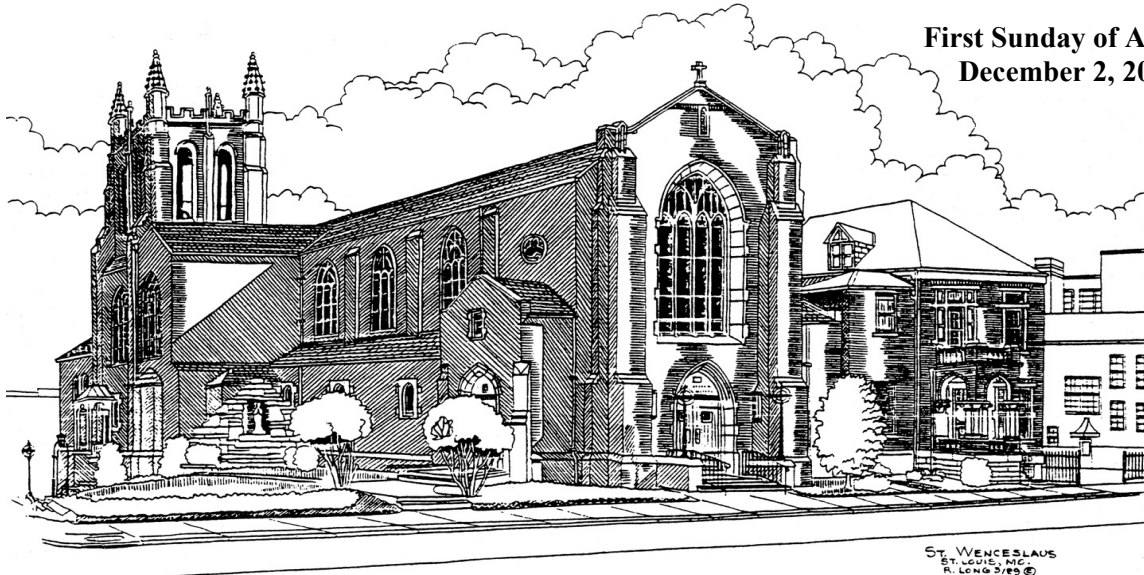


ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**First Sunday of Advent
December 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 10:00 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. - Jeremiah 33:15

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 1st

7:45 AM + Jack Morrissey
4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 2nd

10:00 AM + Bill Zib

Monday, December 3rd

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik

Tuesday, December 4th

7:45 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, December 5th

7:45 AM + Jorge Solis

Thursday, December 6th

7:45 AM + Jerome "Jerry" Bielicke

Friday, December 7th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association
6:00 PM + Gene Smugala

Saturday, December 8th

8:00 AM Bill Schacht
4:00 PM + Martie J. (Jay) Aboussie, Jr.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, M.S.F., Bob Blankmann, Tom Bolen, Fr. Simon Brzozowski, M.S.F., Elam Burbage, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Darlene Doerr, 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, Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Ray Miles, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Matt Moore, Krista Myers, Austin Needham, Ray Orf, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Carol Plassmeyer, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Justina Roling, Marvin Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Len Sanneman, Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Ariane Sery, Georgia Stockton, Mary Ullo, Tom Vossmeier, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

DECORATING CHURCH

On **Sunday, December 16th**, we will decorate the church for Christmas following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you are physically able, your assistance would be appreciated. Please plan to join us.

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 strengthen our relationship with Jesus through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 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 the Christmas Season, and it has been awarded the prestigious Seal of Approval by the Catholic Writers Guild.

SEMINARY APPEAL

Next weekend, **December 8th & 9th**, our parish family will welcome **Alex Rickert**, currently a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, who will speak to us at both Masses to promote the annual Christmas Collection for the Seminary.

REST IN PEACE, FR. JIM WASSER, M.S.F.

Our parish family was saddened to learn of the death of our pastor, Fr. Jim Wasser, on Friday, November 23rd. He passed away after a two week stay for health problems at St. Louis University Hospital. During this difficult time, let us pray for the repose of his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed. Through God's mercy, may they all rest in peace.

DECEMBER 2nd, 2018

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last 2 Week's Collection (thru 11/25/18)	\$ 8,257.68
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,840.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year (Fiscal Year is July 2018 thru June 2019)	\$ 2,105.58
Parish Appeal 2018	\$ 275.00
Maintenance	\$ 63.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 130.00

Stewardship Reflection

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."
- Luke 21:28*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** will hold their next meeting this Monday, December 3rd, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The **Men's Club** will meet this Tuesday, December 4th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. (Members...remember to bring your side dishes and desserts for this meeting.)

The **Fall Festival 2018** Wrap-Up Meeting will be on Saturday, December 15th, at 9:30 am in the Parish Center.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be setting up our Christmas Tree lot this year. We so appreciate your continued support every Holiday Season. We will miss seeing and visiting with all of our regular families and friends. Fingers crossed, we expect to be back for the 2019 Holiday Season. A very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year to all. - St. Wenceslaus Scout Unit 6

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
Monday:	St. Francis Xavier
Tuesday:	St. John Damascene
Thursday:	St. Nicholas
Friday:	St. Ambrose; First Friday; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Saturday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** FRIDAY, 12/07/18, at 6:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Joan Frigillana Leon Frigillana
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Paul Jolly
Server:	Jim Teschner
Cantor:	Mary Bardo
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SATURDAY, 12/08/18, at 8:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Bill Kren Rich Olliges
To Choir & Disabled:	Deacon George
Commentator & Lector:	Maury Prater
Server:	Deacon George

***** SATURDAY, 12/08/18, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Marge Place Weldon Tieken
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Rich Fogelbach
Server:	Matt Kellner
Cantor:	Mary Bardo
Musician:	Barb Kellner

***** SUNDAY, 12/09/18, at 10:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Adela Peugnet Karen Holthaus
To Choir & Disabled:	Pat Lohmar
Commentator & Lector:	Kathy Styer
Server:	Tina Nguyen
Cantors:	Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser
Musician:	John Harper

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, December 8th, is the feast of the **Immaculate Conception** and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm on Friday evening, December 7th, and at 8:00 am on Saturday, December 8th, the feast day, with both Masses in church. The Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 8th, is the Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent. Please note: It does not fulfill your Holy Day Obligation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held this coming **Wednesday, December 5th**, at 6:00 pm in the church. Please join us!

JESSE TREE

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