



SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



While Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 10, St. Peter Girl Scouts were pleasantly surprised to find the St. Peter Catholic Grandparents Association gathered for a holiday breakfast on one of their stops.

DECEMBER 18, 2022 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:45 am, 8:15 am*
Saturday: 8:15 am*
*Livestream on stpeterlive.com

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Check the bulletin or 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), and
8:45am (after 8:15am Mass).

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH REGISTRATION

For information about registering as a
new parish member call 314.966.8600
or visit stpeterkirkwood.org.

BULLETIN

Submit bulletin articles to
communications@stpeterkirkwood.org
by Monday at 3:00 pm.

PARISH WEBSITE

Visit 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
stpeterkirkwood.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.

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stpeterkirkwood.org/psr

Two years ago Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of St. Joseph, with his apostolic letter, *Patris Corde* – which translates to “With a Father’s Heart.” In this teaching document, Francis invites us to consider the place of St. Joseph in the life of the Church. The Holy Father has always had a particular devotion to Joseph. In fact, he ascended to the office of Supreme Pontiff on the feast of St. Joseph on March 19, 2013.



Patris Corde is an easy read and a beautiful composition. I encourage you to find it online or from a Catholic bookstore. The inspiration for this document, as Pope Francis *Fr. Matt O'Toole* explains, comes from his “personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience.” The unique nature of Joseph’s fatherhood to Jesus are explored under several adjectival headings: “beloved, tender and loving, accepting, creatively courageous, working, and in the shadows.” Since this Sunday’s Advent gospel tells of Joseph’s role in the coming of the Savior, I’d like to highlight Pope Francis’ thoughts about Joseph as “an obedient father.”

We learn in the gospels that Joseph moves into action in accordance with God’s desires through promptings that come to him in dreams. In this way, we see the parallel to the story of Joseph “the master dreamer” in the Book of Genesis. Troubled by the prospect of public humiliation by Mary’s pregnancy, Joseph plans to divorce her, but God instructs him otherwise: “Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.” There’s a reason for this, God is saying to him.



*Detail of "The Dream of St. Joseph,"
by Georges de La Tour, 17th century*

When the Child’s life is threatened by the destructive jealousy of King Herod, Joseph is told in another dream to take the family to Egypt for safekeeping. In a third and yet a fourth dream, Joseph is given the signal that the coast was clear to return home and where exactly to settle – in the district of Galilee, making their home in the town of Nazareth.

Other examples of Joseph’s obedience come with his compliance to Emperor Caesar Augustus’ order for a census, taking his pregnant wife to be

registered in Bethlehem. Luke tells us that Jesus’ parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law of Judaism, faithfully bringing Him to be presented in the Temple at the appointed time.

While we know nothing for certitude about Jesus’ upbringing – what the Church sometimes calls Jesus’ “hidden years in Nazareth” – we can surmise that He learned from His foster father the value of obedience. This is perhaps best demonstrated, as *Patris Corde* cites, in that difficult moment in the garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus prays to His Father and chooses to do His will. As the letter to the Philippians puts it, becoming “obedient unto death, death on a cross.” (2:8)

All of us, in one way or another, are bound to the practice obedience, ultimately to God but also to others who rely on us. Fulfilling our obligations should be borne out of love for God and the other. This is most challenging when it is difficult or when we may judge it inconvenient to our comforts.

During the height of the pandemic, I was one of a couple Catholic priests on call for St. Louis University Hospital. Tragically, many elderly patients and those with compromised health were succumbing to the virus. I was getting called almost daily to minister the Last Rites. On these occasions I was reminded of one of Joseph’s dreams when he was told by God, “Get up, take the Child and his mother.” (Mt 2:13) So when settled down for the evening in my easy chair or awakened in the middle of the night with a call to come to the hospital, God’s grace of obedience came to me. Rather than getting grumpy and disturbed by the summons, I was inspired to make the prayer: “Okay, Joseph, let’s take the Child and His mother to comfort this person.” I found obedience accompanied by grace to be an easy chore.

St. Joseph - Pray for us!

PRAY

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LET US PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS

Liliane Jean Gravatte
Daughter of John and Crystal Gravatte

WEDDING BANNS

Ariana Boshara and Zachary Zenner (2)

THE SICK

Debbie Bannes, Molly Cantonwine, Sheran Cronin, Ceres Dbritto, Jack Fowler, Sr., Vic Frome, Louis G., Fr. Greg, Renee Hamilton, Lisa Heaps, June Hochberg, Kristi Hueseman, Heather Jacus, Trey Kirtian, Natalya Klump, Mary Kay Kopp, Kevin Lavin, Charlie LaBarge, Annette Leatherman, Trish Martin, Margaret McDonald, Jerry Meier, Betty Appelbaum-Meier, Eileen Morrison, David Nockels, Dianne Pecha, Pat Pollman, Mike Reger, Charlie Smith, Jane Sulze, Marguerite Wuebker.

A NOTE OF THANKS

To St. Peter parishioners and staff, Renee Hamilton wishes to thank everyone who has expressed get-well wishes for her recent surgery. She is in good spirits and is encouraged and gratified by the many cards and messages she has received in the last three weeks. As she continues her recovery, she is praying for each and every one of you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us in prayer in the Adoration Chapel. Sign up for a Holy Hour substitute and commit as available. Any help is much appreciated. Visit stpeterkirkwood.weadorehim.com/signup/stpadore to sign up or stop in our Adoration Chapel anytime. (0822).



The chapel entrance is in the Prayer Garden which can be accessed from the sidewalk between the Church and Ursuline Hall.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total for December 10-11	\$ 35,772.00
Month-To Date Total	\$ 84,593.00
Year-To-Date Total	\$ 769,554.00
Collections versus Budget	
Weekly Total	<\$ 490.00>
Month-To-Date Total	+\$12,069.00 (+16.6%)
Year-To-Date Total	<\$19,580.00> (- 2.4%)
vs. YTD 21-22 Collections	Adjusted <4.0%>
vs. YTD 20-21 Collections	Adjusted +3.9%
vs. YTD 19-20 Collections	Adjusted + .4%

Donate online:

saintpeterkirkwood.weshareonline.org
Mail or drop off envelopes:
Saint Peter Church,
243 West Argonne Dr., Kirkwood, MO 63122



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 19

6:45 am Charlie LaBarge (Special Intention)
8:15 am Amy Fernandez +

Tuesday, December 20

6:45 am Russ Weber+
8:15 am Rose Etzkorn+

Wednesday, December 21

6:45 am Sgt. William McEntee+
8:15 am Terry McHugh+

Thursday, December 22

6:45 am Mary Pat Sotille +
8:15 am Susan (Special Intention)

Friday, December 23

6:45 am James Zolnowski+
8:15 am Ron Powers+

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm Marcy Benoist+
6:30 pm Norv Benoist+
10:00 pm People of St. Peter

Sunday, December 25

8:00 am Gilberta Mueller+
10:00 am Ron Powers +

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED DURING HOLIDAYS

The St. Peter Parish offices will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 21, and reopen on Tuesday, January 3. We wish all a blessed Christmas!

ALLERGY TO INCENSE?

Take note that incense will be used at all Maranatha Services as well as all Christmas Masses except the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. If you are averse to incense, you may want to plan to attend the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

HOW DO I OFFER A MASS FOR SOMEONE?

During each Mass, we hear, "This Mass is being offered for the intention of [someone]." You might be wondering what this means and how you can offer a Mass for a friend or family member. Any individual may request a Mass intention for a special occasion (such as on a birthday), in thanksgiving, or most commonly, for a deceased loved one.

Contact Julie Carlson, jcarlson@stpeterkirkwood.org or 314.966.8600 to assist you with the availability of specific dates and times. If you are able, a \$10 offering is requested.

EARLY HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note the bulletin article submission for the next bulletin is due earlier than normal.

Sunday, January 1 bulletin - due Monday, December 19



St. Peter's Grief Ministry is hosting GriefShare, a support group program which includes 13 faith-based sessions. Whether your grief is recent or ongoing this program can help. It addresses all forms of loss including spouse, parent, child, friend or other family member. The sessions include professionally produced videos, discussion, faith sharing and a workbook.

Our program will be meeting on **Thursday, December 29 at 6:30 pm** in the Westhoff Room in Ursuline Hall. If interested, please contact Mary Doehring at 314.712.1342 or medoehring@gmail.com. For more information, check out Grief Share at griefshare.org For more information, visit Grief Share at griefshare.org.

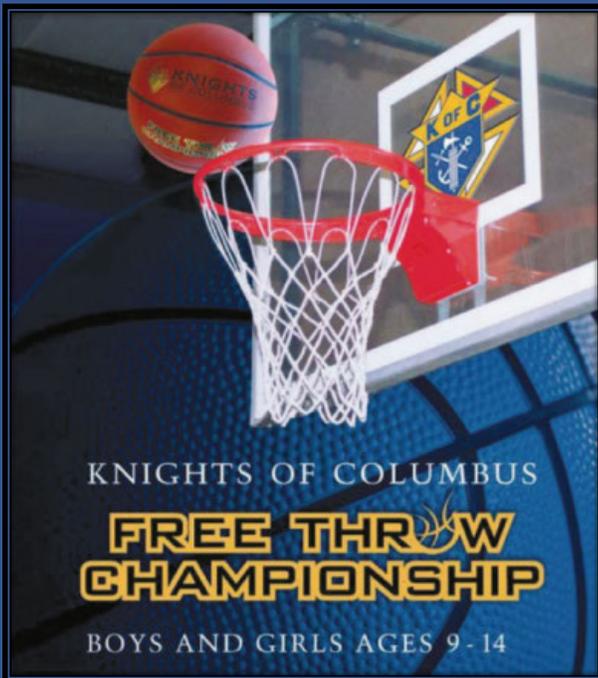


THE ST. PETER Progressive Dinner

...IS BACK!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023. THIS PARISH WIDE EVENT IS BACK AND WE ARE SO EXCITED TO GET THE PLANNING STARTED!

We have had so many wonderful volunteers to host appetizers but we are now in need of dinner hosts. It's also fun to partner up with a few other couples to help host dinner!



Knights of Columbus Council 2117 is sponsoring a Free Throw Tournament for boys and girls ages 9-14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition.

Saturday January 21, 2023

St Gerard Majella Parish Gym

8am to 10am

To participate, RSVP to Keith Beardslee at keith.beardslee@gmail.com.



Happy Birthday, Father O'Toole!

Parishioners and staff celebrated Fr. O'Toole's Birthday with cake, cookies and singing!

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

It is with a sincere and deep spirit of gratitude that we thank you for your continuous prayers and support of our school mission: Forming disciples of Jesus Christ.

We continue to be blessed at St. Peter with strong enrollment, a dedicated, faith-filled staff and wonderful families who want their children to become everything God has created them to be.



Dr. John Freitag

You will be pleased to know that many of the great traditions continue here at St. Peter now in our 160th year for the school.

- 8th grade sweatshirts with the motto: "Leading and Serving with Compassion"
- Dynamic, faith-filled all-school Masses
- Family groups - just had their "Turkey Trivia" competition
- Faith-In-Action! Going strong, being the hands and feet of Jesus
- Older student and younger student buddies
- Research papers, projects, Rocket Math and yes, homework
- "Roar Pride" recognition awards
- 8th graders ruling the playground, but always looking out for the youngest members of the Pride!
- Prayer, Adoration, and our Guardian Angels

Please continue to pray for the success of our mission. Feel free to contact us at any time.

With Gratitude,

Dr. John Freitag, Principal

jfreitag@stpteach.com 314-821-0460 ext. 4121



School and PSR students celebrated the feast of St. Nicholas with oranges given to them by Fr. O'Toole. These golden oranges remind us of the gold that St. Nicholas gave to those in need.



EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Youth Ministry Program, under Erin Ferrone's leadership, has been growing. The Sunday youth nights enjoy a consistent number of great teens, and the Friday afternoon 8th grade hangouts remain as popular as ever. Last year's Luke 18 and this year's Homeless City Retreat were both very positive experiences for the participants.

With the stable and consistent growth, the program needs the support of a full-time director of Youth Ministry. As we begin our search to hire this position, Erin has graciously agreed to stay on as long as necessary for us to find the right fit to lead Youth Ministry. She will also assist with the onboarding process to ensure continuity and stability for the teens who regularly come. St. Peter is committed to hiring an experienced Youth Minister with demonstrated success. If you know of anyone who would be a good fit, please refer them to the job posting on our website under the Youth Ministry tab.

I am grateful for the support from the parish, most especially for the generosity of the Youth Ministry Core Team who help run the youth nights. Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Blessings! Fr. Archer



Christmas Eve *Masses*

Saturday, December 24
4:00 pm
6:30 pm
10:00 pm
(Music Prelude at 9:30 pm)

Christmas *Masses*

Sunday, December 25
8:00 am and 10:00 am
(No 5:00pm Mass)

Solemnity of **Mary, Mother of God**

Sunday, January 1
Saturday 5:00 pm,
Sunday, 8:00 am, 10:00AM and 5:00 pm

Epiphany *of the Lord*

Sunday, January 8
Saturday 5:00 pm,
Sunday, 8:00 am,
10:00 am, 5:00 pm
Mark your home with blessed chalk.

FATHER ARCHER'S BOOK COLUMN

Catechism in a Year
with Fr. Mike Schmitz



If you are looking for a New Year's resolution, look no further! Aristotle once said, "You are what you repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." The deepest virtues are not formed in a day. It takes commitment to repeatedly choose a good thing to build virtuous habits and become a better person. I'd like to invite you to build a new habit this year – to listen, for 20 minutes a day, to the voice of our Faith, the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This podcast will be a great resource that will deepen your understanding of God and help you grow into a better person.

It is easy to dismiss certain teachings as being 'out of touch' with the lived experience of a Catholic in the 21st century. And when we focus only on a few negative impressions, we begin to miss the beauty and harmony of the teachings of our faith.

Fr. Mike Schmitz, who produced the immensely popular Bible in a Year, is beginning a new podcast on January 1st, Catechism in a Year. I greatly recommend his podcast for two reasons: First, the Catechism is a book that is difficult to sit and read for hours at a time. Its writings are profound and take some time to process. So listening to a little bit each day is an ideal way to engage in this masterpiece of our faith. Secondly, Fr. Mike is remarkably good at breaking down lofty concepts to show their significance for ordinary life. After each reading, he takes a few minutes to offer some comments and explanations, making it easy to follow the thread of the book. I can think of no better guide than Fr. Mike for encountering the Catechism of the Catholic Church!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donated in memory of and in honor of:

Vernon Baldrige
Victoria Beckman
Marcy Benoist
Eileen Mae DiPassco
Gene and Agnes DeSalme
Eva Futo
David and Nellie Jozwiak
Joseph McCracken
John and Eva McCracken
Eleanor Rose Miller
Louise Oehler McCracken
Gilberta Mueller
John A. Shaw
Cynthia Thomas
Christina Voigt
Jim Voigt

*We wish the community of
St Peter Parish a very blessed
and healthy Advent season!*

~ Your Wellness Council

**Please be on the lookout for info
regarding the return of in person Wellness
meetings starting in 2023!!**

MEMBER PORTAL AND CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We are excited to announce that our parish database, Servant Keeper, now includes a member portal that allows parishioners password-protected access to their personal giving records.

Our Online Member Portal will allow you to view and print contribution statements online. You can print your statement at any time. You can also view your past giving history to better plan giving and assist with annual taxes.

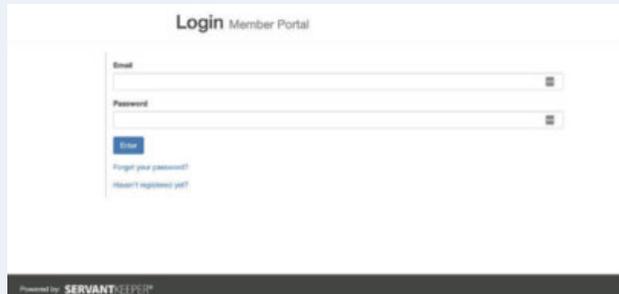
How do I access the Member Portal?

All parishioners with an email address in Servant Keeper will receive an invitation to the primary email address for your family. Follow the link and create a password. Or, if you did not receive an invitation, go to:

servantkeeper.com/member-portal/stpeterkirkwood



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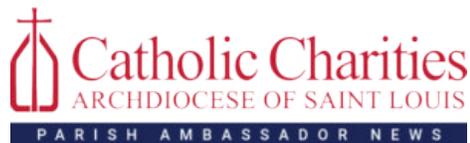


Bookmark this page in your browser for easy access. Click “haven’t registered yet” to set-up your account. *If you are new to St. Peter, or have any problems registering, please call the Parish Office.*

Stay tuned for more features of the Member Portal.

2022 CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions to be credited to 2022 must be received at St. Peter Parish Office by Friday, December 30, 2022. Contributions sent by mail must be postmarked by December 31, 2022 and donations dropped off in the collection basket or at the rectory must be received by December 31, 2022. Checks must be dated 2022 and placed in a 2022 envelope or in a regular envelope clearly marked as 2022 Contribution. Any online contributions through “We Share” or any other form of electronic giving must also be completed by December 31, 2022. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

As you know, there are many in our community that need our help especially at this time of year. Several Catholic Charities ministries could use support this Christmas for anyone looking for a way to help.



Cardinal Ritter Senior Services 3 Wishes Christmas campaign is underway. The Wishes can be found at: myregistry.com/giftlist/crswishes. All Gifts should be delivered, unwrapped, to: Gabrielle Dozier, Cardinal Ritter Senior Services, 2840 Wisconsin Ave, St. Louis, MO 63118



Good Shepherd annual Gift Card Drive gives parents hope and empowerment by allowing them to buy extra groceries or spend their budgeted money on just the right gift for their children. To assist with this need, go to: goodshepherdstl.org/events/2022-christmas-gift-card-drive/



Marygrove Christmas Champions is sponsoring a whole cottage of children and their needs. Consider being a Christmas Champion to help give the approximately 100 children who call Marygrove their home the holiday experience they will always remember. For more information, contact alorenz@mgstl.org or 314.830.6249.



Queen of Peace Center Christmas Drive has various needs for the woman and children at their Residential Treatment, Recovery Housing, and Prevention programs. Donation information and Wish lists can be found here: qopcstl.org/donate.



St. Patrick Center continues the Cold Weather Items Donations for the homeless who need help in our community. To donate items or monetarily to St. Patrick Center, go to stpatrikcenter.org/donate-items.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.



Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped our Kirkwood neighbors in need find Emmanuel and come to know that "God is with us." We are so pleased to report that through your generosity, 27 Kirkwood families including 69 children will be given Christmas gifts this year! Thank you and may God bless you!

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 x 2220.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

4th Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

HOW CAN I HELP MY NEIGHBOR?

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.

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. 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 Soulard.

Contact: Mary Raizman, 314.458.6895
mraizman@lauramccarthy.com

ROOM AT THE INN

How can you help? Donate online at roomstl.org/DONATE.html. or items from the Room at the Inn wish list can be dropped off at 240 W Argonne Drive (House is across street from the rectory). Collection box on porch. Paper towels, paper plates, paper cups, rolls of bath tissue, cleaning solvents. Clorox laundry bleach, liquid dish detergent, trash bags (13, 44 & 55 gallon), umbrellas, foil and plastic wrap, thumb drives, Vaseline, storage baggies (qt, g, 2g), men's white and colored t-shirts (M-3x), men's sweatpants and pajama bottoms (M, L, XL, XXL), women's colored t-shirts, sweatpants, pajama bottoms (M, L, XL, XXL), storage containers (regular and microwave)

KIRK CARE DONATIONS

Donations for Kirk Care of nonperishable food are accepted in the Rectory Office vestibule. Donations go directly to families in the Kirkwood R-V11 School district attendance area. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer McCoy 314.960.9873.



Gabriel's Retreat Ministries

Gabriel's Retreats are specifically designed for any woman facing the challenges of any type of unexpected pregnancy.

Our Catholic-based retreats are no-cost and open to all women 18 years and older regardless of faith, marital status, or pregnancy situation.

Openings are available for all the following retreats:

December 27th-29th, 2022 @ Marianist Retreat Center

March 24th-26th, 2023 @ La Salle Retreat Center

June 23rd-25th, 2023 @ Marianist Retreat Center

To register or find out more about this peace and joy-filled weekend visit www.gabrielsretreat.org

or

Email Shawna DuBois at gabrielsretreat@gmail.com



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BASEBALL SUITE
RAFFLE



Gift Raffle Tickets Today!

\$20 Per Ticket or

Purchase 5 Tickets & Get 1 FREE!!

(6 Tickets for \$100)

Available through the generous donation of Mercy with all proceeds benefiting the Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Adoption Fund.

Winner will receive use of the Mercy Suite (this includes 20 Tickets, \$500 in Food and Drink and 2 Parking Passes) for one Cardinals Baseball Home Game during the 2023 season to be used at a mutually agreed upon date.

Gift Wrapping Available: If you are purchasing the raffle tickets to give as gifts, email stlnfp@archstl.org or call 314.997.7476.

The raffle will close March 15, 2023 and the drawing will be held March 20, 2023. Need not be present to win.

For more information contact Office of Natural Family Planning at 314.997.7576 or purchase tickets now: events.archstl.org/Product/office-of-natural-family-planning/office-of-natural-family-planning-cardinal-baseball-ticket-affle

To learn more about the Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Adoption Grant: archstl.org/natural-family-planning/infertility-and-adoption

COME TO THE QUIET A SILENT GUIDED RETREAT

Come to the Quiet Retreat offers optional guided sessions to help retreatants connect with the silence within them. Participants are welcome to meet with the retreat director, Dawn Stringfield, for informal spiritual companionship. All faith traditions welcome.

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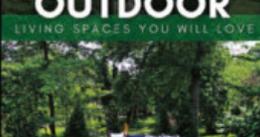



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