

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019

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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. 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
Sunday 12:00 PM (Spanish)

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

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-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. - Hebrews 12:12-13

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 24th

7:45 AM + Terry Dabrowski

4:00 PM + Mary Teschner

Sunday, August 25th

10:00 AM + Esther E. Ellspermann

Monday, August 26th

7:45 AM Joseph Cobb

Tuesday, August 27th

7:45 AM + Joesphine Sindelar

Wednesday, August 28th

7:45 AM Jim Blankmann

Thursday, August 29th

7:45 AM + Fr. Jim Wasser, M.S.F.

Friday, August 30th

7:45 AM Sr. Janet Dohr, C.P.P.S.

Saturday, August 31st

7:45 AM + Charlie McGrail

4:00 PM + Ana Pierce

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, Sr. Janet Dohr, C.P.P.S., Jim Estes, Harry & Judy Fabick, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Lou Gehr, Dennis & Lisa Holland, Jody James, Margaret Kalbac, Patrick Kennedy, Carol Kozemczak, Ana Clara Lightle, Sr. Marie Loeffler, C.P.P.S., Bonnie Martin, Ray Miles, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Mary Moran, Austin Needham, Fr. Arthur Ockwood, M.S.F., Ray Orf, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Janet Pinski, Carol Plassmeyer, Mary Faye Rempe, Bob Roelke, Justina Roling, Marvin Rothweil, Edward Rotter, Jr., Clem Ruemker, Tek Schaefer, Ruth Schneider, Ariane Sery, Georgia Stockton, Abigail Stottlar-Seiter, Tom Vossmeier, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of parishioners **Justine Licari** and **Johnny Tranca**, who passed away recently. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through 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-first Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That through our good stewardship, we may build up God's kingdom here on earth and earn a place at God's eternal banquet.

WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations...to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the Lord."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

FALL FESTIVAL

Please mark your calendars! Our Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, November 2nd**. We will need new items for the Toy Booth, Christmas Booth and Cherry Tree Booth, and home-made / hand-made goods for our Country Store. We will also need items for our Auctions.

It's not too early to shop. Your donated items will help make our festival a wonderful success. Gift cards are especially appreciated. Not able to shop? Perhaps you would consider a monetary donation to be used to purchase needed items. Thank you for help and support with our Fall Festival.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL 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 new school year, and it has been awarded the prestigious Seal of Approval by the Catholic Writers Guild. Thank you and God bless your family!

AUGUST 25th, 2019

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collections	\$ 1,925.25
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 2,700.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,061.70
<small>(Fiscal Year is July 2019 thru June 2020)</small>	
Parish Appeal 2019	\$ 217.00
Maintenance	\$ 72.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 135.00

Stewardship Reflection

“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” - Luke 13:30

Our standards in society are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “what have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week is the National Collection for **The Catholic University of America**. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. bishops in 1887, 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 in your monthly packet and also available in the vestibule of the church.

BEAT THE SUMMER HEAT

Tired of cooking? Why not join us for our annual dinner at Cruseo’s Restaurant located at Osceola and Compton. We will meet on a Saturday following the 4:00 pm Mass. All members and friends of the parish are welcome, but please let Matt Kellner know so he can give an approximate count to the restaurant. Contact him at 638-7941. We’re looking at either August 31st, or a Saturday in early to mid-September. Let us know if you need a ride.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Monica
- Wednesday: St. Augustine
- Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

******* SATURDAY, 08/31/19, at 4:00 PM *******

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Marge Place
Weldon Tieken
Jim Teschner
- To Choir & Disabled: Matt Kellner
- Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater
- Server: Matt Kellner
- Cantor: Ed Koeninger
- Musician: Barb Kellner

******* SUNDAY, 09/01/19, at 10:00 AM *******

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Sandy Moore
Tim Moore
Karen Holthaus
- To Choir & Disabled: Jan Harper
- Commentator & Lector: Kathy Styer
- Servers: Emily Martinez-Hernandez
Teresa Perez
- Cantor: Mary Pichler
- Musician: John Harper

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- The **Respect Life Group** will meet again this Monday, August 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.
- The **Fall Festival Committee** will meet this Tuesday, August 27th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

FUNDRAISER

Our **Ladies of Mary** are sponsoring a dinner and movie night to be held on Saturday, September 21st, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Tickets will be available beginning next weekend. Please save the date and make plans to attend. Contact Mary Bardo at 606-5584 for details.

MEN’S WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

Need 3-days of rest, prayer and spiritual rejuvenation? Join with other men in a 3-day silent, spiritual retreat at the White House, the Jesuit retreat center overlooking the Mississippi River. The retreat begins Thursday evening, October 10th, and concludes on Sunday afternoon, October 13th. For more information contact Rich Olliges at (314) 323-7688.

PART-TIME HELP NEEDED

The Missionaries of the Holy Family are looking for part-time help in their provincial office here at St. Wenceslaus rectory. Knowledge of Word and Excel is required, along with attractive handwriting. Must be a Catholic in good standing. Please send resume to msf@msf-america.org.