

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2016**



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
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 9:00 AM

MASSES FOR WEEKDAYS

Monday thru Saturday, 7:45 AM in the Church

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 5th

7:45 AM + Tim Morrissey
4:00 PM + Captain Kevin Roche, USMC

Sunday, March 6th

9:00 AM Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.

Monday, March 7th

7:45 AM + Bruce Hegger

Tuesday, March 8th

7:45 AM + Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 9th

7:45 AM Paul Jolly

Thursday, March 10th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim

Friday, March 11th

7:45 AM Dolores LaBruyere

Saturday, March 12th

7:45 AM Ernestina Peugnet-Osborne
4:00 PM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Sue Barnowski, Jerry Bielicke, Patricia Carr, Richard Carr, Jr., Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Chris Doerr, Pat Feeler, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Leon Frigillana, Joshua Galaster, Lon Griffard, Gerry Harrington, Ray Heine, Margaret Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Dolores LaBruyere, Everleigh Lauber, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Mary Mattammal, Joyce McKiernan, Carmelle Minton, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Anna Pierce, Ray Rancilio, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Ron Romeo, Clem Ruemker, Cathy Schlueter, Ariane Sery, Pat Thomas, Mary Ullo, Pat Wevers, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will be held on **all Wednesdays during Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the church.** Please make this special time each Wednesday evening a part of your Lenten Journey.

The **Men's Club** will sponsor and attend this week's service.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

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

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may put our complete trust in God to provide all that we need, just as God provided the Israelites with manna until they arrived in the Promised Land.

A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our parish is holding a Lenten Reconciliation Service this Saturday, **March 12th, from 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.** Additional priests will be available to hear your confession. Use this opportunity to go to confession during the Lenten Season.

UPCOMING MEETING

The **Ladies of Mary** will meet this Monday, March 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to parishioner **Eduardo Porras** who earned the Renaissance Award for the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year at St. Mary's High School. This award recognizes students whose Grade Point Average is 3.30 (B+ average) or above and students who have raised their GPA at least .25 of a point higher than their previous semester. Great job Eduardo, we're very proud of you!

MARCH 6th, 2016

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 1,573.09
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,234.10
(Fiscal Year is July 2015 thru June 2016)	
Parish Appeal 2016	\$ 380.00
Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 55.00

Stewardship Reflection

*“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.”
(Joshua 5:12)*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection, you **help Jesus in disguise**. Please be generous.

OPERATION RICE BOWL
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

This week, we journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Pick up your family's rice bowl in church today, and remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday:	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Tuesday:	St. John of God
Wednesday:	St. Frances of Rome
Friday:	Abstinence

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 03/12/16, at 4:00 PM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Joan Frigillana Leon Frigillana
To Choir & Disabled:	Matt Kellner
Commentator & Lector:	Mary Bardo
Server:	Melanie Hernandez
Cantor:	Dan Zdrodowski
Musician:	Mary Martin

***** SUNDAY, 03/13/16, at 9:00 AM *****

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers:	Sandy Moore Tim Moore
To Choir & Disabled:	Pat Lohmar
Commentator & Lector:	Dennis Holland
Server:	Kathryn Holland
Cantor:	Lisa Holland
Musician:	John Harper

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Constants for Lent:

- Chant Mass
- Kyrie #848
- Santus #850
- Amen #852
- Agnes Dei #854
- Memorial Acclamation
- Mass of St. Wenceslaus
- Save Us Savior of the World
- Gospel Acclamation
- Lectionary C153 with Psalm Tones

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to parishioner **Terry Dabrowski** on the birth of her granddaughter, Isabel Grace, daughter of Derek and Tesey Lynn Roman. May God bless and watch over baby Isabel and her family.

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FEBRUARY PASS-THE-CASH

- \$50 WINNER:** Terry Dabrowski
- \$25 WINNERS:** Ron Huber, Bonnie Martin
Michelle Cobb, Sandy Schmidesj

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to our pastor, and spiritual leader, **Father Jim Wuerth, M.S.F.**, who is celebrating his birthday this Sunday, **March 6th**. Father Jim, may God's peace and blessings be with you on this special day and always.

Your Parish Family