

# ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

*Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960*

**First Sunday of Lent  
February 22, 2015**



## 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 E. Wuerth, M.S.F., Pastor  
Deacon George W. Miller  
Rev. Petrus Prasetyo, M.S.F., In Residence  
Rev. Denis Velomana, M.S.F., In Residence  
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 8:00 and 10:00 AM

### MASSES FOR WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday  
7:45 AM in the Annex 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.

### 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

Deborah Halter (314) 773-3070

### ST. FRANCES CABRINI ACADEMY 776-0883

### COMMUNION CALLS

To have Communion brought to your home contact the Parish Office.

### NOVENA

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal 9:45 AM on Sunday.

**LADIES OF MARY** 1st Monday of Month 6:30 PM  
in the Parish Center

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

1st Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Church  
1st Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel

**LITURGY COMMITTEE** When announced

**MEN'S CLUB** 1st Tuesday of Month 6:30 PM in the Parish Center

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

3rd Tuesday of Month 7:00 PM in the Parish Center

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**PARISH WEB SITE ADDRESS:**

[www.stwenceslaus.website](http://www.stwenceslaus.website)

**SEND BULLETIN INFORMATION TO:** [stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net)

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths. — Psalm 25:4

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 21st

7:45 AM + Terri Bull

4:00 PM + Martie J. (Jay) Aboussie, Jr.

### Sunday, February 22nd

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM + William Meadows

### Monday, February 23rd

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

### Tuesday, February 24th

7:45 AM + Marie Kubik

### Wednesday, February 25th

7:45 AM + John Ritter

### Thursday, February 26th

7:45 AM Frances Putney

### Friday, February 27th

7:45 AM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

### Saturday, February 28th

7:45 AM + Bill Martin

4:00 PM + Blankmann Family

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fred Ackermann, Emmanuel Aziz, Jerry Bielicke, Jim Blankmann, Debbie Conley, Rich Cullen, Dennis Curtis, Don Fielder, Jim Finn, Rosa Flores, Donna Frank, Mary Ann Gajdosik, Joshua Galaster, Lon Griffard, Gerry Harrington, Patricia Kennedy, Joe Kroupa, Fr. John Lombardi, M.S.F., Tom Malle, Gerald Mengwasser, Marion Mentzer, Carmelle Minton, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Ruth Paddock, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Judy Plassmeyer, Ray Rancilio, Mary Ray, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Katie Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Ariane Sery, Mary Siess, Pat Thomas, Wilma Turnbull, Mary Ullo, Joseph Waelterman, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Sister Janet Winogrocki, O.S.F.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will be held this **Wednesday**, February 25th, and all Wednesdays during Lent, at **6:00 p.m. in the church**. The **Men's Club** will sponsor and attend this week's service.

“Every Christian is called to work for the common good and against the evils and injustices of their day. We all are called to witness to life in whatever job and setting God places us.” — **Life Matters: Call to Greatness**

## WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the First Sunday of Lent.

## Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each of us.

## THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth.

Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Any **Catholic** family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese for the 2015-2016 school year must submit a "FACTS" application. Applications may be obtained from Paul Jolly at the rectory, or you may apply online at: <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>. Students must attend an Archdiocesan or Parochial Elementary School or an Archdiocesan or Parochial High School to be eligible. The due date for the application is **March 15, 2015** and **must** include a copy of your **2013** Income Tax Return and **2014** W2's.

## LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

On **Saturday, March 21st**, the Ladies of Mary will host "A Lenten Day of Recollection" for women, featuring Sister Philip Marie Burle, CPPS. It will be held at the Sisters of St. Joseph at Carondelet Motherhouse, 6400 Minnesota Ave., from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The cost is \$19.00 per person, and includes a buffet luncheon and drinks. Carpooling is available. Bring your Rosary and Bible. The event is open to those 16 years of age and older.

For more information, please contact Mary Bardo, President, at 664-3776 or 606-5584.

## FEBRUARY 22nd, 2015

### GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$ 2,325.50
<b>Weekly Collection Goal</b>	\$ 3,035.00
<b>Average Collection Fiscal Year</b>	\$ 2,393.19
(Fiscal Year is July 2014 thru June 2015)	
Parish Appeal 2015	\$ 25.00
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 50.00

#### Stewardship Reflection

*“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...” — Mark 1:14*

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, **February 21st & 22nd**, we will take up the annual **Black and Indian Mission** Collection. Our support helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on our generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution to this collection. Thank you for your support.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Join our parish community, and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl in church today, and remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending; Washington's Birthday
Monday:	St. Polycarp; Julian Calendar Lent begins
Friday:	Abstinence

### MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 02/28/15, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Extraordinary Ministers:	Martie Aboussie Dave Huelsing
To Choir & Disabled:	Charles Reichert
Commentator & Lector:	Melanie Hernandez
Server:	Brandon Hernandez
Cantor:	Ed Koeninger
Musician:	Richard Carr

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 03/01/15, at 8:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Extraordinary Ministers:	Mary Ann Gajdosik Jody James
To Choir & Disabled:	Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector:	Darlene Doerr
Servers:	Theresa Nguyen & Israel Campos
Cantor:	Michelle Dow
Musician:	Richard Carr

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 03/01/15, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Extraordinary Ministers:	Jan Harper Mary Pichler
To Choir & Disabled:	Pat Lohmar
Commentator & Lector:	Paul Jolly
Servers:	Tommy Nguyen & Alina Mendoza
Cantor:	Amanda Mendez
Musician:	John Harper

### BEING CALLED?

Men of the parish between the ages of 30 and 55! Is the Lord calling you to follow him as a Permanent Deacon? (Maybe you are hearing only a whisper). Find out more on March 3rd or March 12th at 7:00 pm at the Cardinal Rigali Center Auditorium, 20 Archbishop May Drive. Or contact Deacon George after any Mass.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night is this coming **Saturday, February 28th**, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Tables of up to 10 are \$20 per person. This includes drinks (beer, wine, soda and water), snacks, and paper products.

**We can use more players!** If you would like to play, but can't fill a table, we'll be glad to help seat you at other tables that have room for more players.

Basket Raffles planned: Liquor, Book Lover, Day Out, Sweet Treats, and Evening at Home. Please consider donating an item that would fit any of these themes.

To make reservations, or for more information, flyers are available in the vestibule of the church, or call Kathy Styer at (314) 588-0770. Please support this fundraising event.

Set-up for Trivia Night will take place on Friday evening, February 27th, beginning at 6:30 pm. If physically able, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!