



SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



"Let the little children come to me" - Matthew 19:14

St. Peter Parish 2nd Graders celebrated their First Communion on Sundays, April 23 and April 30.
May they continue to seek the Lord and grow in their faith as they journey through life.

MAY 7, 2023 | FIFTH 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

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.

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

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stpeterkirkwood.org/psr

When is it safe to start planting flowers and vegetables? I always heard one is supposed to wait until after Mother's Day. The chilly temperatures we had last weekend proves the unpredictability of the weather at this time of year. For centuries there was a lot of wisdom and folklore surrounding the prudent timing for planting crops. Farmers are keenly aware that a late frost can be devastating. In the wine-growing region of central Europe the dates from May 11 to 13 are known as the days of the "Three Freezing Saints." In sequential order, these are the feasts of St. Mamertus (d. 475), St. Pancras (d. 304), and St. Servatus (d. 384). Sometimes they are known as the ice or frost saints, and in Poland they're called the cold gardeners. Their place on the calendar comes at a touch-and-go time of the year when the safety of tender plants in the fields could be lost to a surprise frost. If no ice showed up by this point, farmers knew they were in the clear.



Fr. Matt O'Toole



The "Three Freezing Saints"
Image from the Rijksmuseum, Netherlands

Medieval Christians likened these three saints to pranksters lurking in their vineyards and orchards, capable of causing havoc with their way of life. Today we might find a new kind of menace foraging in our technology-driven culture. Such threats are the internet predators, cyber stalkers, malicious computer viruses, and identity thieves. Rather than frost stifling the life of a plant, these pernicious entities reach out from the anonymity of dark places and foil human lives. The motivation for their cruelty is beyond my comprehension. Many parishioners at St. Peter have gotten email solicitations from someone using my name asking for a favor, like buying gift cards. On a larger scale, such devious enterprises can cripple a family's finances, destroy the hard work of an honest business or even harm emotionally an elder person who innocently complies with these requests.

Like the farmer alert to the fluctuations of the weather, we must be vigilant about the technological fields so many of us now traverse. But it's not only cyber security that should have our attention. Our physical surroundings require the same vigilance. The tragic episodes of mass shootings in our country (over 170 this year, as of this writing) are happening so frequently, we risk allowing ourselves to hear of them as almost business as usual. When they happen close to home or affect particularly innocent victims like children in schools, then we are especially shaken.

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus acknowledges the wisdom of the one who takes appropriate measures to keep his worldly interests secure: "*When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe.*" (11:21) And yet, our Lord warns, there are evil powers that will try to have their way: "*when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils.*" (11:22) The message: be vigilant! My thoughts here are by no means a call to arms. I'm personally not convinced that more weapons lead to guaranteed peace. Nevertheless, the element of surprise, namely that of the sinister kind, is a reality of our broken human condition with which we must contend. Some of the best armor for our security can be the invocation of God's accompaniment with us wherever we are.

It was Archbishop Mamertus who in the fifth century began the custom of rogation days – three days prior to the solemnity of the Lord's Ascension, when people processed through the fields, singing psalms and praying for good growing weather. "Rogation" comes from the Latin word *rogare*, which means, "to ask." Most of us in Kirkwood aren't planting fields of crops, but all of us have concerns about seeing loved ones grow and prosper. We do well to recognize God as the giver of life and the guardian of our daily chores. God also expects us to be good cultivators of this creation and custodians of His blessings. Let us be vigilant to the dangers of our world, calling on God's protection in everything we do, lest a cold snap surprises us and spoils what has been planted.

PRAY

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LET US PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS

William Patrick Forrest
Son of Christopher & Claire Forrest

Louis Edward Reyerling
Son of Matthew & Katy Reyerling

Mary Jane Mae Erlinger
Daughter of Daniel & Kelly Erlinger

THE SICK

Molly Cantonwine, Anna Chott, Sheran Cronin, Ceres Dbritto, Vic Frome, Louis G., Maria Gianino, Lisa Heaps, June Hochberg, Kristi Hueseman, Gail Jacus, 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, Chris Smith, Nick Sudekum, Jane Sulze, Marguerite Wuebker

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We carry the joy and hope of the Resurrection with us each day in this Easter season. Perhaps there is a space in your schedule to spend time in the peace of the Eucharistic Adoration chapel. Whether you stop in or commit to an adoration hour, you will find solace and connection in the presence of Jesus.



The Eucharistic Adoration chapel entrance is in the Prayer Garden located on the east side of the church next to Ursuline Hall. It is accessed from the sidewalk between the church and Ursuline Hall. (0822).

Go to stpeterkirkwood.weadorehim.com or contact Susan Martin at 314.221.3104 or Jane Shea at 314.761.3425 for more information.

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.



Scan the STP QR code or go to stpeterkirkwood.org/links for quick access to bulletin links.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 6

8:15 am Judy Tracy (Special Intention)
5:00 pm Ron Geldmacher +

Sunday May 7

8:00 am People of St. Peter
10:00 am Dick Navarro +
5:00 pm Jessica Bradshaw +

Monday May 8

6:45 am Felix Roberto Cruz +
8:15 am Mike O'Reilly +

Tuesday May 9

6:45 am Jack Strunk +
8:15 am Lyn Berglar +

Wednesday May 10

6:45 am Mary Schildz +
8:15 am John Miller +

Thursday May 11

6:45 am Marcella Buehler +
8:15 am Rosemary Downes +

Friday May 12

6:45 am Nick Calcaterra +
8:15 am Sulze Family

Saturday May 13

8:15 am Marcella Buehler +
5:00 pm Dave Nockels +

Sunday May 14

8:00 am Lyn Berglar +
10:00 am People of St. Peter
5:00 pm Joseph & Kathryn Darpel +

SCHOOL MASSES

Wednesday, May 10 8:15 am All School

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total for April 29-30	\$ 29,021.00
Month-To Date Total	\$ 184,412.00
Year-To-Date Total	\$ 1,473,084.00

Collections versus Budget

Weekly Total	<\$ 3,306.00>
Month-To-Date Total	+\$ 21,882.00 (+13.4%)
Year-To-Date Total	<\$ 2,831.00> (- .2%)

vs. YTD 21-22 Collections	Adjusted - 1.0%
vs. YTD 20-21 Collections	Adjusted + 4.2%
vs. YTD 19-20 Collections	Adjusted + 1.8%

Donate online: saintpeterkirkwood.weshareonline.org

Mail or drop off envelopes:

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



WORKS

Week Of May 7, 2023

Have you ever heard the saying: “Preach the Gospel always and, if necessary, use words...”, often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi? Well, it’s quite unlikely that St. Francis ever said such thing — in fact, if you know anything about this radical preacher, you would probably come to the conclusion rather quickly that he wouldn’t ever say anything like that! We *must* preach the Gospel with words — what we say and how we share it most definitely matters! But perhaps there is truth in this often quoted saying about what evangelization really is.

There are many people in this world (many that you know!) who might not be ready to listen to what you have to say. They may be hesitant, hostile, or just completely uninterested in anything you might share about your faith. And there may be even more who would be open to hearing what you have to say, but they have seemingly bigger issues in their life right now. Imagine approaching a neighbor whose house is burning to the ground and launching right into your witness story! Some people aren’t ready for your preaching yet — they need to witness your **works** before they listen to your words.

You don’t have to have a supernatural gift of healing to do the works Jesus calls you to do. (*Though if you do have that gift, please use it!*) Sometimes the works we do are small acts done with great love. Sometimes they are noticed, and sometimes they aren’t. Sometimes they lead to a window opening and an opportunity to share your faith, and sometimes they don’t. What matters isn’t the “sale” — what matters is that you took the time to show someone who God is by continuing his works of love in the world. When you perform a work of love for someone else, you put on Christ who is always allowing the Father to work through him. So go and preach the Gospel always — but when necessary, use works!

“The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.”
- John 14:10–11

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What words or phrases from this week’s Gospel reading capture your attention the most (John 14:1–12)?
2. In the Gospel, Jesus invites the apostles to believe in him because of his works, that his miracles are proof that he is who he says he is. How does it make you feel to hear Jesus encourage the disciples to believe in him this way?
3. There’s a saying that goes, “People don’t care what you know until they know that you care.” What do you think of that saying? How do you think it relates to evangelization?
4. How can you continue Jesus’ works of love in the world today? What are some small ways you can start throughout this week?
5. How can you make “random” acts of kindness into “routine” acts of kindness in your life?



Scan the QR Code or go to youtu.be/BRCXlzkMe8 to watch this week’s video.



WEEK FOUR DAILY CHALLENGES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Watch the weekly video.	Do something special for a friend or family member.	Reach out to someone that you haven’t spoken with in a long time.	Make an anonymous donation to a charity.	Ask your neighbor if you can help them with anything.	Do five random acts of kindness.	Read the scriptures for the Sixth Sunday of Easter.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13



PSR ENROLLMENT 2023-24

Due to technical issues on the enrollment website, the start of registration has moved to Tuesday, May 9.

Enrollment for the Parish School of Religion (PSR) 2023-24 academic year **opens on Tuesday, May 9, at 8:30 pm.** Our program is available for students in grades K-8 attending public or non-Catholic private schools. Please note that space is limited for Kindergarten. To accommodate busy schedules, we offer two sessions on Tuesday evenings. However, please be aware that session choice may be limited based on enrollment.

Session One from 4:30-5:45pm

Session Two from 6:30-7:45pm

Enroll now and receive a \$50 tuition discount between May 9-May 31. Don't miss out on this incredible offer! To register, visit stpckirkwood.psrenroll.com. If you are a non-parish family, contact Mrs. Susan Lueker prior to enrollment. For more information about our program, please contact Susan Lueker at 314.821.0460 ext. 4212 or via email at slueker@stpeterkirkwood.org.

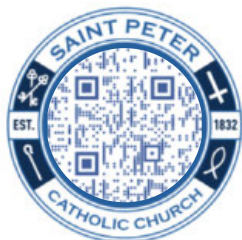
We look forward to hearing from you and helping your child grow in faith and knowledge.



St. Peter's Grief Ministry is evaluating a new Catholic grief program to offer to the parish. More to come on this as well as an upcoming lecture on Grieving With Gratitude.

In the meantime, we will continue to host 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 next session is Wednesday, May 10, at 6:30 pm in the Westhoff Room in Ursuline Hall. If interested, please contact Mary Doebling at 314.712.1342 or medoebling@gmail.com. For more information, please check out Grief Share at griefshare.org.



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SCHOOL STAFF OPENINGS 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Assistant Teachers: Two full-time and one part-time in primary grades.

PE Teacher: Full-time for grades Pk4-8th. These are salaried positions that are eligible for benefits.

Please send your letter of interest and cover letter to Dr. John Freitag, Principal at: jfreitag@stp-teach.com Phone inquiries are welcome at: 314.821.0460 x 4121.

ST. PETER RACIAL UNITY IMMERSION EXPERIENCE *St. Louis Black History Bus Tour*

Fr. Gerry Kleiba will lead a bus tour of St. Louis Black history sites on Saturday, June 3. Parishioners will carpool from downtown Kirkwood around 9:15 a.m. and return around 1:30 p.m. The bus tour will start from St. Cronan's Parish. The tour is 9:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with an optional brown bag lunch and discussion afterward. Cost is \$7 per person.

Sign up here to attend:

signupgenius.com/go/9040D4AA9A623AB9-stlouis.

Contact Maureen Brown, sweetin_brown@yahoo.com, with any questions.



2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

It is our joyful duty as Catholics to share God's mercy with others, and the Annual Catholic Appeal is an opportunity to serve the Lord with gladness. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. In order to serve Him, we must put Him above all else and act as a light for His grace and mercy. As we prepare to launch the Appeal follow-up efforts in our parish, please consider making a gift today. You can pick up your pledge card after Mass, make a gift online at aca.archstl.org or use Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725.

Scripture Reflection

The Lord depends on His servants to act as vessels of His grace and mercy. This week's second reading from 1 Peter 2:4-9 says to "let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." Jesus taught the disciples to evangelize and reach out to others, knowing there were many who yearned for the Bread of Life and that God is waiting in the Kingdom of Heaven with room for all of us.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

John 14:1-4

Answering God's call and sharing His love with others is our joyful duty as Catholics. Let us come together to support the Annual Catholic Appeal and help our brothers and sisters who seek the Lord's grace and mercy. As one Church, we will Reach out in Love and fill every heart with hope.

To learn more about how you can contribute to the Appeal and help make a difference in the world, visit aca.archstl.org. You can also Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725. Together, as one Church, let us act with Christ in our hearts and make a positive impact on the world.

Scan the QR code to watch the Annual Catholic Appeal video



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IMPACTLIFE BASEBALL HAT OR A GIFT CARD

St. Peter Catholic Church

Sunday, May 28 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bishop O'Donnell Parish Center

215 N Clay, Kirkwood



Masks optional. Appointments required.

To schedule an appointment, scan QR code, online at bloodcenter.org/group, grp # 9246 or contact Charles Lucier at 314.304.1226.

COMMUNITY

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ST. PETERFEST IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Volunteer at St. Peterfest! *Have Fun While Giving Back!*

Volunteers needed for St. Peterfest! Help make the event a success by signing up for a variety of opportunities, from setting up and running games to serving food and drinks. Connect with fellow parishioners and give back to our community.

Sign up today!

Go to stpeterkirkwood.org/st-peterfest-volunteers to sign up or scan the STP QR Code for link.

Ride Tickets/Wristband Presale

Presale wristbands will be available from Monday, May 15, to Tuesday, May 23. Stay tuned for more information on how to purchase your wristbands in advance!

CYC NEWS

SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL

Register now for CYC Fall Sports

St. Peter fall sports registration for soccer and volleyball is now open with regular registration closing on May 15 and late registration closing on May 31.

Scan the STP QR Code for link to register or go to: teamsideline.com/sites/cycsouthcentral/content/23032/Org-St-Peter

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Umpires Needed for Spring 2023

For more information contact Drew Figge: 314.462.5855.

CYC COACHING SUPPORT

St. Peter Soccer is excited to announce a new coaching support program, developed by parishioner John Luektemeyer. This new program will support and empower our coaches to help focus on CYC's mission of building communities of faith. Please consider volunteering this year!



Scan the STP QR code or go to stpeterkirkwood.org/links for quick access to bulletin links.

HURRAY It's May... the month of *Mary.*

ALL St. Peter parishioners are invited to bring your special intentions & join the CGA in praying the rosary

**Saturday
May 13, 2023
10:00 am**

Weather permitting we will gather at Our Lady in front of church.

In case of inclement weather we will move into Ursuline Hall.



CONNECT, SERVE, GROW!

Are you looking for ways to get involved and make a difference in our St. Peter Parish community? One of the best ways to do so is by finding your niche through volunteering for one of our many ministries. Whether you have a few hours to spare or are looking for an ongoing commitment, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved and meet new people while serving others.

If you have a talent for public speaking, consider coordinating the lector schedule and training new lectors for Mass. Or, if you enjoy singing, join our choir and help us lift our voices in praise. And for those looking for a fun way to help while meeting new friends or reconnecting with old friends, sign up to volunteer at St. Peterfest. From helping with setup and cleanup to grilling burgers, selling raffle tickets and helping in KidZone, there are plenty of ways to get involved and have fun while serving the parish community. Whatever your interests or skills, we invite you to explore the many opportunities for service and find your niche in St. Peter Parish.

No matter what type of volunteer opportunity you choose, the act of serving others can be deeply rewarding and meaningful. By serving in our community, you will not only make a positive impact on our parish community, but also build new friendships, learn new skills, and grow in your faith.

Go to stpeterkirkwood.org to learn more about our many ministries or reach out to one of our staff members who can connect you to our ministry leaders.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

Know a Neighbor who needs assistance?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides clothes, shelter, utilities, food, medicine and more for people in need throughout the St. Louis region. Our personal, one-on-one approach gives people the help they need for today and frees them to see a better tomorrow.

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.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 Peter 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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.



Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 3 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/run/4lifeandlearning. Proceeds go to Birthright Counseling, St. Louis, enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families.

For sponsorship opportunities or more info, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

BENEDICTINE SISTERS MONASTIC EXPERIENCE

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri are offering an in-person Monastic Experience from June 23-29, 2023. This experience allows single women aged 18-40 to participate in the daily rhythm of the sisters' lives, including singing the divine office, attending daily Mass, and personal prayer. The experience also offers learning opportunities about discernment and prayer to help women who are considering religious life.

Contact Sister Maria Victoria at vocation@benedictinesisters.org or call 660.944.2221 ext. 127 for more information or to learn about other upcoming Monastic Experiences, including virtual options. There is no cost to attend.



Did You Know?



LAMP is an acronym for Language Access Multicultural People and is a ministry of Catholic Charities. LAMP offers language interpreting and translation services to help people in our region with everything from their basic needs to health care and legal aid.

LAMP offers a free Community Interpreting Line to support Limited English Proficiency (LEP) for individuals and families in our region.

The team of local, professional interpreters can assist LEP members of our community with making calls to: Medical facilities, Schools, Social services agencies, Police, Emergency service, etc. The number is (888) 260-3791.

To get involved or for more information, please contact your Parish Ambassadors, Natalie Orlando at orlando1318@sbcglobal.net or Jen Moritz at jenmoritz@gmail.com.



WORDWIDE 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 weekend experiences are listed below. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to www.me.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314.649.7317.

8/4/2023 - 8/6/2023 - St. Peters, MO
9/29/2023 - 10/1/2023 - St. Peters, MO
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This month's theme is centered around 1 Thessalonians 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Our featured speaker is Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM, who will share her insights on the Eucharist.

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The next session of the program begins in October of 2023. The first step for participating in the program is to attend an information session. This session will be held on May 25 and June 5 at the Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 Geyer Road. The sessions start at 6:30 p.m. To RSVP please email Tom at thomas.auffenberg@slu.edu and indicate which session you will attend.



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