



# SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

THROUGH OUR VIBRANT FAITH COMMUNITY,  
SAINT PETER PARISH FORMS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

**SHARING GOD'S COMPASSION  
LIFTS US ALL CLOSER TO HIM**

*Brothers & Sisters*

**ALL**



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
BUILD MY CHURCH

MAY 1, 2022 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

# WELCOME

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## MASS TIMES

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Satisfies Sunday obligation)  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am\*, 5:00 pm  
\*Livestream on [stpeterlive.com](http://stpeterlive.com)

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:45 am, 8:15 am\*  
Saturday: 8:15 am\*  
\*Livestream on [stpeterlive.com](http://stpeterlive.com)

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Check the bulletin or [stpeterkirkwood.org](http://stpeterkirkwood.org).

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Monday nights at 9:00pm in the church and takes less than 30 minutes. Bring your rosary and enter through the Northeast door by the parking lot.

### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

Join us to pray this devotion every Tuesday at 7:15am (after 6:45am Mass) and at 7:30am (before 8:15am Mass).

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH REGISTRATION

For information about registering as a new parish member call 314.966.8600 or visit [stpeterkirkwood.org](http://stpeterkirkwood.org).

### BULLETIN

Submit bulletin articles to [communications@stpeterkirkwood.org](mailto:communications@stpeterkirkwood.org) by Monday at 3:00 pm.

### PARISH WEBSITE

Visit [www.stpeterkirkwood.org](http://www.stpeterkirkwood.org) for Mass times, ministries information, Calendar of events, online giving and more.

### FLOCKNOTE

Sign up to receive email notifications from the parish by visiting [stpkirkwood.flocknote.com/everyone](http://stpkirkwood.flocknote.com/everyone).

### FACEBOOK

St. Peter Church - @STPKirkwood  
St. Peter School - @stpschoolkirkwood

## SACRAMENTS

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 am. Expectant parents are encouraged to make arrangements for the program a few months prior to the birth of their child.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Angela Merici Chapel is located in Ursuline Hall and is open 24 hours a day. Enter through the Garden Courtyard (0822).

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is held on Saturdays from 3:45 pm-4:45 pm

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick is held on the third Sunday of each month after 8:00 am Mass for those in a terminal condition, about to undergo surgery, receiving treatment for a life-threatening illness, and persons weakened by old age. Anointing of the Sick can be scheduled in an emergency or at an arranged time in a parishioner's home or care facility.

### HOLY ORDERS AND CONSECRATED (RELIGIOUS) LIFE

Contact the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314.792.6460 for information.

For information about baptisms, weddings, anointing of the sick, reconciliation and Holy Orders, call 314.966.8600.

Saint Peter Catholic Church  
243 West Argonne Drive  
Saint Louis, MO 63122  
314.966.8600  
[stpeterkirkwood.org](http://stpeterkirkwood.org)

Saint Peter Catholic School  
215 North Clay Avenue  
Saint Louis, MO 63122  
314.821.0460  
[stpeterschool.com](http://stpeterschool.com)

Saint Peter Parish School of Religion  
215 North Clay Avenue  
Saint Louis, MO 63122  
314.821.0460, ext 4212  
[stpeterkirkwood.org/psr](http://stpeterkirkwood.org/psr)

Wedding planning was especially challenged during the height of the coronavirus pandemic. In my years as a priest, I've experienced a lot of nervous brides attending to countless details, hoping all goes perfectly. The pandemic vexed a lot of traditional weddings: limits were put on the number who can attend, venues became unavailable, and honeymoons got delayed because of restrictions on travel.



Fr. Matt O'Toole

Jesus' first miracle took place at the wedding feast at Cana (John 2:1-12). The couple there had a crisis. Someone didn't order enough wine. I can almost hear the bride screaming, "Oh, no! My reception is ruined!" The situation was known to the Virgin Mary who brought it to the attention of her Son. Christ's changing water into wine saved the day, and Mary was instrumental in resolving the problem.



When Pope Francis was a student in Germany in the late 1980's, he discovered a title of the Virgin popular in Bavaria: "Maria Knotenlöserin," or "Mary Un-tier of Knots." The devotion originated in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. When he was Cardinal Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, he introduced it to his native Argentina with great effect. Pope Francis has testified that later in life and amid trying times he frequently comes to Mary as the one who can assist with undoing the tangled situation he has found himself in. Here is a reflection he has given:

"Mary always brings us to Jesus. She is a woman of faith, a true believer. But we can ask: What was Mary's faith like? The first aspect of her faith is this: Mary's faith unties the knot of sin (*Lumen Gentium*, 56). What does that mean? The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council took up a phrase of Saint Irenaeus, who states that 'the knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary; what the virgin Eve bound by her unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith' (*Adversus Haereses*, III, 22, 4).

"The 'knot' of disobedience, the 'knot' of unbelief. When children disobey their parents, we can say that a little 'knot' is created. This happens if the child acts with an awareness of what he or she is doing, especially if there is a lie involved. At that moment, they break trust with their parents. You know how frequently this happens! Then the relationship with their parents needs to be purified of this fault; the child has to ask forgiveness so that harmony and trust can be restored. Something of the same sort happens in our relationship with God. When we do not listen to him, when we do not follow his will, we do concrete things that demonstrate our lack of trust in him – for that is what sin is – and a kind of knot is created deep within us. These knots take away our peace and serenity. They are dangerous, since many knots can form a tangle which gets more and more painful and difficult to undo.

"But we know one thing: nothing is impossible for God's mercy! Even the most tangled knots are loosened by his grace. And Mary, whose 'yes' opened the door for God to undo the knot of the ancient disobedience, is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so that he can untangle the knots of our soul by his fatherly mercy. We all have some of these knots and we can ask in our heart of hearts: What are the knots in my life? 'Father, my knots cannot be undone!' It is a mistake to say anything of the sort! All the knots of our heart, every knot of our conscience, can be undone. Do I ask Mary to help me trust in God's mercy, to undo those knots, to change? She, as a woman of faith, will surely tell you: 'Get up, go to the Lord: he understands you.' And she leads us by the hand as a Mother, our Mother, to the embrace of our Father, the Father of mercies."

*Mary, Un-tier of Knots – pray for us!*



# PRAY

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## LET US PRAY FOR

### BAPTISMS

Anna Catherine Wurtz

*Daughter of Nathan and Catherine Wurtz*

Elise Violet Nickelson

*Daughter of Brandon and Liem Nickelson*

Lucy Skipper Bucchino

*Daughter of Michael Bucchino and Carson Eades*

### THE SICK

Teresa Benoist, Molly Cantonwine, Vic Frome, Fr. Greg, Steve Hartmann, Lisa Heaps, Charlene Henke, June Hochberg, Kristi Hueseman, Louis G., Heather Jacus, Gina Jaksetic, Trey Kirtian, Natalya Klump, Mary Kay Kopp, Kevin Lavin, Annette Leatherman, Trish Martin, Margaret McDonald, Jerry Meier, Betty Appelbaum-Meier, David Nockels, Dianne Pecha, Pat Pollman, Lloyd Schnieders, Marguerite Wuebker.

### DEATHS

Diane Reardon

Ray Romo

*Father of Debbie Medley*

Rich Skoff

*Father of Brian Skoff*

Doris Vaughn

## EASTER FLOWERS

*Donated in memory of and in honor of Marilyn Whitfield  
(Correction: previously published Marilyn Spears)*

## SCHOOL LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 4	8:15 am	School Mass
Thursday, May 5	2:15 pm	May Crowning
Wednesday, May 11	8:15 am	School Mass

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total for April 23-24	\$	32,069.50
Month-To Date Total	\$	152,835.00
Year-To-Date Total	\$	1,469,604.00

### Collections versus Budget

Weekly Total	<\$	3,556.50>
Month-To-Date Total	+\$	10,331.00 (+7.25%)
Year-To-Date Total	<\$	2.00> (- .01%)

vs. YTD 20-21 Collections	Adjusted	+4.0%
vs. YTD 19-20 Collections	Adjusted	+1.6%
vs. YTD 18-19 Collections	Adjusted	<2.0%>

Donate online:

[saintpeterkirkwood.weshareonline.org](http://saintpeterkirkwood.weshareonline.org)

Mail or drop off envelopes:

Saint Peter Church  
243 West Argonne Dr.  
Kirkwood, MO 63122



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, May 2

6:45 am	Rosemary Downes +
8:15 am	Gerard Blais +

### Tuesday, May 3

6:45 am	David Alan Miller +
8:15 am	Richard Mueller +

### Wednesday, May 4

6:45 am	John Fischer and family (Special Intention)
8:15 am	Mary and Joseph Rudy +

### Thursday, May 5

6:45 am	David Hines +
8:15 am	Joseph and Kathryn Darpel +

### Friday, May 6

6:45 am	Robert Baker +
8:15 am	Jeannie Thornberry +

### Saturday, May 7

8:15 am	John Stiebel +
5:00 pm	People of St. Peter

### Sunday, May 8

8:00 am	Janet Gross +
10:00 am	Mary Ellen Walsh +
5:00 pm	Lorenzo Cruz +

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

We have over 50 ministries and organizations at St. Peter Parish. There are groups centered in prayer and learning, in nurturing community, and in serving our neighbors. Find a group that you can share your gifts and talents by visiting [stpeterkirkwood.org](http://stpeterkirkwood.org).



*My parish is composed of people like me.*

*I help make it what it is.*

*It will be friendly, if I am.*

*It will be holy, if I am.*

*Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.*

*It will do great work, if I work.*

*It will be prayerful, if I pray.*

*It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.*

*It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.*

*It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.*

*Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be. Amen.*



**8 REASONS WHY MARY MATTERS**

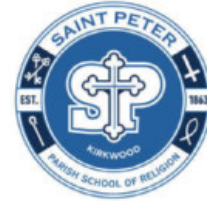
Join us as we celebrate Mary  
"Spouse of the Spirit"

Sharing beloved devotions thru

Songs, Stories,  
May Crowning,  
Praying the Rosary  
And MORE!

**Saturday  
May 14, 2022**

**Ursuline Hall  
10:00-11:30AM**

## PSR ENROLLMENT 2022-2023

Our Parish School of Religion is available for students in grades K-8 who are attending public or non-Catholic private schools.

(Kindergarten is optional and space is limited.)

We offer two sessions on Tuesday evenings:

Session One – 4:30-5:45pm

Session Two – 6:30-7:45pm

(Session choice may be limited based on enrollment.)

**There is a \$50 on-time tuition discount offered from April 19 through May 10.**

Please access the enrollment site through this link:

**<https://stpckirkwood.psrenroll.com>**

Non-parish families, please contact Mrs. Susan Lueker prior to enrollment.

For information contact: Susan Lueker,  
[slueker@stpeterkirkwood.org](mailto:slueker@stpeterkirkwood.org), 314.821.0460 x4212



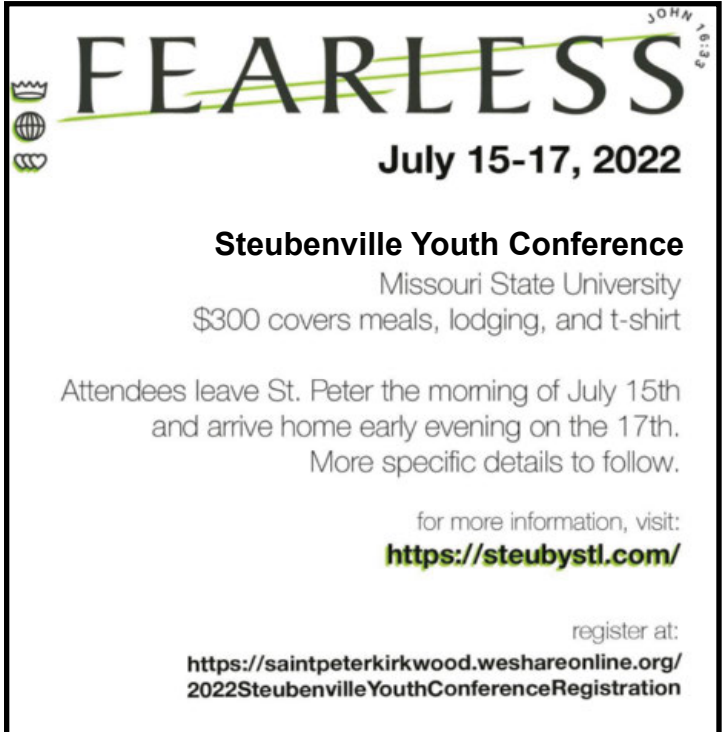
*Run for the Roses*

Join us for the  
**Father-Daughter Dance**  
Friday, May 6,  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
St. Peter Gym  
**Father/Daughter(s) - \$30.00**

Come in your best Kentucky derby outfits!  
Girls, don't forget your hats! Gents, grab your bowties!

Register: [saintpeterkirkwood.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/St.PeterParishFatherDaughterDance2021](https://saintpeterkirkwood.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/St.PeterParishFatherDaughterDance2021)

Questions contact:  
Amanda Banks, [amandamohrmann@yahoo.com](mailto:amandamohrmann@yahoo.com)

**FEARLESS**

**July 15-17, 2022**

**Steubenville Youth Conference**  
Missouri State University  
\$300 covers meals, lodging, and t-shirt

Attendees leave St. Peter the morning of July 15th and arrive home early evening on the 17th.  
More specific details to follow.

for more information, visit:  
**<https://steubystl.com/>**

register at:  
**<https://saintpeterkirkwood.weshareonline.org/2022SteubenvilleYouthConferenceRegistration>**



## St. Peter School Board is Accepting Nominations for New Members!

The St. Peter School Board members advise our Pastor and School Principal on developing and reviewing policy for St Peter School. Policy gives general direction to the administration to address or clarify expectations for students, parents and teachers.

The Board is currently accepting nominations for **new members for the 2022-2023 academic year**. Board members serve a three-year term. The Board is seeking to fill the following positions:

- **1 Catholic Identity Member\***: This member stays abreast of the Catholic faith formation major goals and reports to the general membership. There are two Catholic Identity members on the Board.
- **1 Institutional Member\***: This member stays abreast of the major school environment and parent/school partnership matters and reports to the general membership. There are two Institutional members on the Board.
- **1 PSR Relations Members\***: This member stays abreast of the current ongoing of our PSR program and reports to the general membership. There is one PSR Relations member on the Board.
- **1 Member-At-Large\***: This member is ready to help as needs arise. There is one Member-At-Large on the Board.

**\*Please note:** None of our members are expected to be experts within their given School Board position. School Board members are *liaisons* between the experts and the Board.

### Ideal School Board Candidates are:

- Committed to Catholic Education
- Knowledgeable but not necessarily an expert about the Parish segment they represent
- Able to see the “big picture” and balance the needs of the entire Parish community
- Willing to invest time and energy on a variety of Board activities

If you would strongly recommend someone for the School Board, please complete the brief nomination form below. Self-nominations are accepted.

**Completed nomination forms should be emailed to [stpschoolboard@gmail.com](mailto:stpschoolboard@gmail.com) through Monday, May 2, 2022.**

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Turley at 314.277.8332.

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### St. Peter School Board Nominee's Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE** ALL of the positions this individual qualifies for AND is willing to serve as on our School Board:

**Catholic Identity  
Member**

**Institutional  
Member**

**PSR Relations  
Member**

**Member-At-Large**

What qualities/attributes of the ideal candidate do you see in this person?

Why do you think this person would be a valuable member of the School Board?

Nomination Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_





## 2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal is now underway in our parish. As the Apostles preached the Good News to people from every nation in this week's Gospel, we are called to do the same to all of our brothers and sisters. The Annual Catholic Appeal helps us to do that. Please make your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please visit [aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org) to give to the Appeal or visit [aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org) to learn more about how the Appeal helps our brothers and sisters in need overcome the obstacles they face. You can also Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

When we consider the Lord as the Good Shepherd, we see how He unites us as His flock, bringing us together under His protection. We know that He cares for each one of us more deeply than we can understand. In the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus illustrated how, when any in His flock lose their way, the entire flock must seek them out and surround them with God's grace and mercy.

In John 21:1-19, Jesus shows us that, if we entrust our efforts to evangelize the world to Him, they will always be fruitful, even when we lack understanding. As the disciples fished, unable to catch anything after hours and hours at sea despite their many years of experience, Jesus appeared and told them to simply fish from the other side of the boat. Following our Lord's direction, the catch was so large that it almost dragged their boat underwater. Jesus, teaching the apostles to be fishers of men, then gave Peter a special responsibility. Because Peter had denied Jesus three times, Jesus gave him the opportunity to express his love three times. Then, he gave Peter the instruction, "Feed my sheep."

"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time,

"Do you love me?" and he said to him,

"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger,

you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted;

but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands,

and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God."

If we love Jesus, then we must in turn share His love with others. When we share God's grace and mercy with others in our community, we are blessed to experience it more deeply ourselves.

We, like Peter, are sinners, and we often underestimate our power as fishers of men. But when we serve the Lord and have faith, we can fill a community with His unending love. In Acts 5:27-32, 40b-31, as Peter stood before the Sanhedrin, the high priest told him, "You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching."

The Annual Catholic Appeal presents a special opportunity to serve the Lord with gladness, using our faith and our generosity to fill the entire community with His compassion and helping our brothers and sisters in need to overcome the obstacles that confront them. Let us serve the Lord with gladness, uniting us as one family, Brothers and Sisters All.

Scan the QR code to watch the Annual Catholic Appeal video



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim, "It is the Lord!"

*Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?*



### Who is a Vincentian?

A Vincentian is a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, one of the largest Catholic lay organizations in the world. Vincentians volunteer in local communities and are from every profession. Vincentians understand that everything that we have—skills, talents, material goods—comes from God, and that we are called as Christians to use those resources to reduce the suffering experienced by our brothers and sisters in need, providing face-to-face contact with those we serve. Vincentians believe that "no work of charity is foreign to the Society," and so each local Parish Conference helps people in their area in different ways—assistance with utility bills, rent or mortgage assistance, clothing, furniture, or simply prayer and companionship.

### Why be a Vincentian?

See Christ in the face of the poor and to bring the love of God to those who are in material or spiritual need. You'll grow spiritually and make valuable friendships.

*For information about our St Peter Conference or to direct brothers and sisters in need of help with utility, rent or food assistance, call 314.289.6101 ext. 2220.*

## FOR YOUR QUILTING NEEDS...

Rely on St. Peter Quilters! We do patchwork and embroidered tops. If necessary, we can assemble embroidered blocks into beautiful quilt tops. We also have baby quilts for sale. For more information, call Marla at 314.412.1454.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of your help. Since its inception in 2015 the Prayer Shawl Ministry has been well received by the parish community and has given out over 150 prayer shawls to members of our parish family. We need some help in making these beautiful shawls. If you or anyone you know knits or crochets we would love to have you on our team. Please contact Karen Frome at 314.965.7975 or kjfrome@swbell.net for additional information.

## CIRCLE OF CONCERN FOOD PANTRY

Circle of Concern has an ongoing need for disposable diapers (especially size 3, 4 and 5) and wipes.

**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.

## HOW CAN I HELP MY NEIGHBOR?

### PERSON TO PERSON

**We Are Here To Help.** Parishioner volunteers are ready to assist you with special needs you may have due to illness or other emergencies.

**Types of help offered:** Transportation, meals, yard work, light housekeeping, laundry, grocery shopping, rides to church, rides to the doctor. Please call and we will try to make the necessary arrangements to assist.

**Contact:** Deacon John Komotos, 314.984.0054. All requests remain confidential. Please leave a message and your call will be answered.

### ST. PATRICK CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

**Donations requested:** Breakfast bars, granola-type bars, chips, cookies, water, and individual drinks accepted daily. The Health Department requires that all food items come pre-packaged.

**Drop off location:** 450 Burns Ave, Kirkwood. (Green tub on side of house on driveway).

**Contact:** Jennifer Moritz, 314.909.6756

### STS. TERESA AND BRIDGET FOOD PANTRY

**Food donation 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.

**Contact:** Kristen and Tim Figge, 314.402.6739.

### STS. PETER AND PAUL MEALS PROGRAM

**How can you help?** Volunteers help when they can. Families welcome. Meals are served on the 3rd of each month at the Sts. Peter and Paul dining hall in Souldard.

**Contact:** Mary Raizman, mraizman@lauramccarthy.com, 314.458.6895

### BLESSING BOX

**Donations requested:** Soups, ramen noodles, tuna packets, hamburger helper, rice dish packets, apple sauce, fruit roll-ups, granola bars, mac & cheese, snack mixes, canned vegetables, beef jerky, cereal, baking supplies, feminine care products, deodorant, tooth brush/paste, new socks (non-perishables in good condition only).

**Location:** N. Clay Ave, between Jefferson & Argonne



# ST. PETERFEST

JUNE 3 & 4, 2022

## WE NEED YOU!

**PLEASE SIGN-UP  
TO VOLUNTEER!**

Click on the link below or scan the code.

<https://stpeterkirkwood.org/st-peterfest>



## FRIDAY

5-10pm

Kidzone 5-8pm

Food 5-8pm

## SATURDAY

2-10pm

Kidzone 2-8pm

Food 4-8pm



THE *Festival* IS CALLING AND I MUST GO

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT TRUCK AT MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

Saturday, May 21, 8:30am - 5:00pm

Sunday, May 22, 8:30am - 4:00pm

Mary Queen of Peace Church, 676 West Lockwood

The truck will be in the back parking lot for you to drop off clothing and furniture donations.

Please go to the link below for items that will and will not be accepted. Your donation helps our neighbors in need and helps our Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

[svdpstlouis.org/ways-help/donate-goods](http://svdpstlouis.org/ways-help/donate-goods)

## WORDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce the following schedule for IN-PERSON weekend Experiences for the summer and fall of 2022. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314.649.7317.



8/5/2022 - 8/7/2022 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO  
9/30/2022 - 10/2/2022 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO

## MSGR. NORB ERNST 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, May 22, 11:30am Mass

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

4900 Ringer Road, St. Louis, MO, 63129

Msgr. Norb was previously assigned as an associate at St. Peter Parish many years ago. We will celebrate his 50th Ordination Anniversary with a special Mass at 11:30am on Sunday, May 22, with an Open House immediately following in our Parish Center. We would like to invite anyone who might remember him to join us in reminiscing and rejoicing over his 50 years of ministry. All are welcome! Questions: Sue Brandt, 314.487.2522 x 201

## THE RUN FOR LIFE AND LEARNING

The Run for Life and Learning, benefiting Birthright STL is June 4!



Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 4 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FRED BIRD. Register or donate at [runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning](http://runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning). Contact us at [run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com](mailto:run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com) for sponsorship opportunities.

Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families.

## WELCOME NEIGHBOR STL SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILY IN NEED

Minivan needed for an Afghan Family settling in STL; a couple with 4 children (6 y/o and under) and their 5th child due in August. The father was a soldier for the US military in Afghanistan; trained and led troops. To seek asylum, the family had to leave Afghanistan urgently with only the clothes on their back. If you or someone you know has a minivan to donate/sell, please contact Jane Schrik @ 314-580-0505 or Chris Slattery @ 314-303-8573.

We are also accepting monetary donations to assist the family. Donation checks can be written to Welcome Neighbor STL and mailed to Chris Slattery, 13227 Cedarroyal Dr, Des Peres, MO 63131. Thank you!

## IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

Share your lifetime of experience - Get the experience of a lifetime! The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is recruiting!

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is an exciting program that invites faith-motivated persons to serve with those who are poor and marginalized in our community. IVC Service Corps Members (SCM) are age 50 and better, retired or semi-retired. SCMs reflect and pray in the Ignatian tradition on their service, meet monthly with other IVC SCMs and with a spiritual reflector. See our website for more information: [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org), find St. Louis under the locations tab.

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