

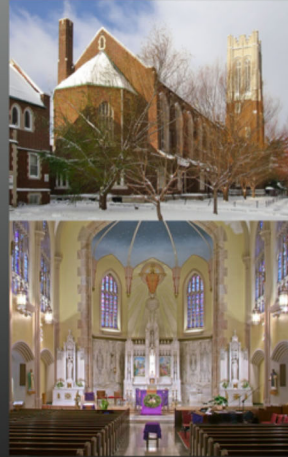
St. Peter Claver Parish



Our Lady of the Holy Cross



St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist



St. Augustine



St. Matthew, the Apostle

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 8, 2024

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

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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: St. Peter Claver Parish

Tuesday - Friday, 12:00 PM

**at the St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Site
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,

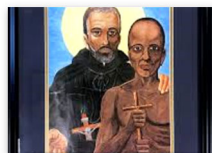
Grace to you and peace! **A huge “thank you” to Miss Vickie Rainey and Miss Tesha Stevenson for leading our youth and young adults!** The two have been very busy the past couple of weeks. On November 30th, our youth and young adults, along with many parents, grandparents, and parishioners gathered at the “former” St. Nicholas Skating Rink for a “free skate.” Then, this past Friday, there was another gathering of faith, fellowship, and fun as the youth and young adults gathered for the first of many “First Friday” events. Thank you for all who have supported our youth and young adults with your time, energy, and financial contributions! It is much appreciated! And thank you, again, to Miss Vickie and Miss Tesha for taking on these leadership roles with our young people.

Thank you also to our Sister Antona Ebo Women’s Ministry for organizing what will be an annual event at our parish, the “Advent by Candlelight” celebration. This year’s theme was “A Mary Christmas,” which offered several reflections on the “Marys” of the Bible. Thank you, ladies of our parish, for offering this wonderful faith and fellowship-building opportunity at our parish!

In our Gospel this week, **we hear the roar of St. John the Baptist.** John is the one called by God to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3), and the primary way he readies the people to receive their Lord is through a sincere acknowledgement of their sins. **He proclaims a “baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3).** By acknowledging our sins, we prepare our hearts and minds to receive a renewed encounter with God’s saving grace. This is why at the beginning of Mass, the Church, in her wisdom, invites the faithful to acknowledge their sins in the penitential rite (“I confess to Almighty God...”, *Roman Missal*). At Mass, we, the faithful, are about to receive our Lord both in word and in Sacrament, and the Church, like a good mother, wants us to receive God’s grace in the most efficacious manner. So, let us heed this call and take some time to examine our hearts and minds, humbly acknowledging where we have strayed “in *our** thoughts and in *our* words, in what *we* have done and in what *we* have failed to do” (*Roman Missal*, “Confiteor,” *changed to plural form).

Well, God’s blessing be upon you as we continue our Advent journey! My prayers remain for you all! Come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20)!

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



Saturday Vigil, December 7

4:00 PM

Ushers: Reggie McMurtry, Rosalind Williams

Lector: Michelle Vinson

Acolyte: Kim Reid

Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM

Ushers: Joan Crawford, Luci Rucker

Lector: Michele Brown

Acolyte: Pam Mason

10:00 AM

Ushers: Claire Hay, Stephen Belt,
Jacoby Combs, Sheila Johnson

Lector: Margaret McCabe, Linda M. Ross

Acolyte: Venus Spain, Terron Houston

EMHC: Terry Grotpeter, Corliss Cox
(Main, check-in with Fr. Scott before Mass)
Barbara Jackson (Choir)

Announcer: Jan Quinn

Saturday Vigil, December 14

4:00 PM

Ushers: Bernard Anthony, Rosalind Williams

Lector: Denise Harper-Martin

Acolyte: Kim Reid

Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Murphy, Linda Hancock-Ross

Lector: Abraham Lopez

Acolyte: Shirley Robinson

10:00 AM

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

Lector: Denise Thomas, Roberta McWoods

Acolyte: Michael Williams, Corliss Cox

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

Announcer: Dionne Flowers

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

That all of us may find new opportunities to serve those in need during Advent, Christmas and beyond, so that all may come to know the perfect gift of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**Scripture Readings
December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent**

Reading I

Baruch 5:1-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Reading II

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

December 9 - December 14

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:39-47

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**HOMEBOUND AND SICK
Remember in your prayers all the
Homebound and Sick of our parish:**

Richard Anderson, Judith Banks, 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, Ethel Franklin, Naomi Gardner, Leodia Gooch, Paula Griffin, Naomi Hampton, Joan Hanheide, Michael Hanson, Kenneth Herndon, Barbara Ingram, Karen Jamison, Stanley King, Janie Kirkland, Finley Martin, Elizabeth McFarland, Jacqueline McNeese, Jan Quinn, Kim Reid, Wendell Scales, Charlene Shannon, Shirley Shelton, Sandra Simmons, Frances Simms, Dorothy Sing, Crystal Small, Doris Smith, Laverna Spinks, Les Wells, Patricia Wells, Veronica Whalum, Lillian Whitley, Mattie Williams, Eugenia Young



In Loving Memory



Remember all of our departed loved ones.

*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
DECEMBER 9
thru
DECEMBER 15**



Monday, December 9

Hillside Rehab & Healthcare Center

10:00 a.m. **Jamar Hamilton**

12:00 p.m. **People of the Parish**

6:00 p.m. **Bonita Marinaccio**

Tuesday, December 10

12:00 p.m. **Paulette Krug**

Wednesday, December 11

12:00 p.m. **Ereberta Flowers**

Thursday, December 12

12:00 p.m. **William Day**

Friday, December 13

12:00 p.m. **Virginia Day** (Special Intention)

Saturday, December 14

4:00 p.m. **Mary Ellen Metzger**

Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m. **Mary Ann Dillon**

10:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

December Birthdays & Anniversary

Happy Birthday

&

Anniversary

to all who celebrate this month.

Offertory



December 1, 2024

Our Lady of the Holy Cross

\$ 0.00 Gen. Fund

\$ 40.00 Online

St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist

\$ 0.00 Gen. Fund

\$ 105.00 Online

St. Augustine

\$ 0.00 Gen. Fund

\$ 0.00 Online

St. Matthew, the Apostle

\$ 0.00 Gen. Fund

\$ 333.00 Online

Total St. Peter Claver Parish

\$ 7,754.84 Gen. Fund

\$ 478.00 Online

Jesus make our hearts like yours

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.

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.

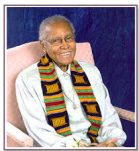
If you do your parish contributions using Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), we are asking that you discontinue your OSV account. In a couple of months, we will have instructions for setting up a new online account. Until then, we are asking that you put your contribution in the offertory basket or mail it to 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.

**SR. ANTONA EBO
WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Today is your last day to purchase holiday raffle tickets from a member of the Sr. Antona Ebo Women's Ministry. The winning tickets will be drawn at the December 8 Women's Ministry meeting. Three (3) lucky winners will share half of the total revenue. Raffle tickets are \$5.00, and can be purchased before and after each mass. For more information, or to help with ticket sales, contact Denise Thomas, 314-409-0063.



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

After our short break we are ready to resume the “This is my Story . . . This is my Song” program with Queen Ester Frazier sharing her faith journey with us after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 15, in the rectory basement. All are welcome to join us.

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

FEELINGS AND IDEAS

We want to hear from you. How do you feel about the parish merger? What do you think would help us grow together?



These are important questions and we need to hear your thoughts and ideas. Please join us in the Bell Tower Chapel after 10:00 a.m. Mass on December 15 to share your feelings and ideas.

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Please help our church family reach out to 25 young people whose fathers are incarcerated. Please take an angel from the rack in the back of church, purchase the suggested gift, and return it to the church by Sunday, December 15, or sooner. If you have any questions or need more information, call Carmen Charleston or the parish office. Thank you for your concern and generosity.



BACKPACK DRIVE

We are gearing up for our 2025 Backpack Drive, which benefits our students here at the parish and supports the students at St. Louis Catholic Academy and Cardinal Ritter.



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.

THANK YOU FROM OUR YOUTH

We, the Youth Department, want to thank everyone that helped and supported our skating event -- making it such a success. We look forward to our future events in the upcoming year. Blessings from our Youth and Young Adults Department.

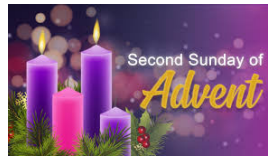
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Second Sunday of Advent

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE COMMUNITY

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

This is our second weekend in our new liturgical year, the Second Sunday of Advent.



Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.

For many, the second Sunday of Advent is when we light the candle of **peace**. This is a time of coming together, of building a community of faith that is open to all. This is why we see Christmas movies telling a story of restoration, of broken relationships that are healed.

The second candle, also purple, **signifies peace**. It calls us to seek inner peace and also to spread peace to those around us.

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.

SCRIP PROGRAM

The holidays are quickly approaching. 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.

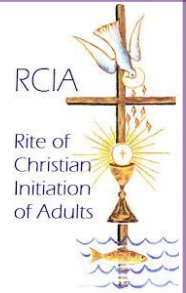


Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

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.

scott.scheiderer@archstl.org.



As Father has announced at Mass, our St. Peter Claver Parish bank account has been established and is operable.



We now ask when writing a check to the Parish you enter St. Peter Claver Parish in the "Pay to the Order Of" area of the check.

Checks now made out incorrectly will be returned to the originator asking them to issue a new check made out properly to St. Peter Claver Parish.

Should you have questions regarding this request, please direct them to the Parish Office.

THANK YOU!!!

BECOME A HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT READING HERO

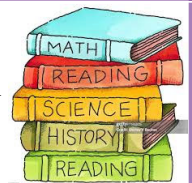
You can help a child learn to love reading and learning!

Spend one half hour weekly during the school year with a child to share the love of reading and make a profound impact on the child's future.

No experience necessary! All materials and training are provided so you can start right away volunteering at the elementary school of your choice in the Hazelwood School District.

Come to an informational meeting on **December 11 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Hazelwood School District Learning Center, 15955 New Halls Ferry Road in Florissant.

For more information contact Anjanette Clark, Heroes Trainer, aclark1@hazelwoodschoools.org or 314-953-5160.



COAT, HAT, SCARF AND GLOVE GIVE AWAY

Clement Automotive Group, 1790 N. Highway 67, Florissant, MO 63033 is having a coat, hat, scarf and glove give away for 5-16 year old youths. The give away is on Saturday, December 14, at 9:00 a.m. There is no limit on the size of the family but it is first come, first serve.





December 1, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis issued “SPES NON CONFUNDIT” (Hope does not disappoint), Bull of Induction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. The Holy Father invited “everyone to an intense experience of the love of God” and “calls on all Christians to become Pilgrims of Hope.”

The Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope will begin on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome and continue until the closing of the Jubilee Year on January 6, 2026.

I invite all the faithful to join Bishop Mark Rivotuso to celebrate the solemn opening of the Jubilee on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Boulevard. The Jubilee will conclude locally on December 28, 2025.

As part of the Jubilee, the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be able to obtain the grace of the Jubilee Indulgence by making a pious pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site under the usual conditions. I have designated nine Jubilee pilgrimage sites across the archdiocese:

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France
Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters at the Mount Grace Covent and Chapel
Carmel of Saint Joseph at the Chapel of the Most Precious Blood
Saint Mary’s of the Barrens National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Monastery of Saint Clare of the Immaculate Conception
Passionist Nuns of St. Louis
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in New Melle
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Union

If you wish to learn more about the Jubilee Indulgence and for a complete list of the pilgrimage sites, please visit: [archstl.org/2025jubileeyear](https://www.archstl.org/2025jubileeyear).

Please visit the following links for much more information about the Jubilee Year:

The Vatican Jubilee 2025 website: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

The USCCB Jubilee 2025 website: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>

I am confident that this Holy Year will be a time for rediscovery and unity, opening hearts to receive the fullness of God’s love and mercy through a personal encounter with the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

St. Vincent DePaul Society	8115 Church Rd. 1371 Hamilton Ave. 2715 North Sarah Street 4746 Carter Ave.	314-381-0323 314-289-6101 ext 1134 314-289-6101 ext 1169 314-932-7222
Baden Community Vegetable Garden	8115 Church Rd.	314-825-1603
Baden Community Center	1022 Baden Ave.	314-381-0323
Father Bob's Outreach	1371 Hamilton Ave.	314-385-1934
St. Augustine Wellston Center	1705 Kienlen Ave.	314-382-7158
Northside Youth & Senior Service Center	4120 Maffitt Ave.	314-531-4161 or 314-531-1937
Northside Community Housing	4067 Lincoln Ave.	314-534-5400
Child & Family Empowerment Center, Inc.	4145 Kennerly Ave.	314-449-1333
Unfailing Love Christian Church-Food Pantry	4068 Maffitt Ave.	314-371-1057
St. Louis Catholic Academy	1106 N. Jefferson Ave.	314-389-0401
St. Charles Lwanga Center	4746 Carter Ave.	314-231-2860 ext 24



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Contact Gladys Smith, Program Administrator, at 314-977-3625.

“Strengthening Neighborhood Businesses”

IN REMEMBRANCE
Patrick W. Rush
Patricia Rush
Barrington Gates
Patricia Crawford
Katherine Brewster
Lena Brewster Kennon
Inez Brewster McClinton

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mabel Hall	Gregory Hall
Leo Hall	Jarvis Hall
Gail Hall	Mattie Hall
Susie Brewster	Velma Brewster


In Memory of
Clifton and Erna Martin
Alladin & Rezia Martin
William & Augusta Theriot
& All Family Members
Who Have Passed

<p>In Loving Memory of Leroy & Maudesta Gougisha Jerone "Ronnie" Gougisha Janet Gougisha Joshua Johnson</p>	 <p>In Loving Memory of James & Margaret Bland Theresa Frisch-Gordon</p> <hr/> <p>Beloved Father & Mother and Grandmother</p>	<p><i>In Memory of</i> Mrs. Angela Akunmo <i>(née Ezepue)</i></p> <p><i>May her soul Rest in Peace.</i> <i>Amen</i></p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> Stanley & Clayton Rice Ernest & Lucinda Rice John & Mary Briggs Clayton & Althlee Williams Harrison York Smith, II</p>	 <p>Be a member of The Holy Name Society</p> <hr/> <p>Try to attend Daily Mass</p>	<p>In Beloved Memory of Carl Jacob Westfall Carl Lewis Westfall Sophia Alexander Westfall Ann A. Parker William "Beanie" Westfall</p>
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<p>In Memory of Beulah & Walter McPherson Mildred & Barney Simms And Other Family Members</p>	<p>Memorialize a loved one <i>In this space</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Choi S. Handley</p> <p>(wife, mother, daughter, sister)</p>
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<p>In Loving Memory of Ida Collins Lindell Collins Sr. Lindell Collins Jr. Ernest Collins Albert Mason Jr. William Collins Sr. Doris Mason</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Jannia Fields Vivian Kirksey Henry Frank Clay, Jr. Henrietta Clay</p>	<p>Is Stephens Ministry for you? Contact Teresa Scurlock 314.397.2748 Margaret Ann McCabe 314.609-9285</p>
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 <p>In Memory of Helena C. Anthony Shawn C. Anthony Lloyd Tilghman Francis Tilghman Theresa Tilghman John O. Tilghman Lloyd (chick) Tilghman</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Burton & Ruby Woods, Paul & Victoria Powell, George Powell, Willie Paul Powell, Charles "Bobby" Powell, Elenora Ross, Mattie Toney, Elijah "Joe" Turnage, Equellia Woods, lola Abney</p>	<p>Memorialize a loved one <i>In this space</i></p>
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<p>In Memoriam Oliver McCullum Raymond Prisby, Sr. Gretchen McCullum Mary Prisby Holliday Levester McCullum Gladys Prisby-Ross Ruby Williams Raymond Prisby, Jr. Willa Mae McFarley Russell E. Prisby Virginia Ann Saunders Vivian Prisby</p>	<p><i>In loving memory of Thad Hollie, Jr., Esq.</i> <i>"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable,</i> <i>always abiding in the word of the Lord, because you</i> <i>know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."</i> 1 Corinthians 15:58</p>
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IN MEMORIAM
Deceased Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society @ St. Matthew

Liz Bell	Leo Glaze	Mary Hoskins	Ruth Mitchell
Beatrice Blackshear	Flora Hailey	Lillie Johnson	Jean Short
Henry Brown	Cloteal Harris	Ernestine Jackson	
Dorothy Cain	Gwendolyn Harris	Al & Felecia Leake	




Knights of Peter Claver
Father Zimmerman Council 150



Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
St. Matthew Court 150

SPREADING EVANGELIZATION SINCE 1909
For information contact: Isom Williams, Jr. (Knights)
Patricia Hughes (Ladies)

In Memory of
Earl Franklin Johnson, Sr.
Earl Franklin Johnson, Jr.
Marian Fleming
John E. Ford, Jr.
Ella & Willie Butler
Samuel Sheppard
Marquez Oliver



Be a member of
St. Ann Sodality

Attend Mass regularly
Meetings every 3rd Sunday

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