

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



Twenty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 2, 2018

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

Last Wednesday of Month at 6:30 PM 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. - James 1:21b

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 1st

7:45 AM + Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM + Rose Roelke

Sunday, September 2nd

9:00 AM + Salvadora DeMierre

Monday, September 3rd

7:45 AM Judy Fabick

Tuesday, September 4th

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik

Wednesday, September 5th

7:45 AM Special Intention

Thursday, September 6th

7:45 AM + Harry O'Brien, Sr.

Friday, September 7th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, September 8th

7:45 AM + Mary Ann Gajdosik
4:00 PM + Jerome "Jerry" Bielicke

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Bob Blankmann, Therese Blomberg, Tom Bolen, Elam Burbage, Sharon Crocker, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Chris Doerr, Darlene Doerr, Joe Ebert, Esther Ellspermann, Harry Fabick, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Lou Gehr, Mary Henderson, Dennis Holland, Margaret Kalbac, Patrick Kennedy, Carol Kozemczak, Charlie Kubik, Everleigh Lauber, Ana Clara Lightle, Richard Loy, Jr., Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Ray Miles, 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, Marvin Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Ariane Sery, Georgia Stockton, Lucille Tangel, Mary Ullo, Tom Vossmeier, Pat Wevers, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Fr. Jim Wasser, M.S.F., Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner **Terry Dabrowski**, who passed away recently. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, though 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 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may not only hear God's word, but also learn to live it every day of our lives.

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

FALL FESTIVAL

Please mark your calendars! Our Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, November 3rd**. We need new items for the Toy Booth, Christmas Booth and Cherry Tree Booth, and home-made / hand-made goods for our Country Store. We also need items for our Auctions. Your donated items will help make our festival a wonderful success. Thank you!

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please remember, **effective next Sunday, September 9th**, our Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. We will no longer celebrate a 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who helped or assisted in any way with the Mass and reception for Fr. Phil Sosa's 50th Jubilee. Special thanks to **John Harper** for planning and organizing this event. Everything turned out beautifully. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2018

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 2018, Maintenance, and Food for the Poor SVDP.

Stewardship Reflection

Be doers of the word and not hearers only... - James 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. It is the national university of the Catholic Church. More than one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priests and religious are Catholic University alumni, including five of the six American Cardinal Archbishops. Every year the university provides an education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Please support this collection.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Men's Club will meet this Tuesday, Sept. 4th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The Ladies of Mary will meet on Monday, Sept. 10th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

UPCOMING RETREAT

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish is presenting a retreat to take place Sept. 14th & 15th, which will be led by Immaculee Ilibagiza, a Rwandan Genocide Survivor, and author of "Left to Tell". See the bulletin boards for more details

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 09/08/18, at 4:00 PM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Marge Place, Weldon Tieken
To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector: Barb Kellner
Server: Matt Kellner
Cantor: Ed Koeninger
Musician: John Harper

***** SUNDAY, 09/09/18, at 10:00 AM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Joan Frigillana, Leon Frigillana
To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector: Adela Peugnet
Server: Paula Nguyen
Cantor: Mary Pichler
Musician: John Harper

MEN'S WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

Need 3-days of rest, prayer and spiritual rejuvenation? Gather with other men on a White House Retreat, the Jesuit retreat house overlooking the Mississippi River. It begins on Thursday, October 11th, at 6:00 pm and ends on Sunday, October 14th, at 2:00 pm. For more information, call Rich Olliges at 323-7688.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are looking for dedicated parishioners to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations for the next 3-year term, beginning this November, should be submitted by Sunday, September 16th. If you would like to nominate someone, perhaps yourself, please speak to Father Jim or Paul Jolly. Good Stewardship includes our gifts of time and talent. Are you being called to serve?

THANK YOU

My heartfelt thanks to everyone for all the time and effort you gave to make the celebration of my 50th Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood most memorable and truly enjoyable.

Thanks for the wonderful celebration of the Mass, the uplifting music, the reception with the events and presentations, and the delicious dinner. Thanks also for the many cards, gifts, and other expressions of best wishes.

I thank God that He has blessed my life as a priest with the privilege of serving Him, and all of you, the special people of St. Wenceslaus.

Ever yours in the Holy Family,
Father Phil Sosa, M.S.F.