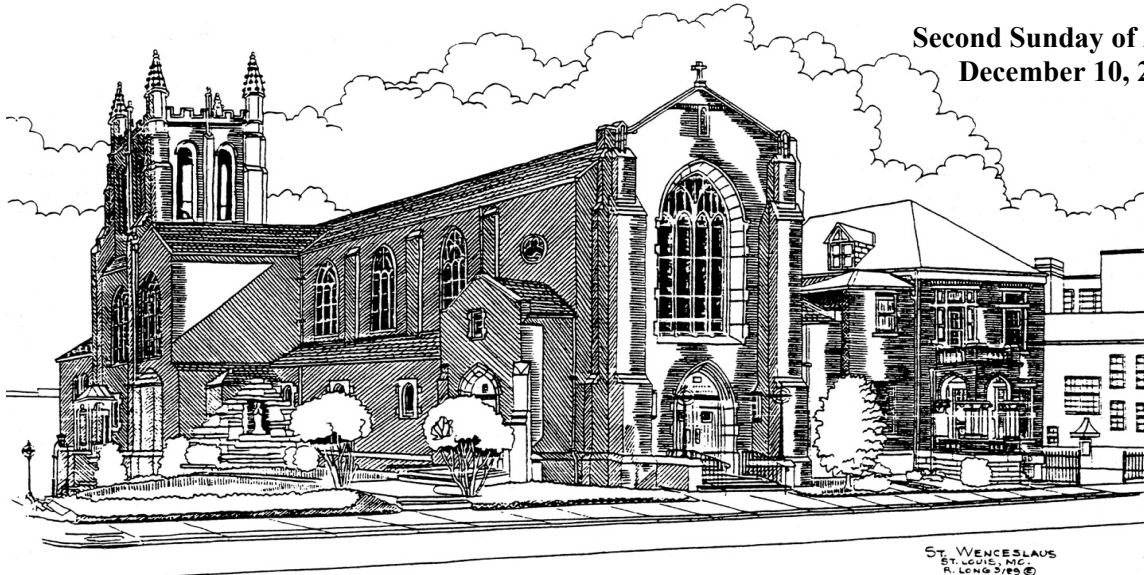


# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

*Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960*

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 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](http://www.stwenceslaus.website)

**SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:** [stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.  
- Mark 1:3

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, December 9th

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

#### Sunday, December 10th

9:00 AM Rick Hendricks

#### Monday, December 11th

7:45 AM Tom & Mary Moran

#### Tuesday, December 12th

7:45 AM In Thanksgiving

#### Wednesday, December 13th

7:45 AM + Ed & + Rhoda McGrail

#### Thursday, December 14th

7:45 AM + John A. Fabick

#### Friday, December 15th

7:45 AM + Virginia Billo

#### Saturday, December 16th

7:45 AM + Arlene Martin  
4:00 PM + Charles Kubik, Sr.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Jerry Bielickie, Tom Bolen, Elam Burbage, 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., 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

### 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. Please support our Scouts!

### WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we are called to live holy lives and invite others to do the same.

### NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

### 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](http://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.

### HOLY FAMILY NOVENA

The Missionaries of the Holy Family, [www.msf-america.org](http://www.msf-america.org), invite everyone to join them in praying the Holy Family Novena for your family and all families of the world. The novena begins on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 31, 2017, and runs through Monday, January 8, 2018. For free novena pamphlets, please call 577-6300 or send an e-mail to [mprater@msf-america.org](mailto:mprater@msf-america.org). Thank you, and God bless your family! +JMJ+

### 2018 CALENDARS

Our new 2018 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. Please be sure to pick one up after Mass.

## DECEMBER 10th, 2017

### GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 2,039.75
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 1,903.07
(Fiscal Year is July 2017 thru June 2018)	
Parish Appeal 2017	\$ 198.00
Maintenance	\$ 179.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 250.00

#### Stewardship Reflection

*"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3*

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that - it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

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.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, December 19th, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

### DECORATING CHURCH

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

### CABRINI NEWS

Join our parish school, St. Frances Cabrini Academy, for its annual **Christmas Program** this **Wednesday, December 13th**, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Currently, the Little Sisters of the Poor have openings in both their Nursing and Independent Living Areas. Please see the bulletin boards for additional information.

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent; International Human Rights Day
Monday:	St. Damasus I
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday:	St. Lucy
Thursday:	St. John of the Cross

### MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 12/16/17, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Evelyn Reichert Charlie Reichert
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Barb Kellner
Server:	Jim Teschner
Cantor:	Dan Zdrodowski
Musician:	Ryan Jones

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

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Adela Peugnet Karen Holthaus
To Choir & Disabled:	Rich Olliges
Commentator & Lector:	Kathy Styer
Server:	Paula Nguyen
Cantor:	Mary Pichler
Musician:	John Harper

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held **Wednesdays during Advent** at 6:00 pm in the church. The next Wednesday will be December 13th.

### 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.

### THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Enrich your faith this Advent and Christmas with special programming throughout the season on EWTN. Attend Mass in Vatican City with Pope Francis, enjoy concerts from Europe, and travel to the sacred sites of the Holy Land. Visit [www.ewtn.com/channelfinder](http://www.ewtn.com/channelfinder) to find EWTN in your area, or call 205-795-5771.

### FUNDRAISERS

Our Ladies of Mary will be hosting a **Bake Sale** next Saturday, December 16th, immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please support this fundraising event.

Our **Trivia Night** is being planned for February 17, 2018. Please save the date!

### JESSE TREE

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