

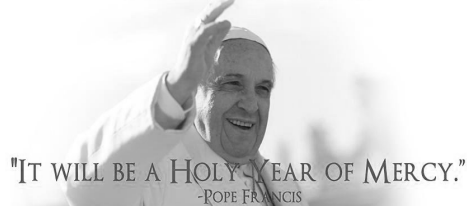
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EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

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"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."
-POPE FRANCIS

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the strange, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead.

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.

The Ten Commandments

Love God

1. I am the LORD your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the LORD'S Day.

Love Others

4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

"Observe these Commandments and you will be a wise and prosperous nation." - Deuteronomy Chapter 1

Our Mission: Opening Hearts to Christ through Prayer, Fellowship & Service

STS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH

A Catholic Parish in the Historic Souldard Neighborhood Serving the Poor

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Shelter Office	314-621-5520
The Young Catholic Musicians	314-962-9260
Peter & Paul Community Services	314-588-7111
St. Frances Cabrini Academy	314-776-0883
Hall & YCM	314-773-8486
Franklin Room	314-664-7706

MASSES

Saturday:	5:00 pm
Sunday:	9:30 am
Holydays:	12:05 pm
Holidays:	9:00 am
Weekdays:	8:30 am in rectory – M, T, Thurs. 5:30 pm Mon. when Council Meets 12:05 pm in church — Wed.

Reconciliation: the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 15 minutes before the weekend Masses and by appointment.

STAFF

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Deacon Thomas Gorski
Deacon Dennis Chitwood
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Maintenance – Parish Hall & Grounds
Mary Smith, The Young Catholic Musicians

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Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 pm or by appointment.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH – (314) 231-9238
1408 S 10th St., Saint Louis, MO 63104-3275
Saturdays 3:45 pm or by appointment

INFANT BAPTISMS: Contact **Debbie Wedemeier** (6) six months before anticipated birth for Baptismal Preparation.
314-276-4578

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION: Contact **Deacon Dennis Chitwood.**
314-231-9923

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION: Contact **Kevin Kelly.**
314-231-9923

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA): Contact **Kevin Kelly** with any interest in pursuing membership in the Catholic Church, in learning more about the Church, or returning to the Church. **314- 231-9923**

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Archdiocesan guidelines require engaged couples to prepare for their marriage at least **six (6) months** before the scheduled wedding takes place. Engaged couples planning marriage, contact **Deacon Thomas Gorski.**
314-231-9923

WEDDING MUSIC CONSULTANT: Contact **Mary Smith** for all wedding Masses at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Mary will advise couples in choosing music and musicians. All musicians, cantors, and vocalists for Mass must be approved by our Music Consultant.
314-962-9260

HOLY ORDERS AND CONSECRATED (RELIGIOUS) LIFE: If interested, please call parish rectory or the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations.

GROUP TOURS of Historic Sts. Peter and Paul Church can be scheduled by contacting Phyllis Sandusky at the Rectory office.
314-231-9923

MEALS FOR THE NEEDY are served in the Parish Hall from the 2nd to the 21st of each month. To help serve the poor and homeless, call **Jane Lindley of PPCS.**
314-588-7111

PARISH MID LEVEL HALL RENTAL: Available for rental by parishioners only for receptions, banquets, parties, rehearsal dinners. Contact Phyllis Sandusky. **314-231-9923**

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Exists to support parents with children in public school or home schooled in their efforts to evangelize and pass the Catholic Faith on to their children. Please contact **Fr. Leo J. Spezio, Director.**
Email: scdpsr4200@sbcglobal.net 314.773-3070
Website Below:
http://sites.google.com/site/southcitydeanerypsr/home

STS. PETER & PAUL HAS A NEWLY FORMED YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (Ages: 20's & 30's). They meet once a month. If you are in your 20's or 30's, we invite you to come. Please contact Ryan Sitki at rsitki@gmail.com

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS: If you would like to submit a prayer chain request, please submit them to Phyllis Korte at onthegopk@aol.com.

ENCOUNTER GOD IN THE SACRED SCRIPTURE
If you promise to spend five (5) minutes a day reading the bible, take a bible free. Bibles can be found in the vestibule of church at the bible display.

We welcome all of our parishioners, neighbors and visitors. If this is your first time visiting our parish and you like what you see and hear and it fills your need, please consider making this your home parish. Our Mission is **"Opening Hearts to Christ through Prayer, Service and Fellowship.** We invite you to join our parish as a **full-time member or you may make this your associate parish by attending at least once a month and supporting our parish through your contribution envelopes.** To do so, please ask one of the ushers for a Membership Profile Questionnaire to complete and return to the rectory office or place it in the collection basket or on the piano after Mass. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the parish office at 314-231-9923. We are grateful for all of our members and visitors.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	Nov	28	Parishioners
Sunday	Nov	29	Sean Michael Kelly
Wednesday	Dec	02	Jackie Kaiser

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Dec	05 & 06	Deacon Dennis Chitwood
Dec	12 & 13	Fr. Bruce Forman
Dec	19 & 20	Deacon Tom Gorski
Dec	24	Fr. Bruce Forman
Dec	25	Deacon Dennis Chitwood

Dec	08	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at - 12:05 in church This is a Holy Day of Obligation
Dec	09	Wednesday Mass at 12:05 as usual

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Dec	24	Christmas Eve – 10:00 PM
Dec	25	Christmas Day – 9:30 AM
Jan	01	New Year's Day – 10:00 AM

Christmas Day and New Year's Day are Holy Days of Obligation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 7 - 13, 2015

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

All schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers, Ushers & Greeters are posted at the information center.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Chuck Hejkal, Donna Sikorski, Steve Ippolito, Al Niehoff, Andy Alaska, Jim Mottershead, David Hackmann, Diane Koishor, Sister Rose Marie, George Darner, Phyllis Korte, Mike and Gail McDonough, Don Link & Dawn Butler. **Also include in your prayers all their caregivers.**

Please pray for strength, courage, patience and healing for all those mentioned above and also for all the people in the world who need physical and emotional healing.

ATTENTION: Please contact the office to have your name put on the prayer list and also to be removed from the prayer list.

ATTENTION

NEW GIVING TREE PARTNER THIS YEAR!

This year we have a new partner for our Christmas giving opportunity. St Agatha Center helps families and seniors in need. We have adopted several families and a group of seniors for our annual gift giving. Please take a tag from the table this weekend and return by Dec 20th.

This year gifts should be **WRAPPED with the person's NAME attached to the gift.** Please do not attach the entire tag to the gift ...just the person's name. Any questions please contact Jan Meyer or Gerry Berviller.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Dec	13	Parish Endowment
Dec	25	Seminary Collection

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

Happy Birthday!

Dec 05 Tom Durban
Dec 06 Jill Harter
Dec 06 Kathleen Wayman
Dec 08 Cesar Millan
Dec 14 Kathy McKinnon
Dec 14 Sue Hackmann



Happy Anniversary!

None this week



Please contact the office if your birthday or anniversary was missed so we can make sure it is in the system correctly.

PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

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A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

STEWARDSHIP

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

That we may resist the lure of holiday advertising and instead concentrate on the message of simplicity and trust that is found in the Christmas manger scene.

A BUSY MOTHER

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can be made through the envelope in your packet all during the Christmas season. Don't forget to write on the back of the envelope who you want remembered or honored. Once the Christmas season is over (after the Feast of the Epiphany) you are welcome to take a flower home.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS HONORING THE LIVING AND REMEMBERING THE DECEASED



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Vogt Family
Wilder & Rauscher Families
Dorothy Sayles
Angelo Vassallo
Caroline Vassallo
Nicole Durst
Robert Blastenbrei
George Sandusky

GENERAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Last weekend's General Offering	\$1,958.00
Average Weekly Offering	\$2,968.80
Average Weekly Expenses	\$8,303.00

Thank you for your gifts to God and to our parish

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

For all members of the Church: May our witness that every life is worth living help others to encounter the outstretched hands of God's mercy;
We pray to the Lord:

FORGIVENESS

God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness.
—Henry Ward Beecher

WOMAN'S PLACE SERVICES

There are schedules at the information center for your taking for the 2016 personal empowerment workshops, support groups and bystander intervention classes. Please pass on this information to those who may need it.

PLEASE NOTE: SHELTER NEEDS

We will not be collecting anything for the shelter during the month of December. We concentrate our efforts to the Giving Tree. We will resume Collections for the shelter clients in January. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year to assist those in our community. May you be blessed for your thoughtfulness & kindness.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The "roots" of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the "Paradise Play," a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring "paradise trees" into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles.

Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the "Paradise Tree" into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Do you have a pet name for your spouse (baby, honey, a nickname that only you use)? It's not essential but often it can remind both of you of your special relationship. It's like calling God, "Abba."

PARENTING POINTERS

Too busy? "A traditional Hindu attitude toward service is for parents to pull back from doing much outside service while their children are young. When the children are raised, they jump fully back into the service area. To everything there is a season." (**Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference**)

www.SusanVogt.net

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE!

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Looking Ahead to 2016

Building on a foundation of prayer, there will be a special emphasis on study in 2016. Saints such as Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Edith Stein point to the intellectual riches of Catholicism. Since there is a Genius to Catholicism, Dynamic Catholics are continuous learners. How well do you know the faith? Visit the Study section of the Dynamic Catholic, Alive! website for a list of recommended books and other resources. archstl.org/dynamic



ST. FRANCES CABRINI ACADEMY ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER DECEMBER 12TH 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Please join St.
Frances Cabrini

Academy for its annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on December 12th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. This year they are serving Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Penne with Pesto sauce, salad, garlic bread and dessert. The price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Please join us for dinner and support our Cabrini families.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY DECEMBER 6, 2015 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Tuesday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis will open the "Holy Door" in Saint Peter's Basilica, symbolically opening the Jubilee Year of Mercy. In today's scriptures, Baruch confidently anticipates God's healing of the brokenness of humanity, and Paul sees God bringing our discernment, knowledge, and love to fulfillment. Our experience of life and of ourselves can make such prophecies seem wildly optimistic, even hopelessly naïve. Pope Francis challenges us to live this Jubilee Year as a graced time, when God's mercy reawakens our enthusiasm to live our baptismal call as gospel people, our hope renewed and ourselves recommitted to selfless charity. Notice that in Luke's Gospel today, God bypasses the religious elite and politically powerful to speak to a humble believer in the barren desert the saving word that will transform history. So God's mercy continues to accomplish humanity's salvation in and through ordinary, flawed, and least likely instruments—even us.

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Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is December 7. In 1994, Congress designated this national observance to honor the more than 2,400 military service personnel who died on this date in 1941, during the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, by Japanese forces. The attack on Pearl Harbor caused the United States to enter World War II.

Let us remember **ALL** who served in the Armed Forces, and for those who lost their lives for our freedom and the families they left behind.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT COULD NACHOS BE BAD?

It seems the early Church had a different view of Advent than we do. Christmas was not even celebrated in the first two centuries after Christ. Easter was the original great feast of the Church. After the resurrection, Christians looked for Jesus to return in glory. They expected this return to happen soon, so we see references in Paul's letters to the "coming of the Lord Jesus" (1 Thess 3:13) or to the "day of Christ Jesus." (Phil 1:6) So in a sense, the rest of their lives were a long Advent, a time of waiting for the Lord.

In the second reading this week, we hear what Paul recommends for the people of Philippi as they wait for the Lord to return. He prays that their love will grow and mature, so that they will be able to "discern what is of value." (Phil 1:10) This may sound vague, but is very good advice, even for us today.

As we grow to be better Christians, we learn to love what is important. Remember when you were young and loved junk food? As you grew up, you learned to like healthier foods. That doesn't mean that some foods are bad, (how could nachos be bad?) just that there are better choices. So Paul encourages us to make better choices: friends we like, books we read, how we spend our free time, causes we donate to, and values we teach to our children. For example, it is good to teach our children to work hard and save money; it may be better to teach them to answer God's call and to be generous to the poor. A good way to relax might be reading a novel by our favorite author; a better way could be reading a good spiritual book.

With less than three weeks of Advent remaining, let us ask the Lord to help us "discern what is of value" in our lives. We also await His coming and we have the advantage of knowing that the Lord comes to us in Word and Sacrament. We don't have to wait for the end of time or even till Christmas, so why not try to be ready now? Tom Schmidt, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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LISTENING FOR THE CALL

John speaks to us from the desert, a quiet place. Jesus went there, too, we must now recall. Few of us, perhaps, spend much time there ourselves, for our world tends to be loud and boisterous and filled with commotion--especially these days as the holidays approach. But certainly each of us has a quiet place tucked away somewhere, and in our own individual quiet place--be it at the center of a crowded shopping mall during prime time or at the kitchen table at dawn--we are all called to embrace John's message of repentance and preparation.

FOLLOWING THE CALLING

But it goes farther than that, much farther, for this is not only our call. This is our calling. Priest or congregation, teacher or student, accountant or zookeeper, parent or child--our collective work in this world is to heed the Baptist's directive to prepare the way of the Lord. And what better time than now, during Advent, to refocus on our mission and to rededicate ourselves to the most important task any of us will ever undertake--the gaining of God's salvation. Remember Paul's letter to the Philippians? Let's personalize it. Let's each get rid of the "Brothers and sisters" line and replace it with our own name. And in keeping with today's protocol, let's even add a "Dear" to the salutation. Now let's read it again. "Dear Sarah " or "Dear Michael" or "Dear P. J." Suddenly Paul, with joy in his heart, is praying directly for us that we may live our lives in ways pleasing to God, thus following John's call--and our calling--to ready the way of Jesus. Connected in this fashion, we become pen pals from across the millennia, and Paul's joy becomes our joy at the coming of our Lord. And ultimately, Baruch's joy for Jerusalem becomes our very own "Joy to the World."

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SAVE THE DATE 2016 TESTIMONIAL DINNER/AUCTION

Come and join us at the 33rd Testimonial Dinner/Auction on April 17, 2016 at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel. The theme for the event is *Keeping Hope Alive...God Has Not Forgotten Us*. Dinner tickets are \$65.00 each/ table of 10 for \$650.00. 50/50 Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each. Doors open for the silent auction at 2:30 p.m. The dinner program begins at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available through your sponsoring parish or organization representative or by calling, visiting the Lwanga Center. The number is 314-367-7929.

If you are interested, there are ad and ticket forms & auction donation forms at the information center in our church.

SUNDAY AND CHRISTMAS TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Advent and Christmas? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joyful hope in the coming of our newborn Savior.

SUNDAY AND CHRISTMAS TV MASS KTVI CHANNEL 2.2 AT 9:00 A.M.

Mass is also online at www.HeartoftheNation.org. For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday or Christmas Mass obligation.

38TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT OF THE YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS

Don't forget to mail in your reservation form to Mary Smith for tickets to attend the 38th Annual Christmas Concert performed at Seven Holy Founders Church in Affton on Sunday, December 27 (4:00p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) or Monday, December 28 (7:30p.m. – 9:00p.m.)

On Sunday (12/27), Father Michael Boehm, Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will narrate our matinee performance and on Monday, (12/28) Mr. Mike Roberts, Meteorologist of KSDK News Channel 5 will narrate our evening concert.

What a wonderful way to share the holiday season with your friends or loved ones. It is a very enjoyable concert.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

HOW ABOUT COUPLE TIME TOGETHER! A Marriage Encounter weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings for many couples who have attended a weekend. All married couples deserve a rich full life together. You will never forget this weekend held on February 5-7 or April 22-24. To find out more, apply at www.stl-wwwme.org or call 314.649.7317.

MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE NEWS UPDATE

Let's Keep Mizzou Out of the Abortion Business! The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) is asking all Catholic citizens to contact University of Missouri officials and urge them to keep Mizzou from getting back into the abortion business. Privileges at the University of Missouri hospital for abortion doctor Colleen McNicholas will soon expire, but Planned Parenthood is urging MU officials to grant her new privileges. By granting these privileges MU will allow Columbia Planned Parenthood to continue performing abortions. Our premier public university should not be aiding and abetting the abortion industry. Go to the MCC website at www.mocatholic.org to send a pre-composed message to the MU Interim Chancellor and the MU Board of Curators.

MANGER MOMENTS

Here are some ideas for making your family manger scene a center of Advent activity:

- You could follow the German tradition of waiting to put Baby Jesus in the manger until Christmas Eve. Until that time, kids can help create a soft bed for Jesus by putting a piece of hay or golden yarn in the manger each time they do a good deed. Talk about those good deeds each night at dinner.
- You can set up the shepherds a bit away from the crèche, as they were taking care of their sheep until the angel came and told them the good news. Allow your children to move the shepherds around each day, just as they would have in the fields. You can even put the three wise men further still and allow your children to move them a bit closer to the nativity scene every day until Christmas. Ask your children to describe what the shepherds and wise men are doing each day.
- With your children, write a greeting to Baby Jesus from each person in the nativity scene. Share them aloud on Christmas Eve.

Let your children become the wise men. Help them choose simple new baby items at the store and, amid the gift-opening frenzy of Christmas Day, have your kids place the items at the manger. Afterward, donate the items to a women's shelter or children's shelter in your area.

WOMAN'S PLACE

Presents

SELF-ESTEEM

A free workshop for women

**Saturday, December 19, 2015, 9:30am to 11:30am at
8300 Morganford Rd 63123, behind St. Mark Church.**

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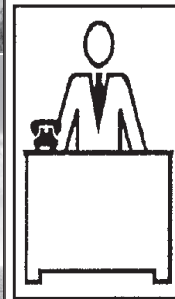
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