

St. Peter Claver Parish



Our Lady of the Holy Cross



St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist
St. Augustine



St. Matthew, the Apostle



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2025

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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! And happy New Year!
On Wednesday, January 1st, we ushered in the new year with the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The first reading that day highlighted the priestly blessing of Numbers 6:24-26, one of my favorite prayers of blessing. For the ancient Jews, this prayer of blessing invoked something of the presence of the Lord upon the people. I extend this blessing to you and your loved ones as we begin this new Year of the Lord 2025:

The Lord bless you and keep you!
 The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
 The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

On this 2nd Sunday of the Christmas Season, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” comes from the original Greek word “*epiphainein*,” which basically means “appearance” or “manifestation.” Now, what is being made manifest at this special feast is Jesus as the Messiah or “Anointed One” of Israel, Jesus as the Son of God, and finally, Jesus as the Savior of the world. These “titles” of our Lord are represented through the gifts of the Magi: gold to represent Jesus’ kingly office, that He is the “anointed one of the Lord”; frankincense to represent His Divinity, that He is the Son of God; and, lastly, myrrh, a burial ointment, to represent the saving sacrifice He will make to redeem sinful humanity.

With the celebration of this feast, we are reminded too of our responsibility to *make Christ manifest in our daily lives.* We are Christ’s representatives here on earth, and we are called to reflect His light, each in his or her own unique way. In 1 Corinthians 12:7, St. Paul writes, “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” The more we give ourselves to the Life imparted to us at our baptism, the more that Life will make Itself known to all those we encounter.

My prayers continue for you and your loved ones as we progress through this Christmas season. May the peace and joy of the Christ Child continue to radiate in your hearts and minds. God bless and keep you always!

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



Saturday Vigil, January 4

4:00 PM
Ushers: Bernard Anthony, Rosalind Williams
Lector: Brenda Vanderford
Acolyte: Rosalind Williams
EMHC: Kim Reid

Sunday, January 5

8:00 AM
Ushers: Bill Murphy, Bernadette White
Lector: Shirley Robinson
Acolyte: Kim Reid
10:00 AM
Ushers: Lynn Woolfolk, Jim Velten, Dionne Flowers, Stephen Belt
Lector: Stephen Byes, Teresa Scurlock
Acolyte: Pam Mason, Michael Williams
EMHC: Myles McCabe, Margaret McCabe (Main, check-in with Fr. Scott before Mass) Barbara Jackson (Choir)

Announcer: Sandra Wilson

Saturday Vigil, January 11

4:00 PM
Ushers: Reggie McMurtry, Rosalind Williams
Lector: Michelle Vinson
Acolyte: Kim Reid
EMHC: Paulyn Snyder

Sunday, January 12

8:00 AM
Ushers: Joan Crawford, Bernadette White
Lector: Peter Jones
Acolyte: Pam Mason
10:00 AM
Ushers: Jim Velten, Jacoby Combs, Sheila Johnson, Stephen Belt
Lector: Judy Lydon, Sr. Joyce Engel
Acolyte: Venus Spain, Terron Houston
EMHC: Isom Williams, Teresa Scurlock (Main, check-in with Fr. Scott before Mass) Marie Graham (Choir)

Announcer: Simeon Layne, Jr.

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Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

January 6, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

Reading I

Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Reading II

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

January 6 - 11

Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; John 3:22-30

HOMEBOUND AND SICK

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

Paula Addoh, 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, 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.

**Stanley King
Gladys Johnson
Veronica Whalum**

*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 6
thru
January 12**



Monday, January 6
Hillside Rehab & Healthcare Center
10:00 a.m. **Jim A. Thomasson**

Tuesday, January 7
12:00 p.m. **Veronica Whalum**

Wednesday, January 8
12:00 p.m. **Bradie Wilson, Jr.**

Thursday, January 9
12:00 p.m. **Ereberta Flowers**

Friday, January 10
12:00 p.m. **Luci Allen Rucker**

Saturday, January 11
4:00 p.m. **People of the Parish**

Sunday, January 12
8:00 a.m. **Jerry Saykes**
10:00 a.m. **Mary Ann Dillon**

**January Birthdays
& Anniversary**

Happy Birthday
&

Anniversary

to all who celebrate this month.



Offertory

December 22, 2024

Total St. Peter Claver Parish
\$ 8,147.29 Gen. Fund

December 25, 2024

Total St. Peter Claver Parish
\$ 1,622.00 Gen. Fund

December 29, 2024

Total St. Peter Claver Parish
\$ 8,597.47 Gen. Fund

Jesus make our hearts like yours



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE COMMUNITY

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

It is a special date for many Christians as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born. 'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world.

Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

The Epiphany commemorates the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee.

The Gospel of Matthew (2:1-12) speaks of Magi, or wise men, who followed a star from the East to Bethlehem in search of a newborn king. There they found Mary and the baby Jesus and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Three wise men, or Magi as they were known, whose names were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, traveled a far distance to pay homage to Christ. They brought with them fine gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Gold represents the Kingship of Jesus. The magi's gifts were not simply a demonstration of wealth - they conveyed deeper meaning. The gold represents Jesus' kingship. Jesus' kingship transcends all earthly rulers - the Magi recognized that, and they came to worship him.

The frankincense represents Jesus' deity. In the Old Testament, frankincense was traditionally burned in the temple as an offering to God (Leviticus 2:2). By bringing this gift, the Magi affirmed Jesus was no ordinary man; he is both fully man and fully God.

Commonly used to embalm bodies, the gift of myrrh foreshadows Jesus' death. We see in John 19:38-40 that Nicodemus brought myrrh at the time of Jesus' burial.

In this way, the full story of Jesus' coming is revealed. Jesus was born so that we might have salvation. Through Jesus' death, we have eternal life.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 11, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 12, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Tools for the Synodal Journey

Thursday, January 16, 2:00 p.m.

Throughout 2025, the worldwide Church will journey through a special Jubilee Year - Catholic Mobilizing Network is kicking off this Jubilee Year with a special webinar to provide tools that will help us answer this year's call to be "Pilgrims of Hope."

Join CMN to learn more about the upcoming Jubilee Year, its relationship with the ongoing call to synodality, how we can manifest "tangible signs of hope" in our midst, and opportunities to engage death penalty abolition and restorative practices in the spirit of Jubilee throughout the year.

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.

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 Zumbuhl Rd.
St. Charles, MO 63301

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH -
CATHOLIC OR NON-CATHOLIC

If interested in joining our youth organization, please contact Ms. Vickie Eanes Rainey, 314-563-1580, or Tesha Stevenson, 314-814-6213, or the parish office. Any suggestions are welcome for events, programs, training opportunities just share with Ms. Vickie or Ms. Tesha.

Any donations for our young people, please include in an envelope marked for the youth and drop in the offertory basket or give to Father Scott for use as needed for upcoming projects or events.

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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.

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

Due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. and Peace and Justice activities our next sharing will be postponed until February.

Watch the bulletin for information on our next presenter.

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 in full swing. 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.

For more information, please see Ms. Vickie Rainey.

SCRIP PROGRAM



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Simply the right way to fundraise

The holidays are here. 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.

ATTENTION!!!

As we continue to transition all functions and activities to one parish family, we are now ready to do so with our online giving vendor.



If you do your parish contributions using Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), we are asking that you discontinue your OSV account. We will have instructions for setting up a new online account. Until then, we are asking that you put your contribution in the offertory basket or mail it to St. Peter Claver Parish, 4330 Shreve Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63115.

You can discontinue your account online or by calling OSV Technical Support at 800-348-2886.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Peter Claver Parish.

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.



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

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Wishing you a blessed New Year!

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WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO

- ◆ Thank you so much for your support. 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 contact the parish office to drop them off at the office. Blessings.
- ◆ The Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice is the second Sunday in Ordinary Time and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday celebration follows on Monday, January 20, this year. These observances generate volunteers to do service hours. So, Monday, January 20, here at St. Peter Claver Parish we will be hosting a service day to tackle the many service projects just waiting for attention. If you have time and talent to join us on the 20th, please fill out one of the forms you will find in the back of church and return it in the offertory basket, give it to one of the ushers or Father Scheiderer so we include you in the plan for volunteering and know where you prefer to help. Questions regarding this service day may be directed to the Parish Office.
- ◆ Finally, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time has been designated by the Pope as the “**Sunday of the Word of God**”. On this Sunday we will be gifting Bibles to our **youth and young adults**. Please plan to join us at Mass on the weekend of January 25 and 26.
- ◆ **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)

- ◆ **January 15, 2025 @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**
The Young Adult People of Color Ministry invites people to come together, share a meal and fellowship while examining their faith and their freedom.

If you are interested in a Christ-centered, authentic, current, relevant space to belong, join us. This event takes place on the third Wednesday of the month from September through May.

Learn more and register: <https://www.racialharmonystl.org/yapoc>

- ◆ **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

- ◆ **January 18, 2025 @ 8:00 am – 9:00 am**
Starting at **8 a.m. on Saturday, January 18 at the Cathedral Basilica**, the special Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop Mark Rivotuso** and priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The Mass collection will benefit the LifeLine Coalition, a network of local agencies that directly assist and serve pregnant and parenting mothers and their children. The Holy Rosary and a reception in Boland Hall will follow Mass. To learn more, contact 314.792.7555, prolife@archstl.org or STLRespectLife.org.

EPIPHANY BLESSING **Blessing of Homes**

It is traditional for parish priests to bless chalk for each family so that they may mark the names of the three Magi over their doors, in the blessing of homes as a witness of their faith and protection against evil. This blessing is from the 1952 version of the Roman Ritual, translated by Philip Weller.



The chalk is a type of memento mori or literally, Memento homo ("Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you will return.") image, a reminder of the dust of the earth from which man was made. See Genesis 3:19.

The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

Prayer:

P: Our help is in the name of The Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bless, + O Lord God, this creature chalk to render it helpful to men. Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the entrance of their homes the names of thy saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer Source: *Roman Ritual: Volume III, The Blessings* by Philip T. Weller, The Bruce Publishing Company, 1952





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MEMORIAM,
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PARISH OFFICE FOR
MORE INFORMATION.**