

St. Peter Claver Parish



Our Lady of the Holy Cross



St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist



St. Augustine



St. Matthew, the Apostle

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 26, 2025

Parish Staff

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New Parish Transition Team

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Brenda Vanderford

Sandra Wilson

Feel free to contact one of the team members with questions and ideas as we transition to a new parish.

Parish Offices

ST. PETER CLAVER PARISH

stpeterclaverstl.org

LIVE STREAM - in browser or You Tube:

[@stpeterclaverstl](https://www.youtube.com/@stpeterclaverstl)

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses: St. Peter Claver Parish

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Daily Masses: Tuesday - Friday, 12:00 PM

4330 Shreve Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63115

RECONCILIATION

One (1) hour before Mass and by Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

One (1) hour Thursdays following 12:00 Noon Mass

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace! **A huge “thank you!” to all the volunteers who helped with our Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day “Service Project.”** Working together as a parish family, we accomplished a great deal in a short amount of time. Three teams of parishioners tackled three areas of the parish campus: the school cafeteria, the school gym, and the basement and stairwell of the former St. Charles Lwanga Center building. Extensive cleaning and thorough organization were brought to these “target” areas. Thank you, again, volunteers! Well done, good and faithful stewards!

As announced last week, **the parish council is now forming at St. Peter Claver.** Several members of the “Transition Team” will continue on as members of this parish leadership group. This provides us with needed continuity since, in many ways, the “Transition Team” fulfilled a number of the responsibilities reserved for a parish council. **Thank you to all who served on our “Transition Team” and to those who will continue on to the parish council!** May God reward you for your faithful commitment to our parish family!

With that said, **there are now three (3) “open positions” needing to be filled on our parish council.** All registered parishioners (minimum age of 19 years old) are eligible to fulfill these vacancies. Nominations for these positions are ongoing and will continue to be received through Sunday, February 2nd. After those nominated accept their candidacy, there will be a formal “drawing of names” at the conclusion of the Sunday, February 9th, 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please prayerfully discern if God is calling you to serve in this capacity! Thank you for your consideration!

This weekend, we celebrate the “Sunday of the Word of God.” In 2019, Pope Francis designated the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as a Sunday “devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God” (*Aperuit illis* [“He opened it for them”], *motu proprio* of Pope Francis on 30 September 2019). In honor of this special celebration, we will be providing bibles for the young adults and youth and doing a formal blessing of all other bibles brought to Mass.

While this 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time does receive this special title, **we know that every day is to be a “day of the Word.”** Just a little time spent each day reading and praying with the Bible has the power to effect remarkable change in one’s life. Commit yourself today to this practice, and you’ll see! Well, my prayers remain for you and your loved ones! God bless and keep you always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Scott Scheiderer
Pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish



Saturday Vigil, January 25

4:00 PM

Ushers: Regi McMurtry, Rosalind Williams

Lector: Pauly Snyder

Acolyte: Kim Reid

EMHC: Brenda Vanderford

Sunday, January 26

8:00 AM

Ushers: Bernadette White, Joan Crawford

Lector: Abraham Lopez

Acolyte: Shirley Robinson

10:00 AM

Ushers: **YOUTH SUNDAY**

Lector: Kennedy Thomas

Acolyte: Michael Williams, Terron Houston

EMHC: Gail Velten, Jim Velten
(Main, check-in with Fr. Scott before Mass)
Kevin Blackshear (Choir)

Announcer: Brenda Vanderford

Saturday Vigil, February 1

4:00 PM

Ushers: Bernard Anthony

Lector: Alfreda Pulley

Acolyte: Rosalind Williams

EMHC: Kim Reid

Sunday, February 2

8:00 AM

Ushers: Bernadette White, Bill Murphy

Lector: Anjanette Clark

Acolyte: Kim Reid

10:00 AM

Ushers: Dionne Flowers, Helen Smith

Lector: Kennedy Thomas

Acolyte: Lynn Woolfolk, Jim Velten,
Dionne Flowers, Stephen Byes

EMHC: Isom Williams, Teresa Scurlock
(Main, check-in with Fr. Scott before Mass)
Marie Graham (Choir)

Announcer: Corliss Cox

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“That we may actively listen to and live out the Word of God in our daily lives, allowing it to guide our actions and transform our hearts, just as Jesus did in his ministry.”

Amen.

Scripture Readings

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Reading I

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Reading II

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

January 27 - February 1

Monday: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mark 4:21-25

Friday: Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mark 4:35-41

HOMEBOUND AND SICK

Remember in your prayers all the Homebound and Sick of our parish:

Richard Anderson, Judith Banks, James Blum, William Bonnet, Carrie Brown, Grace Brown, Jane Brown, Ruby Carter, Roger Casey, Seola Collier, Gwen Cooper, Bernice Culmore, Lily Davis, Carol Dickerson, Rhonda Dorsey, Harold Duffield, Naomi Gardner, Leodia Gooch, Paula Griffin, Naomi Hampton, Joan Hanheide, Michael Hanson, Kenneth Herndon, Pauline Humphrey, Barbara Ingram, Karen Jamison, Janie Kirkland, Finley Martin, Arlene McDaniels, Elizabeth McFarland, Jacqueline McNeese, Jan Quinn, Kim Reid, Marilyn Rusznak, Wendell Scales, Charlene Shannon, Shirley Shelton, Sandra Simmons, Frances Simms, Dorothy Sing, Crystal Small, Doris Smith, Laverna Spinks, Les Wells, Patricia Wells, Lillian Whitley, Mattie Williams, Eugenia Young



In Loving Memory



Remember all of our departed loved ones.

Clyde Muse

*In my Father's house
are many rooms.*

*If it were not so, would I have told you that
I will go to prepare a place for you?*

John 14:2

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
January 20 thru January 26**



Monday, January 20
Hillside Rehab & Healthcare Center
10:00 a.m. **Ereberta Flowers**
Tuesday, January 21
12:00 p.m. **Stanley King**
Wednesday, January 22
12:00 p.m. **Luci A. Rucker**
Thursday, January 23
12:00 p.m. **Clyde Muse**
Friday, January 24
12:00 p.m. **Smothers & Tinker Families**
Saturday, January 25
4:00 p.m. **Jerry Saykes**
Sunday, January 26
8:00 a.m. **Spies & Dillon Families**
10:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

St. Peter Claver Offertory

January 19, 2025

\$8,507.00



Jesus make our hearts like yours.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
January 27 thru February 2**



Monday, January 27
Hillside Rehab & Healthcare Center
10:00 a.m. **Clyde Muse**
Tuesday, January 28
12:00 p.m. **Jerry Saykes**
Wednesday, January 29
12:00 p.m. **Stanley King**
Thursday, January 30
12:00 p.m. **Lessie Stewart**
Friday, January 31
12:00 p.m. **Ereberta Flowers**
Saturday, February 1
4:00 p.m. **People of the Parish**
Sunday, February 2
8:00 a.m. **Mary Ellen Metzger**
10:00 a.m. **Wynette Thomas**

SEVEN SISTERS PRAYER GROUP

The Seven Sisters is a prayer group of seven women who agree to pray a Holy Hour one day each week for the pastor for one year. The Holy Hour may be made in front of an Exposition of the Holy Eucharist or before a tabernacle. This is at a church of your choice, not just St. Peter Claver. We are looking for **three** more women to join us. If you are interested, contact Kim Reid at sacredheart4kim@gmail.com.

**January Birthdays
& Anniversary**

**Happy Birthday & Anniversary
to all who celebrate this month.**



PARISH NEWS

*Prayer to St. Michael
Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us
in battle, be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do
thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the
power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the
evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls.*



Amen.

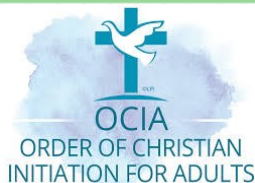
**ST. PETER CLAVER
CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**



We will have St. Peter Claver envelopes beginning March, 2025. There will not be an envelope mailing for February. Envelopes for February will be provided in the pews and the back of church.

Please use these envelopes and be sure to mark your name on the envelope. We ask that you continue your generous giving through February as we wait for our St. Peter Claver envelopes to arrive in March.

**Order of Christian Initiation of
Adults
(OCIA)**



Do you know someone that is interested in joining the Catholic Church? Or, someone baptized who is not confirmed or who has never received communion?

Classes have begun but it's not too late to join us. We will meet on Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the rectory dining room.

The OCIA class for our youth meets the second Sunday of the month following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The next Youth OCIA will be on February 9, please plan on attending.

Contact our Parish Office, 314-531-6443, if interested in learning more about joining our Church or contact Fr. Scheiderer.

**“THIS IS MY STORY . . .
THIS IS MY SONG”**

Sharon Shanks will be our February guest speaker for the **“This is my story...This is my song”** presentation. We will meet in the rectory basement following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on February 16.

Also, if you are interested in sharing your story, please contact Alfreda Pulley on 314-629-6759 or call the parish office. Let's take advantage of this chance to grow in faith with one another.

BACKPACK DRIVE



Our 2025 Backpack Drive is drawing to a close. Our students here at the parish and the students at St. Louis Catholic Academy and Cardinal Ritter High School are the beneficiaries of this program.

If you are interested in sponsoring a grade or classroom, see the list with the student count in the back of church.

We are planning on giving out the back packs the first week of February, but Father Scott will be blessing them before we take them to the school.

You can leave your donations in the box in the back of church or contact the parish office to drop them off by Monday, January 27.

For more information, please see Ms. Vickie Rainey.

SCRIP PROGRAM



Inclement weather is upon us. For those of you who are unable to get to the store or prefer to avoid the crowds, we offer you a solution, our **Scrip Program**. In a nutshell, you purchase gift cards from a wide range of vendors with cash or check, we order them and have them for you the next weekend.

Our Parish benefits as each vendor has agreed to a percentage discount on each card purchased. So, you pay the full denomination amount of the card, the discounted percentage is applied and the discounted portion stays at the Parish. We do not keep any cards on hand. See the list of vendors and their discount or talk to Lynda in the back of church.

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE COMMUNITY

**ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
and
THE IN UNISON CHORUS**

Grammy Award winning vocalist Donald Lawrence joins your St Louis Symphony Orchestra and the In Unison Chorus for this joyful celebration of Black History Month, Friday, February 28, 2025, 7:30 p.m. Contact Vivian Fox for tickets, which are \$23.00 each.

EMPOWER MISSOURI - WEEK OF ACTION

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Week of Action, **February 3-5!**

The Missouri legislative session is heating up and we will need your voices in Jefferson City!

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, you can join Empower Missouri over your lunch hour for virtual learning sessions. Each session will take a deep dive into a social justice issue that is being taken up in the legislative session, followed by a call to action related to that issue. There will also be some skill building opportunities and some Q&A.

Each Session will take place on Zoom from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Monday, February 3 - Food Security
Tuesday, February 4 - Community Justice
Wednesday, February 5 - Affordable Housing

To register go to:

<https://empowermissouri.org/week-of-action/?emci=5625e01f-d2bb-ef11-88d0-000d3a9d5840&emdi=c6462136-bcbc-ef11-88d0-000d3a9d5840&ceid=9994459>

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time has been designated by the Pope as the “**Sunday of the Word of God**”. January 25 and 26, we will be gifting Bibles to our **youth and young adults**. We invite you to bring your Bible with you on the 25th and 26th, Father Scheiderer will bless them.

**CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST
CALLED TO FREEDOM
FEBRUARY 15, 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
SI COMMONS at SLUH**

Speakers Dr. Jonathan Reyes, John Edwards, and Fr. Patrick Ike Nwokoye. Cost: \$45.00 includes box lunch and free parking.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025

Join Christians from our local St. Louis communities in prayer for Christian unity.

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski
Archdiocese of St. Louis, Presiding

Reverend Michael Arbanas
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Preaching

Sunday, January 26, 2025, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
St. Monica Catholic Church
12140 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur

Reception will follow the prayer.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF), opens the scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 school year on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. We encourage all families to apply for scholarships.

For new and returning families, an online application is required. Please visit www.ttef-stl.org.

A complete application requires proof of income.

TTEF offers scholarships to all Archdiocesan Elementary Schools and all non-public schools in the City of St. Louis. With our partners, TTEF has limited scholarships for all Catholic Schools. Questions, please call Cori Scheitlin at 314-792-7735 or Laura George at 314-792-7623 or email ttef@archstl.org.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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Si Commons at SLUH**

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE 2025
For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another.

Galatians 5:13

**SAVE THE DATE
MASS OF RACIAL UNITY**

Join the Office of Racial Harmony for the 4th Annual Mass of Racial Unity celebrated by Archbishop Rozanski at St. Cletus Parish on Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Parish
2705 Zumbahl Rd.
St. Charles, MO 63301

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WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO

◆ **Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Movement**

Join Sacred Heart Parish in Florissant to view the 14-part document series to learn about the injustices of the past as a way to shed light on our present and work towards a more equitable future. During each session, participants will watch a one-hour episode followed by a short discussion.

Wednesday January 8, January 22 and beyond | 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish (N. Jefferson)

◆ **2025 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering: "Missionaries of Hope, Advocates for Justice"**

The Catholic Labor Network is joining with other leaders in Catholic social ministry and advocacy, including national organizations, dioceses, parishes, and individuals for the 2025 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering: "Missionaries of Hope, Advocates for Justice." The 2025 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering celebrates and shares a bright vision for our world and will equip leaders to become advocates for justice and peace. For more than 40 years, the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) has brought together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to address pressing current domestic and global challenges affecting our most vulnerable brothers and sisters at home and around the world.

January 25-28 - Washington, DC

◆ **STEBENVILLE-STL MID-AMERICA - CONSUMED (Deuteronomy 4:24)**

July 11-13 or July 18-20

Information regarding the Steubenville Youth Conferences is now available and can be found online at steubystl.com or steubenvilleconferences.com.

Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of 25 conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Our mission is to build the church by evangelization, equipping and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples.

◆ **Catholic Women for Christ Conference, My Soul Proclaims (Luke 1:46), March 8, 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Si Commons at SLUH. Early registration is \$35.00. Keynote speakers are Heather Khym and Sr. Marie Veritas, S.V., and Carrie Bajzath, Worship. Register at: CATHOLICWOMENFORCHRIST.ORG

◆ **MARRIAGE ON TAP STL**

Join us on **Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** for an evening of dinner and marriage enrichment at Syberg's on Dorsett in Maryland Heights, Missouri. Our guest speakers will be Lauren & Bill Fogarty, and their presentation is entitled, "Hold On . . . God's Unconditional Love and the Power of Prayer." The evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Dinner is \$66 per couple/\$33 per person. Cash bar will be available. Advanced registration is required and must be postmarked by March 3, 2025. For more information, check out Marriage on Tap STL on Facebook or email us at marriageontapstl@gmail.com.

BULLETIN ADS AND/OR MEMORIAMS

If you have a business or know someone who has a business or want to memorialize a loved one, you may be interested in sponsoring an annual ad or memorial in our weekly bulletin. You can have an ad space for \$300 a year, that is advertising or a memorial donation for only \$25 a month.

A 2-1/2" x 1-1/2" ad will be included in our weekly bulletin (52 weeks) and on our website publicizing your business, reaching more potential clients.

Or, if you want to memorialize a loved one all year long, memoriams are also available for inclusion in our weekly bulletin. Specifications for memoriams are the same as bulletin ads.

All income generated from our ads will go to cover the expense of publishing our weekly bulletin.

If interested in either an ad or a memorial, please contact our Parish Office for more information.

CANDLEMAS**February 2**

“Candlemas, also known as the **Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ**, the **Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, or the **Feast of the Holy Encounter**, is a Christian feast day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple by Joseph and Mary. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40.



According to the Old Testament rules in Leviticus 12, a woman was to be purified by presenting a lamb as a burnt offering, and either a young pigeon or dove as sin offering, 33 days after a boy's circumcision. The feast falls on 2 February, which is traditionally the 40th day of and the conclusion of the Christmas–Epiphany season.

While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve), those in other Christian countries historically remove them after Candlemas. On Candlemas, many Christians (especially Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, and some mainline Protestant denominations including Lutherans, Anglicans and Methodists) also take their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year; for Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who is referred to as the Light of the World.”

We invite you to bring a sampling of your candles the weekend of February 1 and 2, the Presentation of the Lord, for Father to bless them for home use throughout the year.

Source: Wikipedia

THE BLESSING OF THROATS**February 3**

“Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts... he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.



Details regarding the miraculous healing of the boy vary. One account relates that the miracle occurred during the journey to take Blaise to prison when he placed his hand on the boy's head and prayed; another that the miracle happened while Blaise was in prison when he picked up two candles provided to him and formed a cross around the boy's throat.

The use of candles for the blessing of throats stems from the candles that Blaise used while in prison. When an old woman's pig had been miraculously rescued from a wolf by Saint Blaise, she would visit him in prison, bringing him food and candles to bring him light in his dark cell.

The candles may be joined by a red ribbon, the color of martyrdom. Although it is the general custom to touch the throat with the candles, it is not required, especially if the candles are lit. The candles may be held over the person.

The following blessing is said:

“Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Source: Wikipedia



Granberry Mortuary, Inc.
8806 Jennings Station Road
Jennings, Missouri 63136
314-867-8837

**FOR AN AD OR
MEMORIAM,
CONTACT THE
PARISH OFFICE FOR
MORE INFORMATION.**