

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

If God is for us, who can be against us?
- Romans 8:31b

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 24th

7:45 AM + Walter Schaefer
4:00 PM + Marie Kubik

Sunday, February 25th

9:00 AM + Genevieve Geisel

Monday, February 26th

7:45 AM + Bill Martin

Tuesday, February 27th

7:45 AM + Anthony F. Blankmann, Sr.

Wednesday, February 28th

7:45 AM + Betty Jane Blankmann

Thursday, March 1st

7:45 AM Special Intention

Friday, March 2nd

7:45 AM + Kenneth Martin

Saturday, March 3rd

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association
4:00 PM People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, 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, Carol Kozemczak, Everleigh Lauber, Ana Clara Lightle, Richard Loy, Jr., Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Matt Moore, Krista Myers, Austin Needham, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Ana Pierce, 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, Betty Wolf, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS

The Young Catholic Musicians, an Archdiocesan choir and orchestra of young people, is looking for cello and violin players to complete their orchestra. If you are interested, or know someone who would be, please see the bulletin boards for additional information.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may answer, "Here I am, Lord," whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve Him.

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Our **Ladies of Mary** invite all parishioners (16 and over) to a Lenten Day of Recollection this **Saturday, March 3rd**, at the Sisters of St. Joseph at Carondelet Motherhouse from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The cost is only \$15.00 per person and includes lunch. Sign-up sheets, with contact names and additional information, are available in the vestibule of the church. Make this event a part of your Lenten Journey.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Join our parish community, and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Donations support CRS's humanitarian relief programs in nearly 100 countries. Pick up your family's rice bowl in church today. Your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of former parishioner **Gene Smugala**, who passed away recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

FEBRUARY 25th, 2018

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

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| Last Week's Collection | \$ 2,427.97 |
| Weekly Collection Goal | \$ 2,840.00 |
| Average Collection Fiscal Year | \$ 2,024.29 |
| (Fiscal Year is July 2017 thru June 2018) | |
| Parish Appeal 2018 | \$ 75.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 30.00 |
| Food for the Poor SVDP | \$ 50.00 |

Stewardship Reflection

“ ‘Here I am!’ he answered.” - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “**Here I am, Lord,**” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “**Here I am, Lord,**” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Your individual contribution statement for 2017 is still available. If you would like to obtain one, please contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office at 865-1020.

FISH FRY

St. Pius V has a fish fry on Fridays during Lent, 4:00-7:30 pm. See the bulletin boards for additional information.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW

You can still order the St. Louis Review. Subscription forms are available in the vestibule of the church.

LENTEN FILM SERIES

The Daughters of St. Paul is hosting a Lenten Film Series on Thursday evenings during Lent beginning at 6:30 pm. See the bulletin boards for additional information.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
- Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
- Friday: Abstinence; First Friday;
World Day of Prayer
- Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/03/18, at 4:00 PM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Monica Fingerhut
Phil Fingerhut
- To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert
- Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater
- Server: Alina Mendoza
- Cantor: Ed Koeninger
- Musician: Ryan Jones

***** SUNDAY, 03/04/18, at 9:00 AM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Blosser
Mike Blosser
- To Choir & Disabled: Karen Holthaus
- Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
- Server: Tina Nguyen
- Cantor: Mary Pichler
- Musician: John Harper

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held **on all Wednesdays during Lent** at 6:00 pm in the church. Please make this special time each week a part of your Lenten Journey.

The **Men’s Club** will sponsor and attend this week’s service on **February 28th**. The **Parish Pastoral Council** will sponsor and attend the service on **March 7th**.

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST

The Catholic Women for Christ Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 10th**, at the Touhill Performing Arts Center, University of Missouri, St. Louis Campus. There is a discounted price of \$20.00 for all women that attend the conference. See the bulletin boards for more information, or call Adela Peugnet at 315-7347. We hope you can attend.

2018 GUIDEBOOK & DIRECTORY

The parish 2018 Guidebook & Directory is now available and will be distributed beginning this weekend at both Masses. All parishioners are invited to receive one of these beautiful booklets which include information about the parish activities, ministries, and organizations. We are most grateful to everyone who worked so very hard to make this publication a reality. May God bless you!

FEBRUARY PASS-THE-CASH

- \$50 WINNER:** Mr. & Mrs. William Cuba
- \$25 WINNERS:** Jennifer Ramer Corriveau, J. Dowd
William H. Linek, Jeff Johannes