

# St. Peter

Catholic Church  
JANUARY 24, 2021



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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### *St. Peter Mission Statement*

*Built on the rock of St. Peter, the Apostle of faith, love and forgiveness, we are a Catholic parish dedicated to live, witness and proclaim the good news of Christ through worship, education and loving service to each other and our community.*

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**

243 West Argonne Drive  
Saint Louis, Missouri 63122  
966-8600 (Phone)  
966-5721 (Fax)

#### **Saint Peter Elementary School**

Pre-K thru Eighth Grade  
215 North Clay  
Saint Louis, Missouri 63122  
821-0460

#### **Parish School of Religion**

Susan Lueker, 821-0460, ext. 4212

#### **Religious Education Offices - Rectory Offices of Faith Formation**

Linda Doyle, 966-8600, ext. 1011

#### **St. Peter Youth Ministry - Ursuline Hall**

Trisha Lombardo, 822-1347, ext. 3003

#### **Pastoral Council**

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#### **Finance Commission**

John Modder, Chairperson, 303-502-4564

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

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.

**Q & A: What about Cremation?**

Over the past few years so many are choosing cremation upon the death of a loved one. There are many misconceptions about cremation even though it has been approved by the Catholic Church for years now. I thought it might be a good idea to talk about it to clear up some of those misunderstandings or misconceptions.

**Since when can Catholics be cremated?**

Cremation has been an acceptable alternative to ground burial or entombment for Catholics since 1963. The present code of Canon Law obviously still permits, in fact, still recommends the custom of burying the bodies of the dead; however, it does not forbid cremation at all unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching, such as to deny the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead.

**What do we do with the cremated remains of the body?**

The Church teaches that the cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the corporeal remains of a human body. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition (*Order of Christian Funerals*, #416). While it is recommended that cremation take place after the funeral liturgy, it is now permitted to celebrate the funeral liturgy in the presence of the cremated remains (1997 appendix to the *Order of Christian Funerals*, #416).

**What words do we use to show respect?**

In recent years, some have used the term “cremains” to refer to the cremated remains. We encourage people to show due respect by always using the term “cremated remains of the body” or “cremated remains.” In this way, even our words show respect.

**Where should cremated remains of the body be buried?**

Cremated remains of the body should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium (a vault with niches for cremation urns). They are **NOT** to be scattered to the wind or thrown into a body of water. Nor are they to be permanently placed in an urn on the mantel of your home or some other location in your home or office or yard or garden. In addition, they are **NOT** permitted to be separated and divided up and shared with members of the family or loved ones.

**Returned to the Elements...**

God the Creator made Adam and Eve out of the dust of the earth, breathing into each of them divine fire, the spark of life which we call the soul. It is fitting, then, when one of our loved ones has died, that we return the body to God through committing it to the ground or to the fire, or, in rare cases to the sea (a sailor’s funeral at sea). And we mark this momentous act with a rite, the third and last part of the Order

of Christian Funerals, the rite of committal. It is a brief and poignant gesture whereby we “give back” this one whom we have loved so much, in sure hope that one day again we will be together, with all the angels and saints in the city of God.

The rite of committal is in some ways a continuation and conclusion to the funeral liturgy. We carry the body from the church to the grave or the ashes from the crematory to the grave. The Order of Christian Funerals says plainly, “Whenever possible, the rite of committal is to be celebrated at the place of committal, that is, beside the open grave or place of interment, rather than at a cemetery chapel.”

It used to be thought that seeing the open grave would be too traumatic, or that having loved ones actually lower the body into the grave or even witness it would scar them for life. Interestingly enough, death is traumatic and the death of a loved one does scar us for life. But the very human and sacred act of committing the body to the earth or fire or the sea actually helps us negotiate that trauma and live through that pain that scars. Funeral directors may discourage you. Cemeteries may charge you extra. But go to the grave! Accompany the body to the cemetery. Take the ashes to the cemetery/mausoleum or columbarium. It’s the Christian thing to do.

The rite of committal begins with an invitation to prayer, a kind of reassembling after the procession. A short verse from scripture is proclaimed. A prayer is said over the place of committal. Some final intercessions for the loved one and the mourners are said, summed up with the Lord’s Prayer. This is a significant moment – the last time we will say the prayer that Christ taught us over the body. A concluding prayer is said and a blessing over the people. Singing can – and should – be a part of this.

This is the basic structure. To it, the Order of Christian Funerals allows us to add customs from our culture: gestures of farewell, for example, like sprinkling earth on the coffin or laying a hand on it one last time before it is lowered in the earth or given over to fire or water.

**We welcome our new shepherd, Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, to Saint Peter this weekend. This will be his first visit to our parish and we are glad to have him in our midst...even during these covid times. He will celebrate the 5:00 Holy Mass this Saturday. While there will not be a reception for him he will greet us all at Mass and during the homily. That Mass is already full at this time but it will be livestreamed so you can tune in anytime this weekend and see it. We look forward to the day when we will be able to visit with him mask-free and a full church and face to face conversations.**

**Have a great week everyone! I’ll see you in church or on livestream.**

**Monsignor Jack  
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**SCHOOL LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, Jan. 27 Weekday	8:15am 7th & K Grades
Wednesday, Feb. 3 Weekday	8:15am 8th & 2nd Grades
Wednesday, Feb. 10 Mission Awareness	8:15am 7th & 5th Grades

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday, January 25</b>	
6:45AM	Annie Lenz
8:15AM	Joan Abeln
<b>Tuesday, January 26</b>	
6:45AM	Robert Sontag
8:15AM	Martha Smith
<b>Wednesday, January 27</b>	
6:45AM	Bill Bina
8:15AM	Jane Jensen
<b>Thursday, January 28</b>	
6:45AM	Luc Arsenaault
8:15AM	Barb Lauber
<b>Friday, January 29</b>	
6:45AM	Pete Palumbo
8:15AM	Elizabeth Banstetter
<b>Saturday, January 30</b>	
8:15AM	Antoinette Giuliani
5:00PM	Judy Burbach
<b>Sunday, January 31</b>	
8:00AM	John Macke
10:00AM	People of St. Peter
5:00PM	John Macke

**CATHOLIC** ST. LOUIS**ST. LOUIS REVIEW  
SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2021**

The *St. Louis Review* is your faith resource access to local, national and international news. If you are not a parish subscriber, contact the parish office or make a parish contribution of \$35.00 by using the St. Louis Review envelope included with your monthly contribution envelope packet.

**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!

**BLOOD DRIVE****St. Peter Parish*****Appointments and masks required!*****Sunday, February 7****8:00 am - 1:00 pm****O'Donnel Parish Center (gym)***Enter on Jefferson across from church***To schedule an appointment,  
contact Charles Lucier:****cell: 314.304.1226 / email: ctLucier@gmail.com****or go online to [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)****Use sponsor code 9246 to schedule online****[WWW.BLOODCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.BLOODCENTER.ORG)****All donors will earn a  
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## From the Respect Life Committee on Racism



### We Stories helps families...

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- » deepen enduring commitments to anti-racism work.

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## Begins Sunday, January 24, 2021

In December, parishioners were invited to a zoom presentation by Adelaide Lancaster, the founder of *We Stories*. Our conversation ended before we could inform families of the excellent and thought-provoking Family Learning Program. It is a 12-week program that encourages family discussion about race using children's literature as a jumping-off point. There is a cost but scholarships are available if needed. *We Stories* is preparing for the cohort in the upcoming 12-week Family Learning Program, **which launches on January 24th**. There are a few remaining spots available! Go to [westories.org/join](http://westories.org/join) for more information.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

STARTING JANUARY 11, 2021

Looking for a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year?

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- All Catholic high schools
- Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis

Apply online at [TTEF-STL.ORG](http://TTEF-STL.ORG) for elementary and high school scholarships.

Deadline is February 26th, 2021.

Visit [ttef-stl.org](http://ttef-stl.org)  
for more details  
[ttef@archstl.org](mailto:ttef@archstl.org) (314) 792-7777

Unified Online Application (Free)



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BOYS IN GRADES 5 AND 6 ARE INVITED TO

## BE A GRIFFIN FOR A DAY

**PRESIDENTS' DAY 2021**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

**8:00AM to 12:30PM**

1311 S. Kirkwood Road | St. Louis, MO 63122

Spend the morning on Vianney's campus to experience Life as a Griffin. Our teachers will lead your activities while current students serve as your guides. This free event includes lunch and t-shirt!

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Visit [ADMISSIONS at VIANNEY.COM](http://ADMISSIONS.VIANNEY.COM) to register.

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314-965-4853 ext. 250 or [jhebrank@vianney.com](mailto:jhebrank@vianney.com) if you have any questions.

## COVENANT NETWORK CATHOLIC RADIO

Seasons come and seasons go, but our pillar of Faith remains in season and out. Keep your radio set on AM 1460 or FM 96.7, Covenant Network Catholic radio. You are sure to find many educational and inspirational programs to nurture your faith and devotional programs throughout the day and night-time hours to support and enrich your faith life. In addition to the radio stations, you can listen live, day or night, on our free Covenant Network app or at [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org).

## 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.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

<b>SUN 1/24</b>	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
<b>MON 1/25</b>	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
<b>TUE 1/26</b>	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
<b>WED 1/27</b>	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
<b>THR 1/28</b>	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
<b>FRI 1/29</b>	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
<b>SAT 1/30</b>	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
<b>SUN 1/31</b>	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
<b>Saturday:</b>	BVM
<b>Sunday:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.



## THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

*Teach me  
your  
ways.*

— PSALM 25 —



## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### FIRST READING

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)



### PSALM

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)



### SECOND READING

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)



### GOSPEL

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.



## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. You parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!

### PRAYER

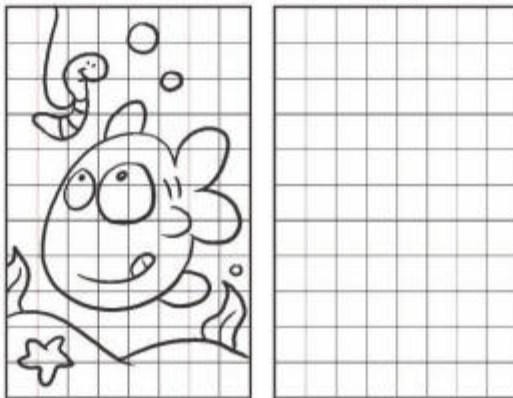
Jesus, I thank you for inviting me to spend time with you.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.

## KIDS CORNER

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021 | 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## YOUNG ADULT PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR

JANUARY 28, 7:00 PM  
CATHEDRAL BASILICA



### YOUNG ADULT PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR

Join young adults (ages 19-39) throughout the archdiocese for this annual event to pray for an end to abortion and promote a greater respect for all life. **On January 28, 2021 we'll begin with a talk by Brian Westbrook at 7 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis followed by Adoration, the Rosary, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Email [stlya@archstl.org](mailto:stlya@archstl.org) or call 314-792-7555 for more information.

Co-sponsored by the Office of Young Adult Ministry and the Respect Life Apostolate.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER



Neighbors helping neighbors®

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

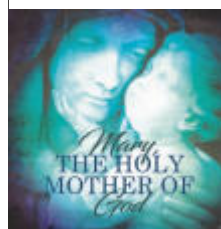
We have a couple of special needs for our neighbors right here in Kirkwood.

- If you have recently purchased a new **laptop**, please consider donating your old laptop.
- We also have a neighbor in **need** of a **car**. If you have one you would consider donating or selling at low cost, please call the number below.

Both of these needs directly affect employment, access to doctor appointments, child care and education. Your generosity would be so greatly appreciated.

**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.**

## PLEASE MEET US FOR A WALK WITH MARY



Our Morning Mary Discussion group will be walking with Mary through the Holy Land. We will begin our journey February 11, 2021 at 9:30 - 11 am. We will continue to meet the second Thursday of each month through September. We will be meeting via Zoom. Please email Jeanette Pence - [jeanettepence1@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettepence1@gmail.com) to register.

Thank you so much and we look forward to being with you on this journey!

### THE BETTER WE KNOW MARY, THE BETTER WE WILL KNOW HER SON.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.





Are you a Catholic gentleman searching for a way to put your Catholic faith to work? We suggest you consider joining our ranks as a Knight of Columbus in Kirkwood Council 2117!

### What Do Knights of Columbus Do?

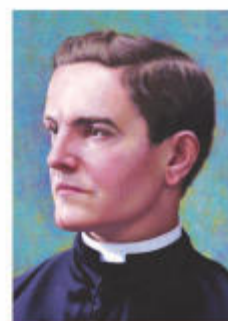
We provide service to our church, our parishes (St Peter, St Gerard Majella and St Elizabeth of Hungary), our families and our community. We also engage in numerous acts of charity including supporting Special Olympics, ensuring children have warm coats and helping local food banks to name just a few.

### SPECIAL OFFER – Join Now at NO COST!

Any man joining the Knights of Columbus online through June 20, 2021 pays no initiation fee and the annual membership fee of \$30 will not be due until January 2022.

Go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) to sign up with special code "JFERRIS".

This special opportunity is offered as a celebration of the pending beautification of our founder, Fr Michael J McGivney.



Father McGivney's vision was that every Catholic gentleman become a member of the Knights of Columbus, to be in solidarity with our Bishops and Priests in the much-needed support of the church.

Find out how you and your family will benefit when YOU JOIN the Knights of Columbus!

[WWW.KOFC2117.ORG](http://WWW.KOFC2117.ORG)

Contact Membership Chairman: Keith Beardslee [keith.beardslee@gmail.com](mailto:keith.beardslee@gmail.com)

### 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.



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](mailto:kjfrome@swbell.net).

# Feel the Joy of Giving

## STEWARDSHIP

### Offertory Collections Update

Total for Jan 16/17, 2021	\$ 30,770.00
Month to Date Total:	\$ 106,737.00
Year to Date Total:	\$ 951,367.50

### Collections versus Budget

Weekly Total:	+\$ 2,548.00>
Month To Date Total:	+\$ 21,071.00 (+ 24.6%)
Year to Date Total:	<\$ 55,097.00> (- 5.5%)

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### KIRK CARE

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

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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.



### SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLES

**Below are the scheduled dedications for the months of November and December:**

January 4	Seamus O. Calkins
January 11	Brian William Bradshaw
January 18	Betty Jean Wehner
January 25	Robert T. Purk

Please remember all our faithful departed, in your prayers.

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Moskoff, 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.**



### Please Pray For All The Sick

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.

Annette Leatherman (4)	Oliver Hults (4)
Kristi Hueseman (1)	Louis G. (4)
Heather Jacus (1)	Kathy Kelley (4)
Dick Dietz (3)	Dave Nockels (4)
Vic Frome (1)	Edward Smith (2)
Jackie Brown (4)	Jim Ponder (4)
Mike O'Reilly (4)	Marguerite Wuebker (1)
Pat Pollman (4)	Andrew Klump (3)
Deacon Joe Sulze (3)	Jennifer Putnam (1)



**JANUARY 17, 2021**

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