



SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



Parishioners of all ages volunteered at the first Fish Fry of the Season on Friday, February 24.

MARCH 5, 2023 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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 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.

EUCARISTIC 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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For those of us living in a consumer environment, in which the emphasis is on acquisition rather than giving things up, Lent seems strangely counter-cultural. Yet there has always been those, who in the midst of plenty, chose a simpler lifestyle. It is a voluntary choice, the path of virtue. During an economic downturn, we may be obliged to reduce our consumption. In these times, downsizing one's carbon footprint, for instance, may be done not for love of the planet or all things green, but out of necessity. Still, does that invalidate the spiritual meaning of sacrifice in such situations? Is it possible to see necessity as still the mother of virtue?



Fr. Matt O'Toole

The fact that Lent comes in early spring may help provide an answer. In the pre-modern era, in the northern hemisphere at least, the season arrived at a time when the stock of food stored for winter began to run low, with springtime replenishment still some way off. So in mainly rural economies, Lenten fasting had a certain economic and agricultural logic to it: necessity gave birth to virtue.

It was also a reminder of our state of ecological dependence, that is, the change of seasons and availability of farm workers – which today's urban living almost completely has lost sight. Tomatoes from Mexico, strawberries from California, lamb from New Zealand, are shipped to keep the supermarket shelves stocked regardless that the calendar reads winter. One form of Lenten observance would be to refuse to eat anything that had travelled more than 50 miles to reach the dinner table. That at least would reacquaint the menu with the seasons.



Lent is not mere misery for the sake of it, but a time of preparation. The spiritual exercises associated with it are focused on the events in Jesus' earthly ministry as it drew to a close, heading to a culmination in Holy Week and then Easter morning. The physical deprivations of Lent, mild though many of us make them, nevertheless represent also a physical preparation: the soul has its sins to lose, the body its fat – all of this making straight the way of the Lord. If it is a time to repent and visit the confessional, it's also a time to repair our bodies and make for the gym. The idea of sin as dross to be burnt away by penance is not unlike a good physical work-out, burning off the calories.

Lent was also a time for almsgiving, and the modern equivalent is to do something for those less fortunate than oneself. The government may lower its investment in public works or reduce support for assistance programs. There are those for whom loss of employment or the inability to advance in their field has had a catastrophic impact, reducing their total income to a small fraction of what it was. To tell them fiscal austerity is good for them would be to add insult to injury. They do not just need philanthropy. They need an economic recovery and greater opportunity. One of the faults to be confessed these days must surely be the way the few – and indeed the not-so-few – are having to suffer for the sins of the many. There is penance to be done for that, too.

PRAY

4 | This Week's Prayer Intentions

LET US PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Aiden James Ford

Son of Adam and Andrea Ford

William Michael Pepin

Son of Benjamin and Erin Pepin

Chase Andrew Wendell

Son of Andrew and Emily Wendell

THE SICK

Molly Cantonwine, Anna Chott, Sheran Cronin, Ceres Dbritto, Vic Frome, Louis G., Renee Hamilton, Lisa Heaps, June Hochberg, Kristi Hueseman, Heather Jacus, Trey Kirtian, Natalya Klump, Conner Knell, Mary Kay Kopp, Pam and Ken Kopp, Kevin Lavin, Annette Leatherman, Trish Martin, Margaret McDonald, Jerry Meier, Betty Appelbaum-Meier, Eileen Morrison, Dianne Pecha, Pat Pollman, Charlie Smith, Nick Sudekum, Jane Sulze, Marguerite Wuebker, Rosemary Zinkl

MARRIAGE BANNS

Zachary Kratofil and Elizabeth Garner (III)

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.

STEWARSHIP OF TREASURE

Total for February 25-26	\$ 34,199.00
Month-To Date Total	\$ 141,968.00
Year-To-Date Total	\$ 1,143,924.00
Collections versus Budget	
Weekly Total	<\$ 2,063.00>
Month-To-Date Total	<\$ 3,080.00> (-2.1%)
Year-To-Date Total	<\$ 24,412.00> (-2.1%)
vs. YTD 21-22 Collections	Adjusted - 4.6%
vs. YTD 20-21 Collections	Adjusted + 1.1%
vs. YTD 19-20 Collections	Adjusted - 3.1%

Donate online:

saintpeterkirkwood.weshareonline.org

Mail or drop off envelopes:

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 4

8:15 am John Muller +
5:00 pm Gilberta Mueller +

Sunday, March 5

8:00 am People of St. Peter
10:00 am John B. Fowler +
5:00 pm Carol J. Mohan +

Monday, March 6

6:45 am Bob Drexler +
8:15 am Dave Nockels +

Tuesday, March 7

6:45 am Virginia Kelly +
8:15 am Susan Nowack (Special Intention)

Wednesday, March 8

6:45 am Marian Schifko +
8:15 am Jane Siebenman +

Thursday, March 9

6:45 am John Muller +
8:15 am Dick Navarro +

Friday, March 10

6:45 am Dave Nockels +
8:15 am Rev. Msgr. Jack Costello +
9:30 am Rev. Msgr. Jack Costello +

Saturday, March 11

8:15 am Rosemary Downes +
5:00 pm Jack Eckles+

Sunday, March 12

8:00 am Richard Mueller +
10:00 am John P. Tierney +
5:00 pm People of St. Peter

SCHOOL LITURGIES

Friday, March 10 9:30am St. Patrick's Day Mass

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Jesus invites us to "come away with Me and rest awhile". This precious time is healing for many. Stop in the Eucharistic Adoration chapel anytime Monday 6:00 am through Friday 3:00pm (0822). Consider signing up for a Holy Hour or as a substitute, especially for the "wee" hours of the morning and the night. The chapel entrance is in the Prayer Garden located on the east side of the church next to Ursuline Hall.



Visit weadorehim.com or contact Susan Martin at 314.221.3104 or Jane Shea at 314.761.3425 for more information.



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

2023 LENTEN JOURNEY AT ST. PETER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 2 nd SUNDAY OF LENT MEN'S ACTS RETREAT 10:00am Return Mass 	6 DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET 9:00pm in Church 	7 RECONCILIATION 7:15am - 8:00am 	8 ADULT BIBLE STUDY 9:30am 	9 WOMEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION 7:00pm 	10 RECONCILIATION 7:15am - 8:00am FISH FRY 4:30pm-7:30pm STATIONS 7:00pm 	11 RECONCILIATION 3:45pm-4:45pm in Church THEOLOGY THROUGH FILM 6:30pm in Dining Hall 
12 3 rd SUNDAY OF LENT 	13 DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET 9:00pm in Church 	14 RECONCILIATION 7:15am - 8:00am 	15 ADULT BIBLE STUDY 9:30am 	16 	17 RECONCILIATION 7:15am - 8:00am FISH FRY 4:30pm-7:30pm STATIONS 7:00pm 	18 RECONCILIATION 3:45pm-4:45pm in Church THEOLOGY THROUGH FILM 6:30pm in Dining Hall 

WOMEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

MARCH 9, 7PM, ST. PETER DINING HALL

Join us on Thursday, March 9th for a Lenten Women's Evening of Reflection! The evening will feature a reflection given by Sister Karolyn Nunes, the Vocations Director of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George. All are invited to spend this evening reflecting together and enjoying wine, cheese, and companionship with the women of St. Peter.

Please sign up by Monday, March 6:
<https://bit.ly/STPwomensevening>

For more information, please contact Cheryl McCall, cheryl.l.mccall@gmail.com or John Livingston, jlivingston@stpeterkirkwood.org.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

3/10: Deacon John presiding

3/17: Overcoming Racism hosted by the Racial Unity Committee

Written by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Stations of the Cross: Overcoming Racism provides a Lenten reflection which can help open our hearts to the persistent sin of racism and the call to help overcome it.

3/24: Deacon John presiding

3/31: Through the Eyes of Mary

"Your own heart a sword shall pierce." Among the most profound ways of entering the mystery of Jesus' passion is through the eyes of the one who accompanied him with the deepest compassion — his Mother Mary. The stations are accompanied by live music to allow for silent reflection in between the meditations.

COPLES' EVENING OF REFLECTION

MARCH 22, 7PM, MERCY CENTER

Bring your spouse for a date night at the Mercy Center. Have a drink together and settle in for an evening of music, prayer, and reflection on Lent, love and marriage.



Scan QR code to register.

MEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

MARCH 27, ST. PETER DINING HALL

6PM, Beer and Brats, St. Peter Dining Hall
7PM, Reflection by Brian Miller, Director of Evangelization and Discipleship for the Archdiocese of Saint Louis

Grab a beer and brat courtesy of the Knights of Columbus and stay for a reflection by Brian Miller. There is no charge for this event. Please sign up to attend for food and beverage planning purposes at bit.ly/STPmensevening



THEOLOGY THROUGH FILM

Come join us for Theology Through Film, where we will engage Lenten themes through various movies! This week, **Saturday, March 11, 6:30PM**, we will discuss Tim Burton's Edward Scissorhands and explore the meaning of Christ's breaking into the world and our lives in unexpected ways. It is available to stream on Disney+ and for rental through several platforms (Amazon, Apple, etc.). Please watch the film before attending if you have not seen it already, and clips will be shown throughout the evening. See you there!



"WHAT DOES LENT MEAN TO YOU?"

Last Sunday, I had the great joy of witnessing the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral Basilica, during which our RCIA Candidates were formally welcomed by Archbishop Rozanski — along with all the Catechumens and Candidates across the Archdiocese — to enter into the “Period of Purification and Enlightenment.” It is during this period, which customarily coincides with Lent, that our Candidates will begin their final preparations so they may be ready to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter Vigil.



*John Livingston
Director of Evangelization*



And what does that mean exactly? What does it mean to “be ready” to receive these great sacraments of initiation? While, yes, it is important to have a certain understanding of the teachings of the Church and, yes, it is important to be properly predisposed to receive the grace of these sacraments, I think that to “be ready” goes a little deeper. These Candidates (like all of us!) are being invited to come face-to-face with the Risen Christ at the Easter Vigil. The graces that began to unfold at their Baptisms will be confirmed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, and they will be incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church. And they, for the very first time, will encounter the One-who-is-Love-incarnate in the most intimate encounter of all: the Eucharist.



So what does it mean to “be ready” for this? Perhaps it means to be ready to receive this all-embracing love. Perhaps it means to be purified of anything that might stand in the way of coming face-to-face and nose-to-nose with Jesus and being truly seen by him. Perhaps it means to be cleaned of the pain and brokenness and struggle we all tend to carry throughout our lives. Perhaps it means to be filled with the illuminating light that shines the truth of who we are: loved, chosen, called-by-name children of God.

So what does Lent mean for me? This year, my first year as the director of RCIA here at St. Peter, Lent is all about becoming ready. Ready to encounter the living God once again, ready to be infinitely loved by Him, and ready to overflow with His love throughout the Easter season and beyond. And I invite you to join me as we pray that our Candidates may become ready, too.

Seeking Joy During Lent Sowing the seeds of Faith Inspiration & Tradition:

Following St Patrick's example as joyful messenger of passing on the faith. All are welcome to join us in discussion & prayer as we celebrate St Patrick.



Ursuline Hall



Saturday March 11, 2023

10:00-11:30 AM

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WELLNESS GATHERING

Tuesday, March 7

7-8pm

Ursuline Hall-Westoff Room

RSVP: Jan Roseberry 314-602-6861

Special Guest Speaker



Delia Garcia, MD

- Board Certified Radiation Oncologist
- Leading expert on breast cancer
- Local & National Speaker on Health
- Advisory Board, Plant-Based Nutrition Conference
- Former Associate Professor, Washington University in St. Louis
- Author, over 40 scientific publications & book chapters
- Best Doctors in America
- Previous advisory board, Susan G. Komen Foundation & The Wellness Community

Creating Vibrant Health



Spread the word! Mark your calendar!

ST. PETERFEST 2023 ***Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3***

Come experience the joy of our vibrant parish while enjoying rides, games, food, beverage, music and more.

Many hands make light work!

An event this big is no small task! In fact, it takes close to 1,000 volunteer hours over the course of the weekend to make St. Peterfest a success. Be on the lookout for volunteer sign-ups later this spring so you can grab a shift in your favorite booth.

We would love to have a few more people on the St. Peterfest leadership team! One of the best ways to experience St. Peterfest is by getting involved. Planning and coordinating this event connects you with old and new friends and gives you a sense of fulfillment and joy in contributing to a good cause. Not to mention it is also a whole lot of fun! This is a multi-year commitment that would involve assisting the chairs with the logistics and promotion of the event this year and moving into other responsibilities in the following year. Contact Rita Schuman at rita.schuman@gmail.com for more details.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We invite local businesses, individual families, teams, or organizations to sponsor a booth or tent at the event. This is an opportunity to contribute to the continued success of a parish whose mission is to serve, educate and care for those in our community. For more information or to secure a sponsorship, go to bit.ly/STPfestsponsors or scan the QR code.

Title/Stage Sponsor | \$5000- SOLD!

Thank you, Timberline Landscape!

Carnival Sponsor | \$2500 (1 available)

Food Tent Sponsor | \$1500 (1 available)

Bar Sponsor | \$1000 (2 available)

Wine Tent Sponsor | \$1000 (2 available)

Specialty Beer Tent Sponsor | \$ 1000 (1 available)

Adams Lot Beer Tent Sponsor | \$1000 (1 available)

Dunk Tank Sponsor | \$500 (1 available)

Rock Wall Sponsor | \$500 (1 available)

Carnival Tent Sponsor | \$300 (14 available)



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Knights of Columbus

Kirkwood Council 2117

LEAD, THEY'LL FOLLOW

We are looking for new members searching for a way to put their Catholic faith to work by joining the ranks of the Knights of Columbus Kirkwood Council 2117.

We promote service to our church, our families, and our community. We engage in numerous acts of charity like supporting the Special Olympics, ensuring children have warm coats, and helping local food banks to name a few.

We expect many of you would like to help, but you're concerned you just don't have the time. We understand. Between family obligations and work, we can feel like we have no time or energy left to give. However, the great thing about the Knights is that you can volunteer around your schedule. We aren't looking for a specific monthly time commitment. Just pick a few activities and make them yours. Put on a yellow vest for a few hours in October for the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Help set up, cook, or serve food and drinks at our annual Summer BBQ. Or work a shift at Greentree, St. Peterfest, or St. Gerard Majella's Fallfest.

Lead, they'll follow.

To learn more about Kirkwood Council 2117 please contact: Keith Beardslee, Keith.Beardslee@gmail.com or Tony Jarboe, tonyjarboe@wustl.edu

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It pays to advertise in our Guide Book & Directory!

COMMUNITY

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HONORING MSGR. JACK COSTELLO A GIFT TO HIS HONOR

Prayer Garden Dedication

Sunday, March 26, following 10:00 am Mass



We are proud to announce the dedication of our prayer garden to Msgr. Jack to honor his legacy and express our gratitude for his passion, dedication and loyalty to St. Peter Parish.

Anyone who knew Msgr. Jack, knew his love of St. Peter Parish, its people, its history, and its campus. The prayer garden was one of his favorite places on campus, and we felt it would be a fitting tribute to dedicate it in his honor. It is a serene and peaceful place that offers respite and reflection to all who visit. This dedication was a gift originally given to Msgr. Jack upon his retirement in 2021, and now we will honor his years at St. Peter with this memorial on the first anniversary of his death.

All are welcome to join us for the dedication ceremony, which will take place on Sunday, March 26, immediately following 10:00am Mass.

MSGR. JACK'S GIFT TO US

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

While Msgr. Jack shared many gifts with our parish, he may be remembered best by his gift of preaching. He had a unique ability to connect with parishioners of all ages and left you feeling like he was speaking only to you. His passionate delivery along with his infectious enthusiasm and great sense of humor made his homilies truly unforgettable. His words continue to inspire, teach and comfort us. Our livestream Masses that began as a way to keep us connected in 2020 during the pandemic now serve as an archive of recorded homilies. In addition to his homilies, Msgr. Jack recorded several teaching videos that have been archived as well.

A "Msgr. Jack" playlist can be found on the St. Peter YouTube channel that includes these archived videos. Go to: youtube.com/@StPeterKirkwood/playlists or scan the QR code to view the videos.

We are grateful that Msgr. Jack's legacy will live on through his words and these recorded homilies!

Amen, St. Peter?

AMEN!



ST. PETER PARISH YOUNG FAMILIES

Winter 2023 Speaker Series: Learn, Share, Grow

How do we answer the "big" questions our children ask about faith? Learn from peers in the parish and archdiocese, share your experiences, and grow deeper in your faith alongside your children. All are welcome!

Tuesday, March 14: Beyond "the big seasons"

7 pm - St. Peter School Cafeteria

Michelle and Paul Chronister

Living the Liturgical Year in the Home:

How do we fit it all in?

To RSVP or for more information:

Sponsored by FAITH Alive in the Home
and St. Peter Young Families.



ST. PETER LACROSSE CLUB

*Lacrosse Registration is now open.
The cost per player is \$90 each.*

St. Peter Lacrosse will be playing within the Arch Catholic Lacrosse League this year. Since CYC no longer sponsors lacrosse, several parishes including St. Peter have moved their teams to the Arch Catholic Lacrosse League. We look forward to a fun season playing against similar teams to last year in an environment that is committed to promoting, organizing, and advancing the sport of lacrosse through collaboration with our Catholic school community. The players will still be provided St. Peter uniforms and will be coached by parent volunteers.

Lacrosse is offered to boys and girls in 5th through 8th grade. Players will be required to have a USA Lacrosse membership which costs \$30 and provides the necessary insurance coverage to participate in the Arch Catholic Lacrosse League among other benefits. Many players may already have USA Lacrosse memberships since many camps also require them. The USA Lacrosse membership is in addition to the \$90 player cost. Please click the link and sign up/renew your youth player membership id: usalacrosse.com/membership.

To register for St. Peter Lacrosse:
stpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1633726



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul - lay men and women serving God and our Neighbors for more than 175 years.

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your donation to St. Vincent de Paul Poor will help those in need celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

Special thanks! A St Peter parishioner answered the request for a washer and dryer for our neighbor in need. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness!!

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.



EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA

A St. Peter family has made a generous gift of \$10,000 to the Earthquake Relief for Turkey and Syria. They challenge St. Peter parishioners to match their gift by making a contribution. You can donate this weekend at a second collection that will be taken up at all Masses. Or go to our parish website stpeterkirkwood.org/give and make your gift through WeShare. Your gift will be channeled to Catholic Relief Services which is already on the ground there providing recovery assistance.

Go to: bit.ly/STPearthquakerelief or scan the QR code to donate.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION 2nd Sunday of Lent

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

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.

COMMUNITY

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FORMING MEN FOR CHRIST

All men are invited to join a speaker from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for Mass, coffee, and a talk at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Clayton on the second Thursday of every month. The purpose of this monthly event is to help form men in the faith and moral teachings of the Catholic Church. Please see this month's details:

Date | Thursday, March 9

6:30 a.m. – Mass in the Church

7:00 a.m. – Talk by Fr. Paul Hoesing, President-Rector
Coffee, Refreshments, and Talk in the Centennial Room
(Church Basement)

Location | St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Clayton - St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 106 N. Meramec Ave., Clayton, MO 63105

MERCY CENTER

Upcoming Programs

Sunday afternoon poetry sessions with Noeli Lytton, March 19, and April 2 from 1-3 PM at Mercy Center, Frontenac. \$20 per session.

Register at mercycenterstl.org. Noeli will lead us in comparing two poets per session who complement each other.

March 19: William Stafford and Jalaluddin Rumi

April 2: Robert Frost and Ted Kooser. Poems provided; insight invited; illumination expected.

FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are invited for prayer and a talk at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary on the third Thursday of the month. Please see this month's details:

Date | Thursday, March 16 | 7:30 a.m. – Doors Open | 8 a.m. – Rosary | 8:15 a.m. – Talk | 9 a.m. – Fellowship
Presenter | Fr. Ben Sawyer, Assistant Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology

Easiest way to evangelize is to invite a friend to Fiat and let the Holy Spirit take it from there! We can't wait to see you! Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is located at 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119



children, teens, and young adults each year at their home in Florissant.

Volunteer Mentors are needed. Mentors serve as role models and help young people feel confident about their future. Spending a few days out of your month will have such a major impact on someone's life. For more information or to get involved, contact your Parish Ambassadors, Natalie Orlando at orlando1318@sbcglobal.net or Jen Moritz at [jenmoritz@gmail.com](mailto:jjenmoritz@gmail.com).



DE SMET JESUIT

Attention all 7th graders - Shadow registration is officially open! Visit www.desmet.org/visit to learn more. Choose from one of five sessions. Enjoy class, lunch, fun with Esports and more. Find a friend and sign up today. Go Spartans!

VIANNEY UPCOMING EVENTS

7th Grade Shadow Visits Now Open

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
8:00am - 1:30pm

- Two Vianney classes with a Griffin Guide
- Economics and Leadership activities
- Compimentary lunch and Ted Drewes
- Questions: Monica Sabatino: msabatino@vianney.com

Be a Griffin for a Day

Easter Monday, 8:00am - 12:30pm

- 5th and 6th graders spend the morning on campus experiencing life as a Griffin
- Teacher-led activities
- Current student guides
- FREE event
- Lunch and t-shirt included
- Questions: Jesse Hebrank: jhebrank@vianney.com



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three IN-PERSON weekend experiences are listed below. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314.649.7317.

3/31 - 4/2 - Fairfield Inn (Westport Plaza), St. Louis, MO

5/5 - 5/7 - Drury Plaza Hotel, Cape Girardeau, MO

8/4 - 8/6 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO

DID YOU KNOW?

Marygrove is a Catholic Charities ministry that provides a safe home, compassionate care, and high-quality mental health services to children who have experienced significant trauma. Marygrove helps children heal and grow, equipping them for their future. Through a broad spectrum of residential and community-based programming, Marygrove enriches the lives of many



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