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The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.



**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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Peter & Paul Community Services 314-588-7111
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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.

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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 receptions, banquets, parties, rehearsal dinners. Contact Doug Swaney of Catered Memories. 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 YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (Ages: 20's & 30's) meet once a month on the 2nd Saturday of each month for Mass and a potluck in the rectory. If you are in your 20's or 30's, we invite you to come. Please contact Ryan Sitki at rsitki@gmail.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.

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	Dec	13	Parishioners
Sunday	Dec	14	Parishioners
Monday	Dec	15	Richard Jovanovic
Tuesday	Dec	16	Doucette & Fuchs Families
Wednesday	Dec	17	John Rice
Thursday	Dec	18	Rita Gebelein

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Dec	13 & 14	Fr. Bruce Forman
Dec	20 & 21	Deacon Tom Gorski
Dec	24	Fr. Bruce Forman
Dec	25	Deacon Dennis Chitwood
Dec	27	Fr. Art Cavitt
Dec	28	Deacon Tom Gorski

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 15 – 21, 2014**

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



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LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

All schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers, Ushers & Greeters will be posted at the information center going forward.

CHRISTMAS TV MASS

Christmas Mass on TV will bring the joyful celebration of our Lord's Nativity into homes, healthcare settings, and other places. Please invite homebound loved ones to join in the Heart of the Nation **Catholic TV Mass on Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m. on KTVI channel 2.2.** The Christmas Scripture readings, traditional hymns, and the inspiring surroundings of an 1800's chapel will give TV Mass viewers the gift of rejoicing in the meaning and blessings of Christmas. Video of the TV Mass will also be online at www.HeartoftheNation.org.

GENERAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Last Weekend's – General Offering	\$3,785.27
Average Weekly Offering	\$3,147.92
Average Weekly Expenses	\$8,384.99

Thank you for your gifts to God and to our parish



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Sts. Peter & Paul welcome Benjamin Kenkel & Jodi Leoni as full-time parishioners. They will also be married here in 2015.

We also welcome Dianne Frey as an associate parishioner of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves to others so we can get to know each other.

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

Happy Birthday!

Dec 13 Al Niehoff
Dec 14 Sue Hackmann
Dec 14 Kathy McKinnon
Dec 15 Mary Hejkal
Dec 15 Kimberly Zouglas
Dec 16 Renee Monday
Dec 21 Anne Nelson



STEWARDSHIP

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

That through our own suffering we develop empathy for others in similar situations.

Happy Anniversary!

Dec 15 Al & Cheryl Niehoff

Happy Anniversary to Deacon Tom Gorski on this 35th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Deacon. We are grateful for the gifts you bring to our parish. You have an exceptional gift in preaching the Word of God and delivering his message in a way we can all understand and apply to our daily lives. We wish continued blessings upon you and your family. We love you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Chuck Hejkal, Donna Sikorski, Diane Koishor, Steve Ippolito, Elizabeth Chitwood, Dawn Fuller, Al Niehoff, Andy Alaska, Fluffy Juergens.

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.

Note from parish office: Please contact the office to have your name put on the prayer list and also to be taken off the prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR YEAR 2015

We are now taking Mass Intention requests for 2015. Masses are \$5.00 each. Please call the office to reserve your special dates. Make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul and note in the memo “For Mass Intentions”.

SPECIAL NOTICE – PLEASE READ THE MEALS PROGRAM

The Racz Group will serve the Meals on the 9th of January 2015

This will give the parishioners and friends of Sts. Peter and Paul a needed break to refresh, who so selflessly give of their time and talent all year long to cook, serve, clean up and to talk with the visitors who partake of the wonderful meals you provide. We take this opportunity to thank all of you and ask God’s continued blessings on you for your dedication to serving the poor.

GOD’S WORD TODAY

Last week the letter of Saint Peter reminded us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion as we wait for the coming of the Lord. This week the prophet Isaiah tells us what it means to be someone upon whom the Spirit of the Lord God has rested. God’s Spirit entered our hearts at the moment of our baptism and that same Spirit’s gifts were poured forth abundantly when we were confirmed. As the first reading is proclaimed today, let us pray that we will become people who bring glad tidings to the poor, who heal the brokenhearted, and who announce a year of favor from the Lord. When we take on these baptismal responsibilities, then, as Saint Paul says, the God of peace will make us perfectly holy. Let us pray that as we feast at the table of the word, we will be inspired to announce the presence of the Lord to others.

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LIVING GOD’S WORD

Dear God, source and giver of joy, open my heart to receive your joy. As the Advent season continues, help me to live in a spirit of anticipation and watchfulness for how Christ continues to come into the world, a spirit of joy rooted in the awareness that you are faithful to your children. Amen.

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RETREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR MUSICIANS JANUARY 9 – 11, 2015

“Make Music From your Heart” is the theme for a 48 hour retreat experience for lovers of music. The retreat will be held at the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka, MO. We welcome people of all faiths to experience spiritual growth through songwriting, recording and performing. The retreat includes private room lodging with bath (linens provided) and six meals for a cost of \$200 per person. Each participant will get a CD of all the original music created. Call the Retreat Center at 636 938-5390 for information and registration.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The tradition of anointing the sick with blessed oil is very old, but developed slowly and unevenly in the first eight centuries of the church's life. St. Augustine, who wrote volumes of homilies from his thriving church in North Africa, plus pastoral directives, letters, and memoirs, never mentions it at all. We know from ancient prayers that it did happen in Rome, Milan, Gaul, and the British Isles. In Rome the bishop blessed the oil of the sick, but it could be applied by a priest, deacon, or a layperson. It seems that sick persons could even anoint themselves. St. Genevieve of Paris was known for anointing the sick in her care.

Perhaps inevitably, complaints of abuses, and even trickery by sorcerers, brought an end to this consoling practice. In a dangerous world with a dispersed population, clerics may have preferred that this hands-on care was a lay privilege. The purpose of anointing, however, was not simply healing, but forgiveness of sin and an experience of saving power of Christ. By the year 800, dioceses everywhere were organizing rituals for priestly anointing. Although anointing of the sick is reserved to priests today, perhaps this treasured memory will enrich the future of the sacrament.

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

MORE THAN DISCIPLES

Each of today's four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

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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 kindness and care of others.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Certain watchwords are associated with each season of the church year, almost becoming a motto. Advent's is "Wake up." It then leads to other words like "Watch," "Wait," and "Witness." But every Third Sunday of Advent, we anticipate the coming Christmas season, whose key word is "Rejoice." This Sunday was traditionally called *Gaudete* ("Rejoice") Sunday. Priests continue to wear rose-colored vestments today, signaling joy.

Joy is not only for Christmastime and the occasional Sunday. I remember as an altar boy, before Vatican II, Mass began with the "prayers at the foot of the altar." The priest would begin: "I will go up to the altar of God." The server responded: "To God who gives joy to my youth," or as some translations had it, "To God, my exceeding joy."

It was a reminder that God is the source of all joy and that joy is one of the great gifts of God, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul reminds us that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22–23). Now there is a good list for Christmas giving. Tell your loved ones your Christmas gift this year will be to pray throughout the coming year that the Spirit will bring them one of these gifts.

John's gift to the people who came out into the wilderness was to call them to prepare for the Lord, to give them a sense of heightened anticipation that the One coming to them would fill them with joy.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

A trip down Memory Lane #9: The Honeymoon. Not everyone takes a honeymoon after their wedding but whether you did or not, savor the early days of your marriage. What made them special? What did you learn about each other?

PARENTING POINTERS

The Christmas Vigil uses the genealogy of Jesus as the Gospel (Matthew 1:1-25). Do your children know their heritage back several generations? Talk with them about their relatives dead and alive and their ethnic roots. Perhaps go to a map and help them visualize the way they came to the place you now call home.

Susan Vogt www.SusanVogt.net

ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
TRIVIA NIGHT
JANUARY 17, 2015**

Where: St. Martin of Tours Parish Hall
610 W. Ripa Ave. 63125
When: Saturday, January 17, 2015
Doors open at 6 p.m. with Trivia starting
at 7 p.m.
Price: \$20 per person with teams of 8 - 10

The night includes general trivia, 50/50 raffle, attendance prizes, silent auction, beer, soda, and small snacks. Proceeds from the Trivia Night will be used to support the Athletic Association of St. Martin of Tours. **To reserve a table please email Steve Eirvin at Steveervin18@gmail.com or call Rick Johner at 314-223-0232.**

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**



Jackie Kaiser
The Wilder Family
Bob Blastenbrei, Jr.
George Sandusky
The Hobart Family
Mary Dowling Victor
Bob Victor
Bill Victor
Dorothy Sayles
Angelo Vassallo
Caroline Vassallo
The Fuchs Family
Joe Bess
Dan Koishor
Bob Koishor
Gildo & Beulah Orler
Rose Palumbo & Tushar Family
The Sheridan Family
Bud & Murmai Meyer
The Warren Family
Tom Kerley
The Koehler Family
Notre Dame Nuns
The Sikorski Family
The Burnett Family
The Farrar Family
Edward Miller, Sr.
The Campanelli Family

**CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST
8TH ANNUAL ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015**

Time: 7 AM doors open; 8:30 AM Conference begins; Conference concludes with 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
Location: Peabody Opera House, Downtown St. Louis
Theme: *The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.* -Luke 10:2.
Speakers: George Weigel, Tim Staples, Terry Barber and Monsignor James J. Ramacciotti.

The Catholic Men for Christ Conference has a newly designed "user friendly" website. Find conference details and complete your online registration at catholicmenforchrist.org.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST
6TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015**

Time: 7:45 AM doors open; 9:00 AM Keynote, 4:00 PM Concluding Mass
Location: St. Charles Convention Center
St. Charles, MO

Theme: *If you are what you should be, you will set the world on fire.* - St. Catherine of Siena.
Speakers: Teresa Tomeo, Syndicated Catholic talk show host and motivational speaker and Brenda Sharman, Founding National Director of *Pure Fashion*.

For more details and registration, please visit catholicwomenforchrist.org

**RECOMMENDED HOLIDAY VIEWING
DECEMBER 30 ON EWTN AT 5:30 PM**

Take a moment to sit back, put up your feet, and enjoy "*The Forsaken*" on Tuesday, December 30 on EWTN at 5:30 pm. This thirty minute documentary, featuring the Archdiocese of St. Louis mission program **Pan y Amor**, will open your eyes to the lives of children who have been rescued from living on the streets of Cochabamba and La Paz, Bolivia. Prior to being rescued, these children barely survived and often went to sleep hungry and on the streets. Emmy award winner Chuck Neff does an extraordinary job of capturing the struggles of these innocent children and their quest for a brighter future. This is a show you don't want to miss!!

ST FRANCES CABRINI ACADEMY BULLETIN NOTICE

At St. Frances Cabrini Academy, we are spending time this school year looking at Catholic Social Teaching through our theme – We Are Many & We Are One. As we keep you updated over the course of the school year, please join us in this spiritual reflection. As our focus has shifted to the Advent season, we discuss often how we can “make straight the way of the Lord”. We brought this quote from Pope Frances into our discussion -

In God’s kingdom, we are called to be holy. Pope Francis tells us about being holy: "Some think that holiness is closing your eyes and holiness. It is living with love and offering your own Christian witness in your daily tasks...Be bearers of holiness. Always, in your home, on the streets, at work and in church...God himself will give you grace."

It was decided that we should live with love in our daily tasks; then we will be living in God’s Kingdom. I hope that you can join us in these efforts this Advent season.

TAKEN FROM DISCIPLES’ DISPATCH

ADVENT CALLS US TO HOLINESS

by Deacon Jim Russell, Family Life Coordinator

Another year is concluding, and another precious few weeks to prepare our hearts for celebrating the birth of the Infant Jesus! That kind of preparation hardly seems doable in the midst of the commercialism, distractions, and numerous obligations we face during what secular society can only go so far as to call the "Holiday Season." Yet, even that minimal acknowledgment that a "Holiday" (as in Holy Day) is involved in all this really does point us in the right direction. While the Christmas carol affirms that "Tis the season to be jolly," the more fundamental Advent call is "Tis the season to be holy"! The true joy of being "jolly" arises not from outside us, but from within us. And that joy doesn't happen within us unless we've prepared for it by seeking holiness.

Advent as a time of waiting, expectation, and preparation reveals to us that the One for Whom we wait—Jesus Christ—is also not merely born 2000 years ago in a Bethlehem stable, but also ought to be "born again"—here in 2014—within us, in our very hearts and souls. We are to make room in our very soul for our newborn Infant King.

Most of the time, this kind of preparation involves a serious spiritual house-cleaning. We have to clear out the interior debris field that fills our souls and form a humble and not ostentatious space—our own personal manger as throne—for the One whose very life, love, and mercy is the font of all holiness.

How? Well, why not lean on that life, love, and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? We can't give what we don't already have, so if we want to give some great and

selfless gifts in the coming Christmas Season, we first have to actually "possess" our best self—we have to "have" our best selves to give to others. And once we find the humility to get over ourselves, so to speak, He makes it so easy for us to approach Him in the Sacraments and find that inner strength and sanctity that only He can restore in us—all so that we can imitate Him and give our best selves away for the sake of others.

So, have a blessed—literally—Season of Advent. "Tis the season to be holy!"

A PRAYER FOR IMMIGRATION

LOVING FATHER,

remembering that the Holy Family fled violence and lived for a time as refugees, we ask that you protect all refugee families fleeing persecution, and provide them a place of safety and comfort. For children who are making perilous journeys, often alone and without the protection of loved ones, we ask that you reunite them with their families and protect them from violence on the journey. For all migrants, that they not feel compelled to migrate but have opportunities in their homeland where they can thrive and live fully human lives. Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for those who come in search of refuge. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Taken from Our Sunday Visitor
Parish Life

WAYS TO WATCH THIS ADVENT

by Julianne Will

Watch for signs of Jesus all around you each day. Watch for someone to hold a door for the next person, or shovel a neighbor’s walk, or help carry something heavy. Watch for someone to offer a compliment or to share a seat on the train or to give away a treat. Each night at dinner, take turns describing the ways you saw Jesus in others.

Watch for ways to be Jesus to those around you each day. Watch for opportunities to say hi to someone who looks lonely or to cheer up a crying child or to clean up a mess that you didn’t make. Offer these moments up to Jesus in silent prayer at dinner each night. Or write those moments on slips of paper and add them as cushion for Baby Jesus in the manger in your Nativity scene.

Pause and Watch... with nothing to do... Watch for the first star of the evening one night, then read from the Bible the story of the star announcing Jesus’ birth in Luke 2:1-20.
