Parishioners and their pets gathered on the plaza for the Blessing of the Pets on Monday, October 4, 2021.
Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday of the month at 11:30AM. Please call the Rectory (314-966-8600) for details regarding participation in the preparation program. We encourage expectant parents to make arrangements for the preparation program at least a few months prior to the birth of their child.

Sacrament of Marriage
Please contact the rectory office (314-966-8600) to schedule your wedding date and for details regarding the preparation program. In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, couples should contact a member of the parish clergy at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is held on the third Sunday of each month after the 8:00AM Mass. This includes those in a terminal condition, about to undergo surgery, Receiving treatment for a life-threatening illness, as well as persons weakened by old age. Please contact the rectory office (314-966-8600) to schedule Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in an emergency or at an arranged time in a parishioner’s home or care facility.

Holy Orders and Consecrated (Religious) Life
If interested, please call the rectory office (314-966-8600) or the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations (314-792-6460)

Offices of Faith Formation- Rectory
Linda Doyle, 314-966-8600, ext. 1011

St. Peter Youth Ministry - Ursuline Hall
314-822-1347, ext. 3003

Pastoral Council
Ron Jensen
Larry Bommarito
Joan Turnure
Gina Jensen
Alana Odenwald

Finance Commission
John Modder, Chairperson, 303-502-4564

St. Vincent de Paul Society
314-289-6101 Ext. 2220 (Voice Mail)

Parish Center/Cafeteria
314-821-0460 ext. 4500

Bulletin Deadline!!
Articles intended for publication in the Bulletin must be submitted to communications@stpeterkirkwood.org by Monday, at 3:00PM for the following Sunday’s Bulletin. All announcements must be in writing with a name and telephone number attached.

Please remember St. Peter Catholic Church in your will.
The late Fr. Frank Cleary, SJ, told me when I was a student at St. Louis University, “It’s always around this time of year: we get those telephone calls from inquisitive students: ‘Is it true? Back in the day, did an exorcism take place at the school?’”

The month of October with its inevitable build up to Halloween brings curiosity seekers probing the campus for evidence that a demonically-possessed young person was brought to the university to undergo the ritual of exorcism. William Peter Blatty’s 1971 novel and subsequent screenplay *The Exorcist* continues to wield powerful influence in the imaginations of many people. The story Blatty tells is a compilation of various sources and accounts but largely inspired by a Jesuit priest who once taught at St. Louis University. Even though the details of the 1949 exorcism of a thirteen-year-old boy did not occur there, it doesn’t stop local lore from making the claim that *The Exorcist* happened at the university.

The result of *The Exorcist* and similar films of this horror genre has been to reduce the devil to a silly and predictable Hollywood formula: the deep voiced taunts filled with vulgarities, the bizarre 360° head spin, and of course the vomiting pea soup. Sure, catching the *The Exorcist* late at night on TV still has the power to bring chills to anyone who watches it. But the devil, in the minds of many adults, is an amalgam of clichés. The personification of evil in our contemporary culture is more likely to be depicted as the red-suited, pitchfork-carrying little man tempting you to break your diet with a rich dessert. We’ve made the devil comical. He has been dumbed-down to lessen his intimidation. I find nothing ‘cute’ about dressing up a child in a devil costume for Halloween. (I know I’ll get an, “Oh, Father, you’re taking it too seriously…”) It’s not that I fear the youngster wearing plastic horns and a red cape will succumb to Satanism. It’s the light-hearted attitude it gives to something which represents that which should repulse.

There’s something charismatic, though, in most portrayals of the devil because evil always has a superficial attraction or charm. The lifestyle depicted by the character that is evil always looks appealing: there’s power, money, beauty, material comforts. But the minute you cave into it, you are conformed to the seducer, and you’re undermined. Is that not demonic possession?

I am not shy to say that the tribulation our Catholic Church is experiencing with the countless incidents of sexual abuse of children and vulnerable people by members of the clergy is diabolical. I share the observations made by Bishop Robert Barron, a popular writer and commentator on culture, when he explains the ultimate cause of these horrors is the infiltration by Satan to some of the agents of the Church. “Talk about the best way to undermine any evangelical effort,” Bishop Barron says, “an effort to propagate the Church’s teaching; to make the Church attractive to people; to draw them to Christ. What would be a more effective way to undo that work than to have priests engaging in the sexual abuse of young people?” That’s evil, plain and simple.

There is a light-hearted spirit and good natured fun that accompanies the creepy spirit of Halloween that is approaching. But every day we as Christians should have a genuine fear for evil and a healthy dose of dread for the work of the devil which is not the product of imagination but the result of sin in our world. Perhaps the most frightening thing about the devil is his sublimity – the capacity to make us think little of him while he stealthily takes hold of our attitude, leading us to sins we may think inconsequential until they up-end our lives. That’s pretty scary stuff.

*Bishop Robert Barron quoted from “‘Demonic and diabolical’:Bishop Barron on the sex abuse crisis,” The Tablet, 30 August 2018.*
Remember Your Loved Ones . . .
with a daily Mass intention. Contact the rectory office at (314) 966-8600 to schedule a date.

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 11
6:45AM Tom Tobey +
8:15AM Rosemary Downes +

Tuesday, October 12
6:45AM David Freitag +
8:15AM John Francis Sullivan +

Wednesday, October 13
6:45AM Mike Kistner, Special Intention
8:15AM Jacob Dentinger +

Thursday, October 14
6:45AM Dennis Martin +
8:15AM Maureen Werner +

Friday, October 15
6:45AM John Blumenkemper +
8:15AM Margaret Westphale +

Saturday, October 16
8:15AM Joseph Schulte, Jr. +
5:00PM Thomas Kelly +

Sunday, October 17
8:00AM David Keller +
10:00AM Nan Frericks +
5:00PM People of St. Peter

School Liturgy Schedule

Wednesday, October 13 8:15am School Mass
Wednesday, October 20 8:15am School Mass
Wednesday, October 27 8:15am School Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

"I was ready to be approached by those who did not consult me, ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, I am here, I am here. Though the mountains may depart, the hills be shaken, but my love will never leave you."

Isaiah 65:1, 54:10

Jesus is always taking the initiative, inviting us to know him more intimately. We have a beautiful chapel and Jesus is there waiting for us. Please stop by and spend some time with Him, He is calling us, inviting us to be in His presence.

Please join us for a Holy Hour.
https://stpeterkirkwood.weadorehim.com/signup/stpadore

To sign up for Eucharistic Adoration:
1. Open phone camera
2. Scan the QR code
3. Follow link provided by your camera
4. Create an account
5. Sign up for your adoration hour!

Sacrament of the Sick to be Offered Regularly at St. Peter

While continuing to exercise healthy precautions for public gatherings during the present pandemic, St. Peter will return to a regular celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick.
This will be held on the **third Sunday of each month after the 8:00 a.m. Mass**.

The Church carries on Jesus Christ's healing ministry through the power of this sacrament. It is important that we be observant of the purpose of this ritual: the Sacrament of the Sick is intended for those persons for whom the danger of death is a seriously imminent possibility. This includes those in a terminal condition, about to undergo surgery, receiving treatment for a life-threatening illness, as well as persons weakened by old age. Any Catholic in such circumstances may simply present themselves for this anointing service in our church on the third Sunday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. As always, the priests of St. Peter remain available to administer the Sacrament of the Sick in an emergency or at an arranged time in a parishioner's home or care facility.

Progressive Dinner Save the Date!
Saturday, February 12, 2022

Save the Date for the much anticipated St. Peter Progressive Dinner! This fabulous event will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022.

Mingle and get to know your fellow parishioners as you travel from house to house, with a stop for both appetizers and dinner before we all gather together for dessert at one location to cap off the night! Location for dessert is TBD.

If you are interested in hosting for either appetizers or dinner, please email us at stpprogressivedinner@gmail.com. Keep in mind, you can partner up with other parishioners to help host at your home as well.

In addition, this year we will be having a raffle to win that coveted front row pew at the 10am Christmas mass! (All hosts will be entered into the raffle automatically).

We can't wait! It's truly one of the most memorable events, filled with food, fun and fellowship!

The Progressive Dinner Committee Leads,
Colleen Sneed, Meghan Holland, Sarah Lesinski, Jen Fagan, Sally Reynolds

Bulletin, Flocknote, Website Submissions

Please send all requests for submissions for the bulletin, weekly flocknote and website to Christy Patritti at communications@stpeterkirkwood.org by Monday, at 3:00PM for the following Sunday’s Bulletin and weekly e-newsletter.
SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING:
I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne,
and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her
(Wis 7:7-8)

PSALM:
Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Ps 90)

SECOND READING:
No creature is concealed from him,
but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him
to whom we must render an account. (Heb 4:13)

GOSPEL:
“Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come,
follow me.” (Mk 10:21)


OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021
Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. John XXIII, Pope; Columbus Day
Thursday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Hedwig, Religious;
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM
Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOU ARE A NEW CREATION

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint of the Week
St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for her mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa’s ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul’s journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the “Way of Perfection” and “The Interior Castle,” have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Ávila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.
Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

retiredreligious.org

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What has St. Peter Parish Council been doing lately?

In mid-2019, Father Jack Costello and the Parish Leadership Team restructured the Parish Council to develop and execute a plan to determine the most important areas of change that will make St. Peter an Amazing Parish. The Parish Leadership Team began working on creating new Mission, Vision and Values statements for St. Peter and aligning the parish ministries into groupings that will help achieve our Vision. The new Parish Council joined the Parish Leadership Team in finalizing all that work.

The Parish Council then gathered statistics in all aspects of St. Peter Parish and School. We also sought financial and demographic data and trends about Catholic and other Christian denominations, from our Archdiocese, throughout the US and worldwide. This information has helped us understand current and future challenges and opportunities and highlighted the ministries in which we could better support, participate and increase awareness within the parish.

We then met with key stakeholders as well as parish and school leaders to get their thoughts on the new Mission and Vision statements. More importantly, we asked how well various ministries were performing today and what else we could do to help us achieve our vision. We asked what they thought the ideal state would look like. What would be happening within our parish? What wouldn’t be happening? The input we received, the good and the not so good, was fantastic, thoughtfully conveyed, straight from their hearts.

This information was gathered, categorized, collated, shared, and studied by the Parish Council. Armed with all the data, the Parish Council prayerfully considered what areas needed our fullest attention and those became the focus of the initiatives that will enable us to achieve our vision. In coming weeks, you will hear more about the Mission, Vision and Values. The strategic plan will be shared a bit later. Our aspiration is to enable St. Peter parishioners to grow in their faith and to serve the Lord.

Peace be with you!
Ron Jensen
Chair, Parish Council

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says: “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me.”

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? We currently have an active Conference right here at St Peter Parish addressing the needs of our neighbors in Kirkwood.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Truck

One day only...all day Saturday between morning Mass and Saturday evening Mass! We will receive items in the St Peter Church parking lot near the entrance to Ursuline Hall.

Saturday, October 16
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We gratefully accept:
- Clothing, shoes, purses, and accessories for women, men, and children.
- Kitchen items: dishes, flatware, glasses, pots and pans, bake ware and small appliances.
- Hospital equipment: walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, etc.
- Home goods: linens, rugs, artwork, framed mirrors, baskets, and decorative items.
- Electronics: computers, monitors, DVD and VCR players, phones, radios, speakers, flat screen televisions less than five years old.
- Media: books, records, compact discs, DVDs.

Sorry, we cannot accept:
- Infant car seats and cribs
- Encyclopedias
- Mattresses and pillows
- Damaged, non-working goods
- Furniture will NOT be collected this time.

Please be sure that all items donated are in working order and new or lightly used. Thank you!!
Do you know a young woman who would like to see what the Villa experience and Sacred Heart community is truly about? The upper school is hosting shadow days for girls in the St. Louis region. These prospective Villa Saints can shadow one Villa Duchesne student, attend classes with her, enjoy a delicious complimentary lunch, participate in activities, mingle with other students, and meet our faculty and staff. Please sign up on our website under the Admissions tab. We cannot wait to meet you!

Bishop DuBourg Preview Night
DB Preview Night is an in-person event at Bishop DuBourg for 6-8th graders and their families. Hear from current students about their experience at Bishop DuBourg. After each session, families can tour the school! The first session will begin at 6:30 PM and the second at 7:15 PM. Please register online to reserve a spot.  
https://www.bishopdubourg.org/apps/form/form.BISHOPDHS.sJcf4x5.2aX

Bishop DuBourg would like to welcome you to our Virtual High School Nights! Hear from current DB students about their experience at Bishop DuBourg and how they have grown in Faith, Academics, Community, and Service! Please register online to get updates and information regarding Bishop DuBourg's Virtual High School Night- https://www.bishopdubourg.org/apps/form/form.BISHOPDHS.sH24Re8.1IC

In conjunction with the Archdiocese, DB will offer High School Nights on: Sept. 28, Oct. 4 and Oct. 13.

SLUH Admission Event
St. Louis University High School invites all 8th Grade boys to come for Shadow@SLUH. Spend a half school day with a Jr. Billiken host beginning in late September. Visit admissions.sluh.org to create your SLUH Admissions Account and register.

Attention 8th Grade Boys
CBC is now accepting appointments for our in-person Official 8th Grade Visit Program. During this visit, a young man will participate in Experience CBC Classes designed especially for 8th grade students. He will meet with a current CBC student, attend some of his classes, and have lunch with him. Finally, during the CBC Explore Period, he will have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches and program moderators to gather detailed information about the things in which he is interested. This program is by reservation only. We will limit the number of visitors each day in order to comply with current safety guidelines.

Contact Mrs. Melissa Ryan at 314-985-6095 or ryanm@cbchs.org to reserve your Official 8th Grade Visit. Online registration also available at www.BeaCadet.org.
Faith and Racial Justice Program
Coming in January 2022

As a person of faith, are you looking to challenge your thinking about racism, its causes, and its impact, while discerning practical ways to address it? If so, St. Peter has a program for you.

We will be presenting JustFaith Ministries’ Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege. It is a ten-session program that includes Scriptural grounding, reflection on past and present racial injustices, and conversation about how power and privilege have contributed to racial inequity.

Wednesday evenings
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Jan. 5 to March 16 – except March 2, Ash Wednesday)

or

Thursday afternoons
12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Jan. 6 to March 10)

For more information, contact Lynn Abeln Meyer
labam03@hotmail.com
314-602-8778

Watch a video about the program:

JustFaith Ministries:
youtu.be/CB2OuSjMxps

Faith and Racial Equity:
youtu.be/-ZOKB8f7mTg

We Are Here To Help

Person To Person volunteers are ready to assist you with special needs you may have due to illness or other emergencies. We are ready to assist with transportation, yard work, light housekeeping, grocery shopping or meals. If you could use a ride to church or to the doctor, or if you are too ill to do laundry or fix a meal, please call and we will try to make the necessary arrangements to assist you. We have over 100 parishioners available to help you or help someone you know who cannot find help elsewhere. Call Deacon John Komotos at 314-984-0054. All requests remain confidential. Please leave a message and your call will be answered.

St. Patrick Center for the Homeless

Please keep this important ministry in mind on your next shopping trip. Breakfast bars, granola-type bars, chips, cookies, water, and individual drinks are some of the suggested donations. The Health Department requires that all food items come pre-packaged. Donations are accepted daily.

Drop off location: 450 Burns Avenue, Kirkwood. Look for the green tub along the side of our house on the driveway. Call Jennifer Moritz 909-6756 with any questions.

The ultimate goal of the Mobile Outreach Program is to encourage persons who are chronically homeless to access agency programs that will lead them to permanent housing and financial stability. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Sts. Peter and Paul Soup Kitchen

The volunteers for the meals program at St Peter and Paul in Soulard fed 100 hungry diners on Friday Sept 3 starting at 4:30pm. We had 5 volunteers able to go that evening, but they got the job done and even helped to do some of the packing for the meals to be served the next day. Special thanks to Nick and Kathy Ohlman who headed up the volunteers that night.

The program is a Covid-friendly carryout meal right now which diners can take with them, or eat in the dining hall at St Peter and Paul. The meals consist of a protein entre, and two side items. Diners may also choose a prewrapped dessert, and many times extra bread or dinner rolls are provided. Coffee, milk and fruit juice is also offered.

We from St. Peter serve on the third of each month. If that day falls on a Monday-Friday the meal is served at 4:30. If it falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it is served at 11:30. Helpers arrive at Sts. Peter and Paul thirty minutes prior to meal time.

Volunteers choose which month(s) work for them to help, signing up for the ones that do. We also can use teens needing service hours, and children coming with adult family members as long as they are a minimum of 8 years old.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Mary Raizman at mraizman@lauramccarthy.com.

Watch a video about the program:

JustFaith Ministries:
youtu.be/CB2OuSjMxps

Faith and Racial Equity:
youtu.be/-ZOKB8f7mTg

BUNCH FOR BUNCO FUNDRAISER 2021!
LUCKY 14th ANNUAL EVENT
Friday, November 5, 2021.

Playing Bunco with a fun Bunch!
Wine, Soda, Tea, Savory Snacks & Delicious Desserts; Silent Auction, 3 Winner Prizes, & Attendance Prizes:

Only $20 per player! Bring friends and make new friends!
Doors open at 6:15, and Dice are Rollin’ at 7 pm.

Reservations: Stephanie 314.540.7100 or jsjc2@hotmail.com—put BUNCO in subject.

Ladies Auxiliary, St. Joseph Church Manchester,
567 St. Joseph Ln, Manchester, MO 63021
Over 35 Years of Serving to Our Community!

“Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy, honors God.” Proverbs 14.31
Offertory Collections Update

Total for October 2-3 $ 36,017.00
Month to Date Total: $ 36,017.00
Year to Date Total: $ 445,758.00

Collections versus Budget
Weekly Total: $ 4,391.00
Month To Date Total: $ 4,391.00 (+13.8%)
Year to Date Total:<$ 26,691.00> (−5.6%)

Versus YTD 2020-2021 Collections Adjusted + 8.4%
Versus YTD 2019-2020 Collections Adjusted + 3.4%
Versus YTD 2018-2019 Collections Adjusted < 5.2%>

THANK YOU ST. PETER!

Yoga Fusion has returned to St. Peter Parish!
All levels welcome! Move, Stretch, Relax!

Class Details:
Instructor: Catherine Enslin, a St. Peter parishioner, and ACE Certified Personal Trainer, AFAA Certified Group Exercise Instructor.

Location: Deutschmann Room in Ursuline Hall, 213 W. Argonne, Kirkwood, MO. 63122

Day/Time: Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30PM
Starting Date: October 5, 2021
We will meet on (10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26).

Price:
Cost if paid monthly —$8.00 per class
(Space is limited, so payment is due for the month at the first session of month.)
Drop in cost— $10.00 per class. (Based on space available).

What to Know Before You Go: (Safety Protocols)
Do not enter the space if you have a fever, feel sick, or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks. Please wear a mask upon entering building and while moving around the space. Once seated on Mat, mask may be removed. Please place Mats at least 6 feet from others.

What to Bring:
Yoga mat, props (if needed), water bottle, towel.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please contact: Catherine Enslin at 314-757-2115 or jenslin@sbcglobal.net

Health and Safety Measures: 'Good Health' Verification
When "signing up" for class via email or text, you will be required to affirm that you are in good health and have not been in contact with anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 as detailed by the CDC. Additionally, you will complete an updated waiver to be kept on file to acknowledge as such. Your participation in class is welcomed as long as you are healthy and observing policies and social distancing protocols.

Please pray for the safety and well being of the following loved ones of our parishioners who have been called to military service:


THANK YOU ST. PETER!

Names will remain on the Pray For The Sick list for 4 weeks then are automatically deleted. To be included on this list or to request additional weeks, please call the Parish Office at (314) 966-8600.

Betty Appelbaum (1)
Kristi Hueseman (4)
Louis G. (3)
Heather Jacus (4)
Kathy Kelley (3)
Vic Frome (4)
Jackie Brown (3)
Kevin Lavin (4)
Fr. Jack (2)
Teresa Mancuso (2)
Nico Stillman (4)
Fr. Greg (2)
Margaret McDonald (3)
Lloyd Schnieders (5)
Dolores Johler (2)
Terry McHugh (3)
Karson Dentinger (2)
Trey Kirtian (2)
Shepard Salvatore Vitale (2)
June Hochberg (4)
Charlene Henke (3)
Lillian Klump (4)
Teresa Klump (2)
Annette Leatherman (3)
Terry McHugh (3)
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Lillian Klump (4)
Teresa Klump (2)
Annette Leatherman (3)

October 3, 2021
Emilly Courtney & Nathan Loudenslager (3)
Amy Solari & Michael O’Malley (2)
Jessica Colter & Troy Smith (1)

October 3, 2021
August Henry Kramer, son of David and Melinda Kramer.
Patrick Theodore McAuliffe, son of Michael and Mally McAuliffe.
Birdie Rose Vitale, daughter of Joseph and Brianna Vitale.
Shepard Salvatore Vitale, son of Joseph and Brianna Vitale.