

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

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**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 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. Wuertth, M.S.F., Pastor
Deacon George W. Miller
Rev. Petrus Prasetyo, 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 thru 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. No arrangement for a dinner or reception etc. may 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

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel
1st Wednesday (including Evening Prayer) at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel
1st Saturday (including Morning Prayer) at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel

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

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, November 28th

7:45 AM + Walter Schaefer
4:00 PM + Eileen Moran

Sunday, November 29th

8:00 AM + Joe & + Mary Rybacki
10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, November 30th

7:45 AM + Joann Dabrowski

Tuesday, December 1st

7:45 AM Bonnie Martin

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:45 AM Edward & Jolena Rothweil

Thursday, December 3rd

9:00 AM + Ernest H. Peugnet

Friday, December 4th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, December 5th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim
4:00 PM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Sue Barnowski, Jerry Bielicke, Richard Carr, Jr., Dennis Curtis, Chris Doerr, Pat Feeler, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Leon Frigillana, Joshua Galaster, John Gardabie, Lon Griffard, Gerry Harrington, Margaret Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Dolores LaBruyere, Everleigh Lauber, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Marion Mentzer, Carmelle Minton, Mary Moran, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Ray Rancilio, Mary Ray, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, John Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Ariane Sery, Pat Thomas, Mary Ullo, Joseph Waelterman, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held **each Wednesday during Advent** at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. Join us this Wednesday!

DECORATING CHURCH

On **Sunday, December 20th**, we will be decorating the church for Christmas after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If physically able, your assistance would be appreciated.

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 COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming - the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians, and all of us, to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king's coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

CABRINI NEWS

St. Frances Cabrini Academy needs your support to help with tuition costs. December 1st is **Giving Tuesday**. If you are considering a donation to your favorite charity... this year on Giving Tuesday support St. Frances Cabrini Academy. Your donation will go towards the Scholarship Fund. You can give three ways: online at www.cabriniacademy.org/giving, mail in money to 3022 Oregon Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118, or call the Director of Development at 776-0883 with your card information. Thank you for your generous support.

EWTN ESPANOL

EWTN is looking for volunteers to raise awareness of EWTN Espanol among those who practice their Catholic faith in Spanish. For more information about how you can get involved, please contact Walter Cordova at 281-298-5207. Remember, knowing how to speak Spanish is not required!

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

Join others for an Advent Day of Prayer at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center, 3522 Utah Street, on Saturday, December 5th, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Lunch is provided and a free will offering is appreciated. For more information, or to register, call Sr. Carol Orf at 314-560-1028.

NOVEMBER 29th, 2015

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 1,482.22
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,190.96
(Fiscal Year is July 2015 thru June 2016)	
Parish Appeal 2015	\$ 110.00
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 392.00

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, December 5th & 6th, we will have a special collection for the current **Refugee Crisis** in Syria. Our gifts will, in part, assist Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), the Pontifical humanitarian agency working in the Middle East to help Christian refugees. A portion of the funds will stay here, as we look to assist in resettlement efforts in the St. Louis area. Please be generous and help those who are struggling through this humanitarian crisis.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Join Archbishop Robert Carlson for an Advent Day of Recollection at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis on Saturday, December 19th. The day begins at 10:00 a.m. and includes two spiritual conferences led by Archbishop Carlson. The day ends with evening vespers at 4:30 p.m. and the celebration of Mass at 5:00 p.m. A hot lunch will be provided for all. This special gathering is free, though a good-will offering will be gratefully accepted. To register, please contact Laura Voegelin at 373-8208.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Andrew
Tuesday:	World AIDS Day
Thursday:	St. Francis Xavier
Friday:	St. John of Damascus; First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 12/05/15, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Monica Fingerhut Phil Fingerhut
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Don Fielder
Server:	Dave Huelsing
Cantor:	Ed Koeninger
Musician:	Richard Carr

***** SUNDAY, 12/06/15, at 8:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Jody James Bill Kren
To Choir & Disabled:	Anthony Nguyen
Commentator & Lector:	Carmelita Pelch
Server:	Anthony Nguyen
Cantor:	Michelle Dow
Musician:	Richard Carr

***** SUNDAY, 12/06/15, at 10:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Karen Holthaus Rich Olliges
To Choir & Disabled:	Pat Lohmar
Commentator & Lector:	Adela Peugnet
Server:	Jose Campos
Cantor:	Mary Pichler
Musician:	John Harper

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, December 8th, is the feast of the **Immaculate Conception** and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the church.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. on **Saturday, December 12th**. Extra priests will be available to hear your confession. Please participate in this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

SEMINARY APPEAL

The weekend of December 12th & 13th, we will welcome **Michael Lampe**, a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, who will speak to us at all the Masses to promote the annual Christmas Collection for the Seminary.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Men's Club** will meet this Tuesday, December 1st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. (Members...remember to bring your side dishes and desserts for this meeting).

The **Fall Festival 2015** Wrap-Up Meeting will take place on Saturday, December 12th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. All Booth Chairpersons, please attend!