

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

3014 Oregon Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118

Served by the Missionaries of the Holy Family Since 1960



**Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 31, 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 Wasser, 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 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 Church
1st Saturday (including Morning Prayer) at 7:00 a.m. in the Church

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. - Psalm 90:12

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 30th

7:45 AM In Thanksgiving
4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, July 31st

9:00 AM Mass of Installation
for Fr. Jim Wasser as Pastor
of St. Wenceslaus Parish

Monday, August 1st

7:45 AM + Fabick Family & All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 2nd

7:45 AM + Everett & + Catherine Ludwig

Wednesday, August 3rd

7:45 AM Katie Rothweil

Thursday, August 4th

7:45 AM + Mary Jane Kubik

Friday, August 5th

7:45 AM Holy Family Circle & Friends
Prayer Association

Saturday, August 6th

7:45 AM + Marcella Keim
4:00 PM Alice & Chris Paton

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, 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, Mary Ann Gajdosik, Joshua Galaster, Lon Griffard, Mary Henderson, June Hirlinger, Jody James, Margaret Kalbac, Matt Kellner, Patricia Kennedy, Dolores LaBruyere, Everleigh Lauber, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Mary Mattammal, Joyce McKiernan, Deacon George Miller, Carmelle Minton, Tom Moore, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Mary Pichler, Rosemary Pichler, Anna Pierce, Carol Plassmeyer, Ray Rancilio, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Clem Ruemker, Ariane Sery, Don Sparks, Pat Thomas, Mary Ullo, Pat Wevers, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Wednesday, **August 3rd**, Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction will be held in the chapel at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for this special time of prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist.

WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may remember that the many possessions we strive to acquire are worthless in the eyes of the Lord.

HITTING IT BIG

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he'd want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It's exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this "common wisdom" makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are looking for dedicated parishioners to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations for the next 3-year term, beginning this coming November, must be submitted by Friday, August 12th. If you would like to nominate someone, perhaps yourself, please speak to Father Jim or Paul Jolly. Good Stewardship includes our gifts of time and talent. Are you being called to serve?

AMERISTAR CASINO TRIP

Join our Parish Casino Outing from 2:00 pm - 7:30 pm on Sunday, August 21st (must be at least 21 yrs. of age). Round Trip Transportation is only \$5.00/person. **Reservations and payment must be received by Friday, August 12th.** For more information, please call Paul Jolly at the Parish Office at 865-1020. (Group discount for dining is not available).

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Name _____ Phone _____

Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to: St. Wenceslaus Parish

JULY 31st, 2016

GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 1,491.96
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,259.34
(Fiscal Year is July 2016 thru June 2017)	
Parish Appeal 2016	\$ 250.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 80.00

Stewardship Reflection

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."
- Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend, we will have a special collection for our **St. Vincent de Paul Fund**. Your support is needed to continue our ministry of serving the poor and needy.

Next weekend, we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the **Latin America Apostolate**. A collection will be taken to support the presence of our four (4) St. Louis Priest Missionaries in Bolivia. Many people in Bolivia are living in conditions we can barely imagine - without clean water, sanitation or food. The country also continues to suffer from a shortage of native Priests. (Collection envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church.)

BAKE SALE

Our Ladies of Mary are hosting a bake sale the weekend of **August 13th -14th** following Mass. All proceeds will go to support our parish food pantry.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
- Tuesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard
- Thursday: St. John Vianney
- Friday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major;
First Friday
- Saturday: The Transfiguration of the Lord;
First Saturday

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

***** SATURDAY, 08/06/16, at 4:00 PM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Monica Fingerhut
Phil Fingerhut
- To Choir & Disabled: Dave Huelsing
- Commentator & Lector: Maury Prater
- Server: Dave Huelsing
- Cantor: Dan Zdrodowski
- Musician: Mary Martin

***** SUNDAY, 08/07/16, at 9:00 AM *****

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Ann Gajdosik
Jody James
- To Choir & Disabled: Karen Holthaus
- Commentator & Lector: Carmelita Pelch
- Server: Anthony Nguyen
- Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser
- Musician: John Harper

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Ladies of Mary** will meet this Monday, August 1st, at 6:30 p.m, in the Parish Center.

The **Men's Club** will not meet during the month of August, but will attend the Gateway Grizzlies baseball game on August 2nd. For those signed up, please meet at church at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening.

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FALL FESTIVAL

Please mark your calendars! Our Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, November 5th**. 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.

Our Ladies of Mary are in need of your recipes for a new cookbook, to be sold at this year's festival. Send your recipes to Pat Griffard at mamagriffard2010@gmail.com, or bring your recipes to the parish office during regular business hours. For questions, contact Pat at 239-4735.

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FR. JIM WASSER INSTALLATION

Fr. Jim Wasser, M.S.F., will be officially installed as pastor of our parish this **Sunday, July 31st**, at the 9:00 am Mass by Fr. Carl Scheble, Dean of the South City Deanery and pastor of St. John the Baptist in St. Louis. Congratulations Fr. Jim on your appointment as pastor of St. Wenceslaus Parish. We look forward to having you with us for many years to come!
Everyone is invited to join us for light Breakfast Fare following Mass in the Parish Hall.