

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 1, 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
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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. - Hebrews 12:22a

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 31st

7:45 AM + Charlie McGrail
4:00 PM + Ana Pierce

Sunday, September 1st

10:00 AM + Rose Roelke

Monday, September 2nd

7:45 AM + Augustine Miller

Tuesday, September 3rd

7:45 AM Judy Fabick

Wednesday, September 4th

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik

Thursday, September 5th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Friday, September 6th

7:45 AM + Harry O’Brien Sr.

Saturday, September 7th

7:45 AM + Dr. Gary Michael Gutting
4:00 PM + Rich Fogelbach

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, Nerie Goff, 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.

NO SURPRISES

We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.

- Francois Fenelon

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 generous giving means sharing with those who cannot repay us.

HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue we don’t see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn’t been irritated by the “trolls” who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. “The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; God leads forth prisoners to prosperity.”

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 Both, and home-made / hand-made goods for our Country Store. We will also need a variety of 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 as they are so flexible and can be used as prizes, or used to purchase filler items for the baskets. Not able to shop? Perhaps you would consider a monetary donation to be used to purchase needed items. Thank you for help and support of 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!

SEPTEMBER 1st, 2019

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Last Week's Collections (\$922.50), Weekly Collection Goal (\$2,700.00), Average Collection Fiscal Year (\$1,919.30), Parish Appeal 2019 (\$55.00), Maintenance (\$15.00), and Food for the Poor SVDP (\$100.00).

Stewardship Reflection

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." - Luke 14:13-14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return - a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This 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 available in the vestibule of the church. Please be generous.

STS. PETER AND PAUL FALL FESTIVAL

Sts. Peter and Paul are holding their annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 29, from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. A breakfast is being served from 11:00 am to noon. See the bulletin boards for all the events and reservation details.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 09/07/19, at 4:00 PM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Monica Fingerhut, Phil Fingerhut, Weldon Tieken
To Choir & Disabled: Jim Teschner
Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater
Server: Jim Teschner
Cantor: Mary Bardo
Musician: Barb Kellner

SUNDAY, 09/08/19, at 10:00 AM

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Adela Peugnet, Karen Holthaus, Mike Blosser
To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector: Dennis Holland
Server: Anthony Nguyen
Cantor: Lisa Holland
Musician: John Harper

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- The Men's Club will meet this Tuesday, September 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.
The Ladies of Mary will meet the following Monday, September 9th, at 6:30 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 and flyers are available beginning this weekend in the vestibule of the church. Call Mary Bardo at 606-5584 for more information.

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.