

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

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. Philip Sosa, M.S.F., Parish Administrator
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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. - Titus 3:5

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 12th

7:45 AM + Joseph Delassus
4:00 PM + Ana Pierce

Sunday, January 13th

10:00 AM Esther Ellspermann

Monday, January 14th

7:45 AM + Walter Schaefer

Tuesday, January 15th

7:45 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, January 16th

7:45 AM + Barbara Rothweil

Thursday, January 17th

7:45 AM + Salvadora DeMierre

Friday, January 18th

7:45 AM + Gene Smugala

Saturday, January 19th

7:45 AM Cathy O'Brien
4:00 PM + Marcella Keim

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Harry Bardo, Kathy Becker, Fr. Jim Beegan, M.S.F., Bob Blankmann, Tom Bolen, Elam Burbage, Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Darlene Doerr, Esther Ellspermann, Harry Fabick, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Lou Gehr, Mary Henderson, Dennis & Lisa 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, Janet Pinski, 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.

JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree is still available through this Sunday, January 13th, for anyone who would still like to give a gift card, or perhaps a monetary donation, for our Parish Food Pantry. We are very grateful to everyone who has supported this wonderful cause. Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the feast of The Baptism of the Lord.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may fulfill our own Baptismal call by giving ourselves entirely to God and answer His call to holiness.

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "one mightier than I." But he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word.

ROSARY & FELLOWSHIP

Join with members of our Holy Family Prayer Association to pray the Rosary this Wednesday, January 16th, at 6:30 pm. Pray for your family and all families of the world. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the Rosary, in the Parish Center. Call Maury for more information at 577-6300.

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST

Save the date. The Catholic Women for Christ Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 9th**, at the Touhill Performing Arts Center, University of Missouri, St. Louis Campus. See the bulletin boards for more information, or call Adela Peugnet at 315-7347. We hope you can attend.

RECTORY FURNACE

Our annual maintenance on the rectory furnace this year revealed a crack in the unit's heat exchanger. We were advised to replace the unit due to safety concerns. The cost of the new furnace is \$4,400.00. If you would be able to make a free-will offering to help defray the cost of this unexpected expense, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for whatever you can do to help. May God bless you!

JANUARY 13th, 2019

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Two Weeks' Collections	\$ 2,352.73
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,840.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year (Fiscal Year is July 2018 thru June 2019)	\$ 2,119.50
Parish Appeal 2018	\$ 40.00
Maintenance	\$ 81.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 111.00

Stewardship Reflection

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW

Place your renewal envelope for the St. Louis Review in the offertory collection next week, January 19th and 20th. Stay informed about Church news from around the archdiocese, nation and world. **For just \$35.00, the suggested contribution amount**, you get 50 issues, plus full access to the website. The Review is funded solely through your subscriptions, contributions, and advertising. If you do not have a renewal envelope, but would like to subscribe, just contact Paul Jolly at the Parish Office.

MEN’S CLUB - MASS & BREAKFAST

The Men’s Club will be attending the 10:00 am Mass on **Sunday, January 27th**. Breakfast will follow at Ari’s, 3101 Hampton Ave. All men of the parish are invited, but reservations are required. If interested, please call Paul Jolly at the parish office at 865-1020, no later than Tuesday, January 22nd. Please join us!

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Monday:	First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Thursday:	St. Anthony
Friday:	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Saturday:	Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany); Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 01/19/19, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Evelyn Reichert Charlie Reichert
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Barb Kellner
Server:	Matt Kellner
Cantor:	Ed Koeninger
Musician:	John Harper

***** SUNDAY, 01/20/19, at 10:00 AM *****

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

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated next Sunday, January 20, 2019, at 10:00 am for parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year. Our Ladies of Mary have sent mailings to families about this Mass and luncheon. Call Barb Kellner at 638-7941 with questions.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

The Catholic Men for Christ Conference will be held on **Saturday, February 2nd**, at the Touhill Performing Arts Center, located on the University of Missouri, St. Louis Campus. There will be a discounted price for all men attending the conference. Sign-up is available in the vestibule of the church. Call Matt Kellner at 638-7941, or Paul Jolly at the Parish Office for more details.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Trivia Night will be on **Saturday, February 9th**, in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm and Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person; limit of 10 players per table. This includes drinks (beer, wine, soda and water), snacks, and paper products. Basket Raffles are also being planned, so please consider donating any extra Christmas gifts as a prize for our event.

To make reservations, or for more information, flyers are available in the vestibule of the church, or you can call Kathy Styer at 588-0770. Please support this fundraiser.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped or assisted in any way in preparation for The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and the Christmas Season. Everything turned out beautifully.