

DECEMBER 27, 2020



THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH
WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.
—LK 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY

Visit us on the Internet at
www.stpeterkirkwood.org
or send your comments to:
info@stpeterkirkwood.org

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Rectory (966-8600) for details regarding participation in the preparation program.

We encourage expectant parents to make arrangements for the preparation program at least a few months prior to the birth of their child.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the rectory office (966-8600) to schedule your wedding date and for details regarding the preparation program. In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, couples should contact a member of the parish clergy at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Holy Orders and Consecrated (Religious) Life

If interested, please call the parish rectory or the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 792-6460

Rectory/Parish Office

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Saint Louis, Missouri 63122
966-8600 (Phone)
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Saint Peter Elementary School

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215 North Clay
Saint Louis, Missouri 63122
821-0460

Parish School of Religion

Susan Lueker, 821-0460, ext. 4212

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John Modder, Chairperson, 303-502-4564

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314-289-6101 Ext. 2220 (Voice Mail)

Parish Center/Cafeteria

821-0460 ext. 4500

Bulletin Deadline!!

Articles intended for publication in the Bulletin must be submitted to the rectory (ably@stpeterkirkwood.org) by **Monday, at 3:00PM for the following Sunday's Bulletin. All announcements must be in writing with a name and telephone number attached.**

Please remember St. Peter Catholic Church in your will.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER

St. Peter Parish Prayer

Lord, thank you for the rich history you have bestowed on our family of St. Peter in Kirkwood.

Blessed by your grace, we ask that you be present in our parish today. Guide us as we celebrate our gifts through worship, education and loving service.

Holy Spirit, create within us a vision for the future that we live, witness and proclaim the good news of Christ.

Amen

Sunday Mass Schedule (During COVID-19)

Saturday: 5:00PM - In Person
(Satisfies Sunday obligation)

Sunday: 8:00am - In Person
10:00AM - In Person & Livestream
and 5:00PM - In Person

Weekday Mass Schedule (During COVID-19)

Monday - Friday: 6:45AM - In Person &
8:15AM - In Person & Livestream
Saturday: 8:15AM - In Person & Livestream

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Consult the bulletin for Mass times
<http://www.stpeterkirkwood.org>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation is held before 5:00pm Mass on Saturday from 3:45-4:45 pm in the Eucharistic Minister's Room across from the Sacristy. Enter the front doors of Church to be guided to the Eucharistic Minister's Room.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday - Friday, 6:00AM to 10:00PM
St. Angela Merici Chapel in Ursuline Hall
Enter through the Garden Courtyard

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday of the month at 12:30PM.

Please call the Rectory (966-8600) for details regarding participation in the preparation program. We encourage expectant parents to make arrangements for the preparation program at least a few months prior to the birth of their child.

Anointing and Prayer

Please call the rectory office (966-8600) to schedule a time to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

This is meant to include such concerns as upcoming diagnostic tests, surgery, limitations of aging, anxiety, depression, undue stress, addiction, etc. for all ages.

The lovely gospels that we revel in during these days of Christmastime hold up for us the image of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the Holy Family of Nazareth. And so we celebrate the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas Day. It's easy to gaze on the images in the Christmas crib and recognize the holiness of the newborn Jesus, his mother and his guardian, Joseph. It may be harder to look at your own children or parents or brothers or sisters and see reflections of that same holiness in them. After all, living together, you see each other's bad sides as well as the good, the warts as well as the dimples.

But if we truly believe in what we are celebrating, the incarnation of God in the flesh, and the fact that Jesus saved us by his death and resurrection into which we are baptized, then we must cultivate the ability to see a reflection of the baby Jesus' holiness in each child in our own families, to see the holiness of Mary and of Joseph reflected in ourselves as parents, and in our own parents.

Maybe it will help to remember not just the gurgling baby Jesus in the crib, but also the toddler Jesus at age two – in his own version of the “terrible twos.” Or to meditate on Mary and Joseph changing diapers and picking up the ancient Palestinian version of Cheerios from the kitchen floor - and the living room floor and... The Gospels are silent about Jesus' childhood, but truly human as well as truly God, Jesus no doubt had nosebleeds and skinned knees, tried dangerous stunts, didn't get enough sleep sometimes and so was cranky. Maybe there were even battles over homework. (Jesus would have studied Hebrew and the Scriptures.)

And think of Jesus as a teenager. We get glimpses of him in the gospel of Matthew at age twelve, wandering off in Jerusalem, causing Mary and Joseph to panic. Of course he didn't have the opportunity to take driver's ed or ask for the car keys, but there were a myriad of other but similar parent-teen encounters, to be sure.

Some may find such speculation to be sacrilegious. “Jesus is perfect,” they'll object. “Jesus is God!” How very true. And Jesus was a baby, a teenager, a young adult, too. True God, true man. And maybe, just maybe one of the delights of this Christmas season is that some of the small quirky things about us as human beings – the terrible twos, the teenage struggle for independence, parents' angst about their child – maybe all of these are holy and part of what it means to grow toward perfection.

Glory in heaven and peace on earth now and forever!

Prayer of the Eyes...

An icon – a holy picture – can help you pray. The Greek word *icon* means “image,” a sacred image of Jesus, Mary, or saint that is painted in two dimensions on wood panels, usually with egg tempera paints. Here's how you can use an icon or other sacred image to focus your prayer.

You want to be in a comfortable position and you want to be able to look into the image's eyes. If you don't hang the image on a wall, you might find an easel or a hinged wooden stand used to display plates to hold the image on a table.

Praying before an icon or a sacred image is a matter of looking deeply. Think of how deeply you look at the face of one you love. You never tire of that face and you notice every detail: the way light and shadow fall across the nose and cheek, how the brow moves, the subtle changes of expression. Look at the sacred image this way, too. Such intense looking will center you in prayer, in the presence of the holy person depicted. You may want to light candles or incense before the sacred image, too.

A Blessing for Christmas time...by Andrew Greeley in his book: *Irish American Blessings and Prayers...*

May your eyes be alert for the sight of his face and your ears ready for the sound of his voice.

May your feet catch fire to run in his race. The song on your lips tell all the world “rejoice.”

And may you clap and leap and shout and dance knowing that the Lord has come to set you free.

And run down the road, a person entranced after the one who said come follow me.

May God bless you the Father who made you free. The Son who freed you once again.

And the Spirit who keeps you forever free. Amen

May God Bless you and your families today and keep you in the hollow of His hands. And...I'll see you “next year” in church or livestream!

**Monsignor Jack
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PLEASE NOTE . . .

The parish offices will be closed
on New Year's Eve,
Thursday, December 31, 2019
and
New Year's Day
Friday, January 1, 2021

**2020 CONTRIBUTIONS**

All contributions to be credited to
2020 must be received at St. Peter by
Thursday, December 31, 2020.

Checks must be dated 2020 and placed in a 2020 envelope or a
regular envelope clearly marked **2020 Contribution**. Any online
contributions through **"We Share"** or any other form of
electronic giving must also be done by December 31, 2020.

Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, December 28**

6:45AM Molly Lamers
8:15AM Simioni Family

Tuesday, December 29

6:45AM Curt Weingartner
8:15AM Mick Halker

Wednesday, December 30

6:45AM Dan O'Leary
8:15AM Matt Bruneel

Thursday, December 31, New Year's Eve

6:45AM Jennifer Kathleen Marr
8:15AM Mary Hilgeman
5:00PM People of St. Peter

Friday, January 1, New Year's Day

10:00AM People of St. Peter

Saturday, January 2

8:15AM Lynn Jamboretz (Special Intention)
5:00PM Bud Clever

Sunday, January 3

8:00AM Martha Smith
10:00AM People of St. Peter
5:00PM Martha Smith

SCHOOL LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 6 Epiphany Mass 8:15am 2nd Grade
Wednesday, Jan. 13 Weekday 8:15am 1st & 3rd Grades

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Person To Person volunteers are ready to assist you with special
needs you may have due to illness or other emergencies. We are
ready to assist with transportation, yard work, light housekeeping,
grocery shopping or meals. If you could use a ride to church or to
the doctor, or if you are too ill to do laundry or fix a meal, please
call and we will try to make the necessary arrangements to assist
you. We have over 100 parishioners available to help you or help
someone you know who cannot find help elsewhere. Call Deacon
John Komotos at 314-984-0054. All requests remain confidential.
Please leave a message and your call will be answered.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD****New Year's Eve****Thursday, December 31, 2020**

5:00PM Mass - In Person
(Mass of Anticipation)

New Year's Day**Friday, January 1, 2021****Mary, Mother of God**

(Holy Day)

10:00AM

(In Person & Livestream)

**Epiphany of the Lord****Sunday, January 3, 2021**

Saturday, 5:00PM (In Person)

Sunday Mass Schedule

8:00 (In Person)

10:00AM (In Person & Livestream)

5:00PM (In Person)

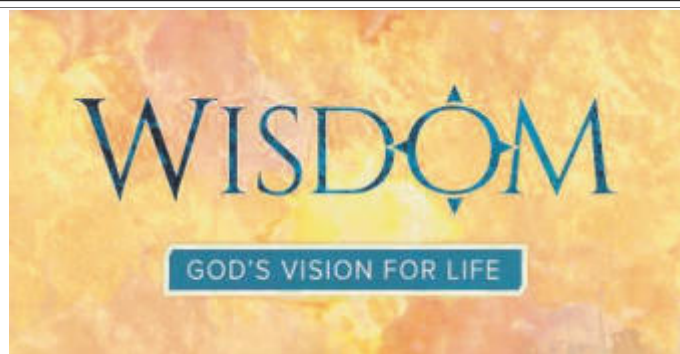
KIRK CARE

The Kirkwood Community Food and Financial Assistance Organization has been lending a helping hand since 1982.

Kirk Care serves families in the R-VII school district boundaries with food and utility bill assistance.

A basket has been placed in the entrance of the rectory for non-perishable food donations. Thank you for helping the families of Kirkwood. For more information contact Jennifer McCoy, 314-960-9873.





ST. PETER MEN'S GROUP
PRESENTS
WISDOM:
GOD'S VISION FOR LIFE

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. In this eight-part study, Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith examine biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life. Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible - Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes - Wisdom: God's Vision for Life will teach you

how to actively seek sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life.

In everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well-being. With this program, you will learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom, and you will experience the joy it brings to your life.

Program Format: Light home reading of scripture: Ascension Press lessons (featuring Jeff Cavins) delivered via Zoom followed by group discussion. Program extends for **8 sessions** and meets every other week.

Join us:

When: We meet **every other Monday** beginning Jan. 11, 2021

Where: Via **Zoom** (a meeting notice will be sent to those who sign up)

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Coordinators: Steve Witthaus and Terry McHugh

If you plan to attend, please let us know. Email us at: mchugh.marketing.leader@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donated in Memory of and in Honor of:

Eva & John McCracken, Louise McCracken, Joseph McCracken, June Weber, Eleanor Rose Miller, Lisa Kratofil, Gene & Agnes DeSalme, Vernon Baldrige, John A. Shaw, David & Nellie Jozwiak, Cynthia Thomas, The Blind & Nestor Family & Friends, Paul & Theresa Douthit, Paul Douthit, Jr., Michael & Deloris Douthit, Cindy Douthit, Alice Dale, Henry & Betty Dale, Donna Krupp, Ray & Elaine Schuttenberg, John & Dorothy Meyer, Frank & Mary Jane Calvert, Edith Schrock, Jeannine Prost, Bev Shortal, Ann Geraty, Marie Schopp, Charles Shell, Ray & Kay Laramie, Peter Gaffney, Eddie Herman, Joan Ahrens, Marilyn Whitfield, Llorssie Spears, Harold Brown & Steven Burns, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Gwazdauskas, D'Antonio Family, Joe & Catherine Kane, Jack McNamara, Francis & Ann Mohan, Lizzie Mohan, Joe & Bernie Sidlo, Maddie Vogt, Peter & Marcella Sertic, Matthew & Rick Gwyder, Doug Kadane, Dr. Thomas Giles, Atilio Arrillaga, Angel & Rosa Zardetto, Alejandro Brown-Valle, Carlos Estrada, Angel Zardetto, Jr., Robert Schmit, Marla Baird, Gerry Flynn, Joan Bender, W.T. & Peg Dwyer, John Dwyer, Fr. Jack Ghio, Al & Alice Schmit, Victoria Beckmann, Eileen Mae DiPasco, Graciela Hartenbach, Bill Powell, Albin & Emma Schottroff, Thomas von Hatten, Joseph & Clara Pollard Family, Glenn Appelbaum, Mary & Joe Rudy, Jim Rudy, Ed Veazey, Michael Kelley, Don Dohm, Bill Hei, Nathaniel Hei, Adele Jones, Dory Hei, Ronald & Joseph Zinkl, Albert & Victoria Schramm, Carl & Theresa Zinkl, Francis & Margaret Connelly Harris, Vincent Mangan, John Lawrence, Lorraine May, Tom Groll, Rose & Rod Skinner, Larry Chott and Allen Chott, John A. Solari, Chuck Solari, Bobbie Solari, August Bernsen, Harriet & Paul Murphy, Joe & Marilyn Preis, Jack Kelly, George Trollope, Jr., Chester & Mary Davis, Walter Dayhuff, Mr. & Mrs. John Farkas, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Dayhuff, Dolores & Bill Zimmerman, Ramon & Mary Rodriguez, Harold R. Brown, Sr., Robena Spears Family, Jovito Farenas, Gertrudes Falcis, Sergio Martinez, Sr., Salvacion Bernabe, Gerald J. McKean and Emma Shell.



CIRCLE OF CONCERN FOOD PANTRY . . .

Circle of Concern has an ongoing need for disposable diapers (especially size 3, 4 and 5) and wipes. Please drop off your donations on the front porch of Angela and Randy Dalton, 328 W. Washington Ave. Diapers and wipes are collected throughout the month and delivered to Circle of Concern about mid-month.



**Please donate diapers and wipes ONLY.
Thank you for supporting parents and babies in need.**



This Ministry reaches out to members of our parish family who are ill, in nursing homes, having surgery, or in need of comfort in any way by providing them with a prayer shawl representing the prayers and support of the parish community. New

members are always welcome to knit or crochet these shawls or donate yarn or monies for purchasing supplies. If you are interested in helping with this ministry or would like a Prayer Shawl for a family member or friend please contact Karen Frome, 314 965-7975 or kjfrome@swbell.net.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

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| SUN 12/27 | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 |
| MON 12/28 | 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 |
| TUE 12/29 | 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 |
| WED 12/30 | 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 |
| THR 12/31 | 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 |
| FRI 1/1 | Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 |
| SAT 1/2 | 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28 |
| SUN 1/3 | Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 |

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

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| Sunday: | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph |
| Monday: | The Holy Innocents, Martyrs |
| Tuesday: | St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr |
| Thursday: | St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve |
| Friday: | Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace |
| Saturday: | Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church |
| Sunday: | The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week |

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.



The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph

New
Year's
Blessings

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

The Lord took Abram outside and said,
"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."
(Gn 15:5)



PSALM

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
(Ps 105)



SECOND READING

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to
go out to a place
that he was to receive as an inheritance;
he went out, not knowing where he was to go.
(Heb 11:8)



GOSPEL

The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



**The Welcoming Committee would like to announce the
"New Arrivals to our Parish Family" for November 2020.**

Let us remember them in our prayers and aid them in catching that great St. Peter spirit we all know and love.

Please welcome:

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| Jay & Kathleen Criscione | Andrew & Colleen Dean |
| George & Christy Ertle | Nick & Crystal Gravatte |
| Nick & Molly Hoffmeyer | James & Kelly Kirk |
| Dimitri & Maria Mousdicas | Sue Reid |
| Jim & Janet Reilly | Mike & Meredith Reiter |
| Bill & Liz Robinson | Josh Schlueter |
| Patrick & Anna Vatterott | |

ST. PATRICK CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Please keep this important ministry in mind on your next shopping trip. Breakfast bars, granola type bars, chips, cookies, water, and individual drinks are some of the suggested donations. The Health Department requires that all food items come prepackaged. Donations are accepted every day.

Drop off location: 450 Burns Avenue, Kirkwood. Look for the **green tub** along the side of our house on the driveway. Call Jennifer Moritz 909-6756 with any questions.

The ultimate goal of the Mobile Outreach Program is to encourage persons who are chronically homeless to access agency programs that will lead them to permanent housing and financial stability. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

ST. PETER AND PAUL MEALS PROGRAM

The volunteers for the meals program at St. Peter and Paul in Soulard served around 100 hungry diners on November 3. The new "Covid Safe" meals program requires the volunteers to help fill containers with a nutritious meal prepared by the cook then the food is delivered to diners by 2 staff people at curbside outside the parking lot for the dining hall. Since the new program began in September, it has grown monthly from a few diners to nearly the number who were coming to eat inside "pre Covid" which was from 85-150 monthly.

We will be collecting men's new hooded sweatshirts (size L or XL) for the St. Peter and Paul shelter and dining programs throughout the month December. If you would like to donate one or more, please drop off at the porch container at 311 Weston Oaks Court and we will get them to the shelter in Soulard.

Thank you in advance! St. Peter Parish has been very supportive of both the meals program and of the various clothing collections for the needy served by Peter and Paul Community Services over the past eleven years the parish has been involved. For questions please contact Mary Raizman at mraizman@lauramccarthy.com.

"Pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God" St Vincent de Paul

STS. TERESA & BRIDGET FOOD PANTRY

"For I was hungry and you gave me food".

The Sts. Teresa and Bridget Food Pantry has shelves full of food for those that need to feed their hungry families along with bags full of food to hand out to the usual long line of homeless individuals. They all rely on the pantry to feed them and the numbers keep growing. St Peter Parish will continue to serve those in need.

This year the Pantry Team has worked hard to make sure we gather enough food each month to help keep the pantry full. The money donations have been very generous, all we had to do is purchase the food.

Through our FAMILY SHOPPER program, Kristen Figge has found many willing people to help the pantry purchase food. On the 3rd Monday of every month several men fill their vehicles with tons of food for the trip to Sts. Teresa and Bridget Parish. They are Bill Biele, Fr. Greg Schmidt, Mike Thomas, Steve Meskill, George Metzger, John Strebeck, Dan Koskivich, Ray Buehler, John Behl and Jack Figge. The men of the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS have been a major supporter of the pantry the past few years but without their time and talent the year of "2020" would have hit on hard times. Thanks to all these giving people that just want to SERVE others.

St Peter's Pantry Team are all devoted to making sure Sts. Teresa and Bridget Food Pantry have the food needed to feed Jesus' hungry people.

We are already collecting food for 2021. Donations are welcome all month long. St. Peter Parish, keep up the good work! We can't do any of this without your generosity.

DROP OFF LOCATION ~

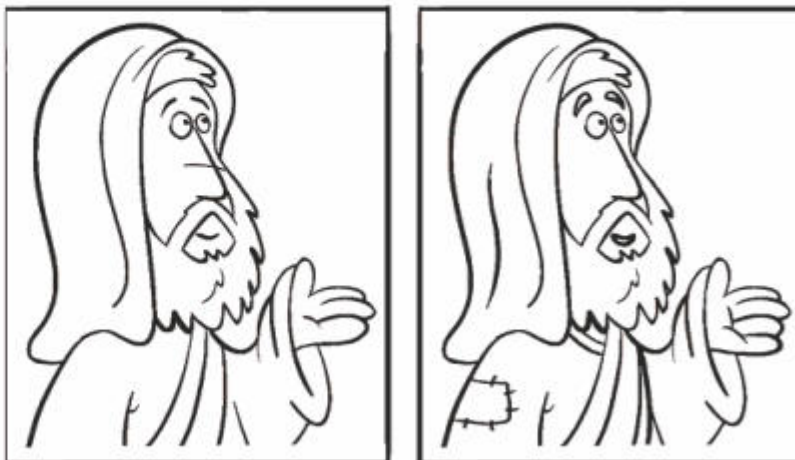
Candy and John Behl, 319 East Adams, Kirkwood (block and a half east of the YMCA). **Please donate cans no larger than 30 ounces** as anything larger is difficult for all of us to carry. **Or call 314-965-3390 for food pick up. (Yes, happy to do this.)**

NEW YEAR'S



KIDS CORNER

Find 8 differences.



READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Love God and trust him with your life. Then you will want to do what God asks. Simeon listened to God. Anna served

God for many years in the temple. Mary and Joseph did everything God asked them to do for Jesus. Everyone in the temple knew that Jesus was sent by God to be their Savior. They trusted God with Jesus' precious life.

PRAYER

God, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask me to.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus belonged to God. Look up the word "belong" in the dictionary. Thank God that you are his child, too.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020 | THE HOLY FAMILY

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor by assisting families, providing food vouchers, gift cards, and assistance for utility and rent bills. May God bless you with a very Happy New Year!

The number to call for information about our St Peter conference or to direct brothers and sisters in need of help with utility, rent or food assistance is (314) 289 6101 ext. 2220.

Restore, Rekindle, Renew Enrichment (3RE)



**7-Session Virtual
Enrichment Experience**
Mon/Thur Evenings:
January 18-February 8
Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Apply online: <https://stl-wwme.org>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/events/s/restore-rekindle-renew-enrichm/289517819094470/>. More Info Call: 314-649-7317.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

ARCHBISHOP - Can leap over tall buildings in a single bound; is more powerful than a locomotive; is faster than a speeding bullet; walks on water; gives policy advice to God.

AUXILIARY BISHOP - Can leap over short buildings in a single bound; is more powerful than a switch engine; is just as fast as a speeding bullet; can walk on water if the sea is calm; talks frequently with God.

CHANCELLOR - Can leap over small buildings with running start and a favorable tail wind; is almost as powerful as large tractor; is faster than a speeding B-B; can walk on water at an indoor pool; talks with God only on special occasions.

VICAR-GENERAL - Can barely clear a small garage; loses at tug-of-war with a small truck; can fire a bullet from a small gun; can swim across a backyard pool; is occasionally addressed by God.

PASTOR - Can make high marks on a wall when trying to leap over a building; is sometimes run over by tricycles; can usually handle a gun without inflicting self-injury; can dog-paddle for several minutes; usually found talking to dogs, trees and himself.

PARISH SECRETARY - Lifts tall buildings and walks under them; kicks locomotives out of her way; catches speeding bullets in her teeth and eats them; can freeze a pool of water with a single glance; **SHE IS GOD!**



ROSARIES AS DECORATIONS

Question: I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

Answer:

The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.

Please pray for the safety and well being of the following loved ones of our parishioners who have been called to military service: **US Army Chief Warrant Officer 2, Cpl. John R. Weber, III, USMC, Major Matthew Kelly, Michael C. Wood, Army, Lt. Joseph Sidlo, M/Sgt Don Haga, A/C Christine Haga, Sgt. Erik Thompson, Warrant Officer Alicia G. Mejia-Adkins, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Adkins, US Army, Chief Warrant Officer 2, Mark Nitz, USMC, Lt. Col. Mark Jackson, IV, Captain Jeremy Reynolds, US Army, Pfc. Josh P. Stack, Capt. Christopher Moskooff, US Army, Captain Robert Winkler, US Army, Capt. Kevin Jackson, Lt. CPL. Thomas Weber, USMC, Major Joseph G. Skryd, USMC, Mason Barnett, USMC, Command Master Chief, Maria Strader, USN, SGT Corey Hill, US Army, Jon Detling-Nusser, Navy, Lauren Young, Ensign U.S. Navy.**



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Names will remain on the *Pray For The Sick* list for 4 weeks then are automatically deleted. To be included on this list, please call the Parish Office at (314) 966-8600. A call to the Parish Office is necessary to request additional weeks.

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SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLES CONTINUING THE TRADITION

On November 2nd we held our annual Mass of Remembrance where we remembered and honored all those who had died the previous year, especially those buried from St. Peter. Beginning at the end of this month we will continue the tradition of remembering and honoring them. Each week a new sanctuary lamp candle will be placed in the lamp. On each candle will be written the name of one of those buried from St. Peter during this last year. We will communicate in the bulletin each week the upcoming dedications.

Please remember all our faithful departed in your prayers.



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December 28

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