo, Tom Vossmeier, Pat Wevers, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Victor Kolf**, Godfather of parishioner Scott Brouk, who passed away recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we don't take our time on Earth for granted and look at each day as a gift from God.

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER BOOK

The *Holy Family Prayer Book : Prayers for Every Family* is available in English and Spanish from Liguori Publications. Just go to the website of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, www.msf-america.org, click "Caring for your Family" and then click "Great Books." From there, an online order can be placed or call 1-800-325-9521. It makes a great gift for any occasion.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The tree lot for **St. Wenceslaus Scout Unit 6** is located at St. Pius V Parking Lot, Grand & McKean. Hours will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm; also on Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm. The lot will be open through Sunday, December 17th. For more information, contact Pat Griffard at 239-4735. Support our Scouts!

NOVEMBER PASS-THE-CASH

\$50 WINNER: Darin Groll

\$25 WINNERS: Frances Macek, Audrey Ulery
Pat Osia, Maureen & Doug Beermann

Congratulations to all our winners!

Thank you for supporting St. Wenceslaus Parish

DECEMBER 3rd, 2017

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 2,314.92
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 1,896.88
(Fiscal Year is July 2017 thru June 2018)	

Parish Appeal 2017	\$ 248.00
Maintenance	\$ 93.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 113.00

Stewardship Reflection

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** will hold their monthly meeting this Monday, December 4th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The **Men's Club** will meet this Tuesday, December 5th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. (Members...remember to bring your side dishes and desserts for this meeting.)

The **Fall Festival 2017** Wrap-Up Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at 9:30 am in the Parish Center. All chairpersons, please plan on attending this meeting.

DECORATING CHURCH

On **Sunday, December 17th**, we will be decorating the church for Christmas following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you are physically able, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John Damascene
Wednesday:	St. Nicholas
Thursday:	St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Friday:	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** FRIDAY, 12/08/17, at 8:00 AM *****

Extraordinary Minister: Mary Mattammal
Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater

***** FRIDAY, 12/08/17, at 6:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Karen Holthaus
Adela Peugnet
To Choir & Disabled: Rich Olliges
Commentator & Lector: Weldon Tieken
Server: Jim Teschner
Cantor: Ed Koeninger
Musician: Ryan Jones

***** SATURDAY, 12/09/17, 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: Ryan Jones

***** SUNDAY, 12/10/17, at 9:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Leon Frigillana
Joan Frigillana
To Choir & Disabled: Karen Holthaus
Commentator & Lector: Adela Peugnet
Server: Jose Campos
Cantor: Lisa Holland
Musician: John Harper

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8th, is the feast of the **Immaculate Conception** and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held **Wednesdays during Advent at 6:00 pm in the church**. The first Wednesday will be December 6th.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

An Advent Penitential Service and Confessions will take place on **Wednesday, December 20th**, at 6:00 p.m. Extra priests will be available to hear your confession. Please make plans now to participate in this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is again available. Please place your gift cards for needy families in the box by the tree.