

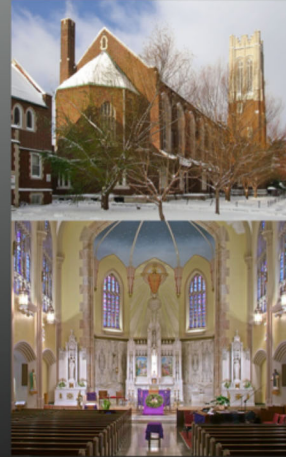
St. Peter Claver Parish



Our Lady of the Holy Cross



St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist



St. Augustine



St. Matthew, the Apostle

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 12, 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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Grace to you and peace! Well, I hope you weathered the winter storm alright last week. It sure was a quiet Sunday at St. Peter Claver, quiet but, nonetheless, exceedingly blessed. You were certainly in my prayers as I went to the altar. A big “thank you” to those who were able to brave the elements. You were most helpful in assisting with Mass... Who knows? Perhaps, I won over a few new “adult” altar servers.

So, last week, we celebrated the “Epiphany of the Lord,” the great manifestation of Jesus to the nations or “to the Gentiles,” who were represented by the Magi from the east. Now, what a lot of people don’t know about the celebration of Epiphany is that it is not limited to just the visitation by the wisemen. **The celebration of Epiphany includes two other mysteries of our Lord: Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River and His miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.** This is why each year the “Feast of the Epiphany” is followed by the “Feast of the Baptism of our Lord.” And, guess what... This year, in cycle “C” of our lectionary (3-year reading cycle), we receive the added bonus of the Gospel of the “Wedding Feast at Cana” in week two of Ordinary Time (Weekend of 1/18-1/19).

As mentioned last week, **what is being made manifest with the celebration of Epiphany 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** (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 528). Notice, in the mystery of Jesus’ Baptism, our Lord is revealed as “anointed” by the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:22), as the Son of God (The Father’s voice from heaven resounds, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” [3:22]), and finally, as the Savior of the world through His willingness to plunge into the waters of sinful humanity in order to prepare us to be born anew through the Sacrament of Baptism (3:21). Thank you, Lord!

Well, in addition to celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, **we are also concluding our Christmas season.** I sure hope this exalted season has been blessed for you and your loved ones. May the peace and joy of the Christ Child continue to radiate in your hearts and minds. God bless you! My prayers remain for you all!

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



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.

Saturday Vigil, January 18

4:00 PM

Ushers: Bernard Anthony

Lector: Denise Harper-Martin

Acolyte: Rosalind Williams

EMHC: Paulyn Snyder

Sunday, January 19

8:00 AM

Ushers: Linda Hancock-Ross, Bill Murphy

Lector: Michele Brown

Acolyte: Abraham Lopez

10:00 AM

Ushers: Ken Bell, Gerron Houston,
Stephanie Reed, Barbara Morrow

Lector: Jerry Nichols, Andrea Roberts

Acolyte: Corliss Cox, Michael Williams

EMHC: Myles McCabe, Margaret McCabe
(Main, check-in with Fr. Scott before Mass)
Kevin Blackshear (Choir)

Announcer: Denise Martin-Harper

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Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Amen.

Scripture Readings

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Reading I

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Reading II

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

January 13 - 18

Monday: Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95: 6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mark 1:40-45

Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mark 2:13-17

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, 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 13
thru
January 19**



Monday, January 13
Hillside Rehab & Healthcare Center
10:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

Tuesday, January 14
12:00 p.m. **Ereberta Flowers**

Wednesday, January 15
12:00 p.m. **Luci Allen Rucker**

Thursday, January 16
12:00 p.m. **Jerry Saykes**

Friday, January 17
12:00 p.m. **Smothers-Tinker Families**

Saturday, January 18
4:00 p.m. **Matt Carter**

Sunday, January 19
8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**
10:00 a.m. **Spies-Dillon Families**

Offertory

January 5, 2025

**St. Peter Claver Parish
Unavailable**



Jesus make our hearts like yours.

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.



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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.

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.

The OCIA class for our youth is being moved to the third Sunday this month. Youth, please plan on attending instruction on Sunday, January 19, which is next week.

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”

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

Sharon Shanks will be our February guest speaker. The presentation will be 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 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.

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.

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.

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), if you haven't done so, we are asking that you discontinue your OSV account. We will have instructions for setting up a new online account after the details are worked out. Until then, we are asking that you put your contribution in an envelope with your name on it 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.

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE COMMUNITY

**16TH ANNUAL
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
MODEL OF JUSTICE AWARD**

The Mass will be held on Sunday, January 19 at 2:30 p.m. The presentation of the 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Model of Justice Award will be presented to high school students who have been involved and committed to activities related to social justice. Our own, Michael Williams, is one of the twenty-six honorees receiving the award this year. All are encouraged to come to the Mass to support him and the other honorees.

**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>

**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 Zumbahl Rd.
St. Charles, MO 63301

**FOLLOWING 10:00 a.m. MASS
TODAY!**

The Stephen Ministries will be available to pray with you and for you in the Bell Tower Chapel.



**FOLLOWING 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
MASS TODAY!**

Coffee and donuts will be available in the school cafeteria.



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WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO

- ◆ 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, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. here at St. Peter Claver Parish we will be hosting a service day to tackle the many service projects just waiting for attention. Our focus for this service day will be our school cafeteria. If you have time and talent to join us on the 20th, please fill out the sign up sheet you will find in the back of church. 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>

- ◆ **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 Rivituso** 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.

- ◆ **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

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 memoriam 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 and/or memoriams will go to cover the expense of publishing our weekly bulletin.

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



In the mystery of Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord’s incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus’ Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father’s voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of ‘Christification,’ Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the ‘Christification’ of Jesus’ humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord’s Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. *‘And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men’* (Luke 2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam’s guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. *‘Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind’s guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners’* (Joseph Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).

- Excerpted from the [Dicastery for the Clergy](#)

MASS OFFERING/MASS INTENTION

A Mass Offering is an offering attached to celebrating a Mass for a particular intention; i.e., healing, death, special anniversary, special birthday or special intention. Mass offerings may be requested for a special date; i.e., anniversary of death, wedding anniversary, etc., but must be verified the date is available and has not already been requested by another individual. Only one offering a day is permitted. This verification is done by Fr. Scheiderer. The offering to be given for the celebration of the Mass for a particular intention is ten dollars for the Province of St. Louis. “If a member of the faithful spontaneously gives a larger or smaller offering, however, it may be accepted.” The Mass Offering will be recorded in the Parish bulletin. Envelopes are available at the entrances to church for your convenience.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION
ST. LOUIS REVIEW SUBSCRIPTION**

On the weekend of January 18 and 19, we take up a special collection for our St. Louis Review subscription. In your offertory collection packet you should find an envelope for the St. Louis Review, if not, please use one of the envelopes you find at the back of church.

THANK YOU!



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.**