

St. Peter

Catholic Church
MARCH 8, 2020

THIS MONTH OF MARCH . . .
THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE WILL BE
FOCUSING ON *CARE FOR THE AGED*



**Holy Family with Grandparents
Joachim and Anne**

Pastor Reverend Monsignor John M. Costello

Associate Pastor Reverend Paul J. Hamilton

Senior Priest in Residence
..... Reverend Monsignor Gregory L. Schmidt

Deacons Deacon John Komotos
..... Deacon Richard Renard
..... Deacon Joseph Sulze
(Retired)

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School Principal Dr. John Freitag

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**Coordinator of Elementary
Faith Formation** Andrea Bonsanti

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Sacred Music** Ryan Bolinger

St. Peter Mission Statement

Built on the rock of St. Peter, the Apostle of faith, love and forgiveness, we are a Catholic parish dedicated to live, witness and proclaim the good news of Christ through worship, education and loving service to each other and our community.

Visit us on the Internet at
www.stpeterkirkwood.org
or send your comments to:
info@stpeterkirkwood.org

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Rectory (966-8600) for details regarding participation in the preparation program.

We encourage expectant parents to make arrangements for the preparation program at least a few months prior to the birth of their child.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the rectory office (966-8600) to schedule your wedding date and for details regarding the preparation program. In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, couples should contact a member of the parish clergy at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Holy Orders and Consecrated (Religious) Life

If interested, please call the parish rectory or the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 792-6460

Rectory/Parish Office

243 West Argonne Drive
Saint Louis, Missouri 63122
966-8600 (Phone)
966-5721 (Fax)

Saint Peter Elementary School

Pre-K thru Eighth Grade
215 North Clay
Saint Louis, Missouri 63122
821-0460

Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation

Andrea Bonsanti, 822-1347, ext. 4208

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Religious Education Offices - Rectory Offices of Faith Formation

Linda Doyle, 966-8600, ext. 1011

St. Peter Youth Ministry - Rectory

314-966-8600

Pastoral Council

Cheryl Flaherty
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Finance Commission

John Modder, Chairperson, 303-502-4564

St. Vincent de Paul Society

314-289-6101 Ext. 2220 (Voice Mail)

Parish Center

821-6219

Bulletin Deadline!!

Articles intended for publication in the Bulletin must be submitted to the rectory (ably@stpeterkirkwood.org) by **Monday, at 3:00PM for the following Sunday's Bulletin. All announcements must be in writing with a name and telephone number attached.**

Please remember St. Peter Catholic Church in your will.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER

St. Peter Parish Prayer

Lord, thank you for the rich history you have bestowed on our family of St. Peter in Kirkwood.

Blessed by your grace, we ask that you be present in our parish today. Guide us as we celebrate our gifts through worship, education and loving service.

Holy Spirit, create within us a vision for the future that we live, witness and proclaim the good news of Christ.

Amen

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM (Satisfies Sunday obligation)
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 5:00PM

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 6:45AM & 8:15AM
Saturday: 8:15AM

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Consult the bulletin for Mass times
<http://www.stpeterkirkwood.org>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation is held before
5:00pm Mass from 3:45-4:45 pm.
Sunday Reconciliation is held after the 9:00am Mass following the Anointing of the Sick or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday - Friday, 6:00AM to 10:00PM
St. Angela Merici Chapel in Ursuline Hall
Enter through the Garden Courtyard

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday of the month at 12:30PM. Please call the Rectory (966-8600) for details regarding participation in the preparation program. We encourage expectant parents to make arrangements for the preparation program at least a few months prior to the birth of their child.

Weekly Anointing and Prayer

After the 9:00AM Mass each Sunday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, for anyone who has the need to receive this sacrament. This is meant to include such concerns as upcoming diagnostic tests, limitations of aging, anxiety, depression, undue stress, addiction, etc. for all ages.

Please gather in the pews at the front of church and the priest will be with you approximately 10 minutes after Mass is over.

Pro-Active Parish Response to the Coronavirus...

We received a letter from Archbishop Carlson this week outlining the Archdiocesan response to the coronavirus.

The Archbishop writes:

Dear Priests and Deacons,

“As the coronavirus becomes more prevalent in the nation’s headlines, we are expecting questions to arise regarding the preparedness of our parishes in dealing with the outbreak. There is no cause for panic, but precautionary measures should be taken at this time to mitigate the spread of cold, flu, and other contagious illnesses. I offer the below to inform you of the steps the archdiocese is taking, as well as to support you as we work together to help address the concerns of the faithful. I urge you to please address these items with your parishioners.

First, when discussing the coronavirus, we should only emphasize the facts that we know to be true, which are the following:

Seasonal flu is currently making a bigger impact in our communities. There have been 10,000 deaths from flu in the U.S. this season and two deaths from coronavirus so far. The potential global public health threat posed by this virus is high; however, right now, the immediate risk to most Americans is low. People at greater risk are those who have recently traveled to China or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Here’s how we can help protect parishioners from the spread of illness when they gather for Mass:

Sanitize all sacred vessels before and after all Masses (with soap and hot water), because germs may survive on surfaces up to 24 or more hours.

Suspending the exchange of the sign of peace (or instructing that it be exchanged without physical contact).

Advise parishioners to keep a distance of three feet from the nearest neighbor when possible.

Share reminders that Holy Communion is encouraged to be received in the hand.

Suspending the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful via the chalice.

Once a week the Holy Water fonts should be sanitized with the Holy Water being poured out on the ground.

Encourage good hygiene, including alcohol-based hand sanitizer lotion in restroom and public areas, and proper cough-and-sneeze etiquette. It is especially important for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to implement these measures.

Remind the elderly – who are among the most vulnerable- that they have the option to participate in the Mass on TV via channels such as EWTN, and to request that Holy Communion be brought to their place or residence.

Help people identify those who are more at risk (i.e., elderly people living alone, persons with disabilities, children and teens), and check on them;

People with respiratory infection, the flu, a fever or a serious cold should be encouraged to stay at home and reassured that they are not bound to attend weekend Mass.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson

Our St. Peter Response...

Beginning this weekend we will offer the Sign of Peace without physical contact. Just turn to your neighbor and verbalize your offer of the Peace of Christ.

In addition, we are encouraging all of our people to receive the Body of Christ in the hand only and not the tongue.

We will be suspending the distribution of Holy Communion (The Precious Blood) from the cup.

If you are elderly or have an auto-immune issue or have a fever or cold or flu symptoms please stay away from Mass until you are free of contagion.

We encourage all to use the hand sanitizer lotion dispensers at the entrance/exits of the church. Naturally all Communion ministers must use hand sanitizer lotion before and after distributing Holy Communion.

With the arrival of March it does seem like Spring is inching its way into our world of Kirkwood. Yeah! Let us all continue on our Lenten journey in the desert to free ourselves of all the distractions that keep us from encountering God and listening to God.

Peace and all good and I’ll see you in church.

Monsignor Jack

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REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES . . .
with a daily Mass intention. Stop by the rectory office to schedule a date.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 9
6:45AM —
8:15AM Elizabeth Heller

Tuesday, March 10
6:45AM —
8:15AM Bernice Petro

Wednesday, March 11
6:45AM —
8:15AM —

Thursday, March 12
6:45AM Matthew Baumgart
8:15AM Chris Grone

Friday, March 13
6:45AM J. Fischer (Special Intention)
8:15AM —

Saturday, March 14
8:15AM Annie Morrow
5:00PM Brian Bradshaw

Sunday, March 15
7:30AM —
9:00AM John & Mary Stiebel (Special Intention)
11:00AM People of St. Peter
5:00PM Cynthia Brewer

SCHOOL LITURGY SCHEDULE

Friday, March 13	St. Patrick's Day	K-8
Wednesday, March 25	Grade 3 Dads Mass	K-8

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2020

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
[cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/
Mt 20:17-28


Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/
Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

CBC SUMMER ACADEMY
Registration now open for all boys entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Enjoy a premier summer experience held in CBC's theater, classrooms, science labs, art studios, and sports facilities by being part of our CBC Summer Academy. Register today at www.cbcsummeracademy.org.
Contact Melissa Ryan at ryanm@cbchs.org or 314-985-6095 for more information.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH
Rev. Msgr. Ted Bertagni will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

 **Please note that hypo-allergenic incense may be used at all 5:00pm, 9:00am and 11:00am weekend Masses.**

EUCCHARIST FOR THOSE WITH CELIAC DISEASE
If you suffer from celiac disease, or have any wheat allergies that prevent you from receiving the Body of Christ at Mass, please send an e-mail to the address below with your contact information so that we can inform you of how we are able to provide low gluten hosts for you.
Please send an email to this address with "Eucharist" on your Subject Line: Info@stpeterkirkwood.org.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Interested in being a Eucharistic Minister?
Contact Mary Stiebel at marystiebel@gmail.com or 314-394-1744.

Scheduled Eucharistic Ministers - March 14/15
Note: Shut-in visitors are indicated in parentheses ()

Saturday, March 14
5:00PM: M. Bender, M. Dick, P. Foerster, B. Hutcheson, D. Imig, M. Lorbert, S. Schoelch, L. Schrock

Sunday, March 15
7:30AM: D. Allen, C. Baum, S. Buchheit, M. Mahn, N. Mahn, S. Shaw, A. Spears, M. Welsch
9:00AM: M. O'Grady, P. Ragland, M. Raizman, B. Russell, E. Triola, (K. Kelley), (M. McEvoy), (G. O'Grady)
11:00AM: M. Carabes, B. Einspanier, S. Koob, J. McCarthy, G. Meeseey, M. Schmit, B. Thomas, K. Vrlnich
5:00PM: L. Abeln Meyer, J. Council, J. Enslin, E. Ferrone, R. Jensen, S. Jensen, G. Jensen, J. Modder

LECTORS

Time	First Lector	Second Lector
Saturday, March 14		
5:00PM	Roy Mueller	Michael A. Abril
Sunday, March 15		
7:30AM	Jane Sulze	Joan McHugh
9:00AM	Mary Tichy	Lynne Lang
11:00AM	Ralph Wuebker	Marguerite Wuebker
5:00PM	Ryan Findlay	Christy Ridenhour

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."



Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering?

Some ways you can support neighbors in need include the following:

- Cash contributions to the St Vincent de Paul envelopes you receive in the mail
- Volunteering at the SVdP thrift stores or arranging a pick-up for your unwanted items
- Dropping off canned food items for the KirkCare pantry to the rectory vestibule

The number to call for information about our St Peter conference or to direct brothers and sisters in need of help with utility, rent or food assistance is (314) 289 6101 ext. 2220.

WELCOME VISITORS

We are happy you decided to worship with us today. Please introduce yourself to Father following Mass in the Gathering Area in the back of church. If you would like information about registering as a new parish member please stop by the Concierge Desk in the Gathering Area to pick up a registration form or call the parish office (966-8600). The Welcoming Committee

ST. PETER 50 PLUS CLUB

What is the 50+ Club at St. Peter?

- We are 50 years or older, young at heart, and like to have fun
- What's required? Please come to one of the meetings (see below)!

St. Patrick's Day Celebration -Irish Stew Potluck

Date: Wednesday, March 18th

Time: Happy Hour at 6:00 pm, dinner starting at 6:45 pm.

Location: St. Peter School Dining Hall

This is a potluck, so please come and bring your favorite Irish Stew or another dish to share (salad, bread, dessert, etc.). Beverages provided (water, soda, wine). Let's enjoy an evening of food, friends and fun. RSVP appreciated. Please respond to your Evite or call Charlene Henke (314-966-4168). Questions call Charlene Henke or email Craig Johler at stpeter50plusclub@gmail.com.

Save the Date:

Wednesday, April 15 -

Community Health and Wellness Night

Friday, May 1 -

May Crowning and Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, May 13 -

Annual Barbecue, Kirkwood Park

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

ANNUAL HAITIAN BIRTHING KITS

Please help the Young Families Group collect supplies to put together the annual Haitian Birthing Kits. These kits are very simple but help save many lives by ensuring clean supplies for mothers and babies during the delivery. **We need your help in collecting the supplies needed for the kits.**

PLEASE NOTE . . .

Supplies listed below can be dropped off until March 20th at 525 N. Crescent Drive, Kirkwood, MO 63122.

Thank you in advance for making this year a success.

Supplies needed:

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| Receiving blankets | Small baby stocking cap |
| Baby t-shirts (no onesies) | Full size bath towels |
| Wash cloths | Twine or twill tape |
| Bath size bar of soap (mild like ivory) | |
| 36in square of muslin or sheet | |
| Single edge razor blade with cover | |
| Latex or plastic gloves | |
| Gallon size plastic bags | |

CATHOLIC RENEWAL CENTER

Please note the opportunities below for any person needing healing.

- Healing Ministry at the Catholic Renewal Center - call 314-731-6100.
- Achdiocesan wide healing services for those suffering from divorce, separation, or death of a loved one. Both are in the St. Vincent de Paul Chapel at the Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119 on
 1. May 3rd at 3:00PM
 2. September 21st at 7:00PM
- Grief Ministry Listening Session Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00PM at the Cardinal Rigali Center.

If you or anyone you know would like to attend, please RSVP to janeguenther@archstl.org.

FOR YOUR QUILTING NEEDS...

rely on St. Peter Quilters. We do patchwork and embroidered tops. Also, baby quilts for sale.



For more information, call Theresa at 314-821-8433.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent . . .

sits across the street from the Planned Parenthood facility on Forest Park Blvd. in mid-town St. Louis. The Convent provides a place of prayer and hospitality to visitors and to those who respect life especially the life of the unborn. Adoration and Mass is offered every second and fourth Friday of each month beginning at 11:00 a.m. During the 40 Days for Life campaign, on each Monday (March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6), the Convent will have Mass at 7:00 a.m. followed by Adoration until 11:00 a.m. All are welcome! For more information, please call 314-792-7555 or visit prolife@archstl.org or <https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/spiritual-support/our-lady-of-guadalupe-convent>.

ALL are WELCOME!

Virtue Literacy: Part 2

Guest
Speakers

10 - 11:30 am

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Ursuline Hall 213 W. Argonne

Be inspired as we continue learning practical ways to cultivate holy habits of virtue in our families.

Lynne Lang and the authors of "Encircled: Bringing Family Virtues Home" will join us for activities we can do with our grandchildren.



Catholic Grandparents Association - St. Peter, Kirkwood MO

Are you a teacher, counselor, health care provider, or caring for a loved one on a daily basis?

Then please join us at our next •Wellness Chat• as The St. Peter Parish Wellness Council proudly presents:

*Catherine Powers, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC
Clinical Nurse Specialist
Barnes-Jewish Hospital*

“Building Resiliency to Compassion Fatigue”

Wednesday March 11th
6:30-7:15pm
Ursuline Hall

- We will review the concept of stress, especially in care giving, and learn how this can lead to compassion fatigue.
- We will identify signs and symptoms of compassion fatigue, and discover resiliency skills for preventing and managing it.

Please RSVP to Julie Gau @ 314.566.4655

Thank you!!



PRAY FAST GIVE



Lenten Season

A LENTEN MEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION
Monday, March 9, 2020

6:00PM in the Dining Hall

Beer and Brats followed by

Guest Speaker: Fr. Paul Niemann
His talk will be on *The Lenten Gospels*

RSVP Linda Doyle at ldoyle@stpeterkirkwood.org
Or 314-966-8600, ex. 1011

Food will be provided by
Knights of Columbus Council 2117

Donation baskets will be placed at each table.
Please give what you can to help defray the cost of the evening. Thank you!

A LENTEN WOMEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION



Thursday, March 12, 2020

7:00PM in the Dining Hall

Guest Speaker: Karen Seaborn
Title of her talk: *Anything Can Happen at a Well*

Come meet the woman at the well in a new and unique way. Experience what it must have been like for this exhausted and suffering woman to come to the well alone in the middle of the desert at the heat of the day. Imagine what it must have been like for her to meet an extraordinary man and return from that well transformed.

Appetizers and wine will be served.

RSVP to Linda Doyle at ldoyle@stpeterkirkwood.org or 314-966-8600, ex. 1011 by March 10, 2020.

Donation baskets will be placed at each table.
Please give what you can to help defray the cost of the evening. Thank you!



FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY

— 4:30 - 7:30 PM —

CAFETERIA & GYMNASIUM
DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT

BEER & WINE NOW AVAILABLE

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE A DESSERT.

Adult Dinner \$9 Senior & Kids Dinner \$5

Shut-ins may call 821-6219 between 4:00 and 5:00PM for free delivery. Your meal will be delivered between 5:30 & 6:30PM. Free delivery is also provided to residents of Adams Place, Rose Hill House, Concordia House and Kirkwood House.

Credit Cards Accepted.

Please visit the parish website for more information.



LENTE REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday, February 26, and Good Friday, April 10, are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence only. All other days of Lent should be marked by acts of penance and charity.

Fasting is defined as one full meal and two smaller meals, with nothing in between, for those aged 18 – 59. Water and medication are not a part of fasting.

Abstinence is not eating meat, for those aged 14 and older.

For those who are sick or infirm, the law does not oblige, but Catholics should not lightly hold themselves excused.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be available here at St. Peter:

Thursday, April 2,
following 8:15 am Mass

Tuesday, April 7,
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

As always, Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 3:45-4:45PM & Sundays after 9:00AM Mass following the Anointing of the Sick

Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Fridays:

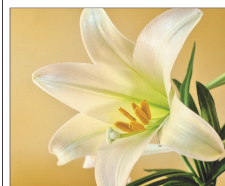
March 13	7:00 pm
March 20	7:00 pm
March 27	7:00 pm
April 3	7:00 pm
April 10	7:00 pm (No Benediction)

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Throughout the Season of Lent we will practice almsgiving by collecting money for the poor. You are invited to take a rice bowl from the doors of Church and make your offerings at home as a way to practice another element of our call to live Stewardship. Then, by April 5, Palm Sunday, deposit your offerings in the large basket in Church. Rice Bowls will be distributed to all school and PSR students. All the money collected will be given to Catholic Relief Services.



Easter Flowers Donated in Memory and in Honor of:



Thomas L. Mohan, June Weber, Paul & Theresa Douthit, Paul Douthit, Jr., Michael & Deloris Douthit, Cindy Douthit, Alice Dale, Henry & Betty Dale, Ceaser & Dorothy Meyer, Frank & Mary Jane Calvert, Elaine & Ray Schuttenberg, Donna Krupp, Jeannine Prost, Bev Shortal, Ann

Geraty, Eva & John McCracken, Louise McCracken, Joseph McCracken, Christina Voigt, David & Nellie Jozwiak, Timothy Kempfer and Cynthia Thomas, Marcella Curtin, Katie Costello, Mary Newton, Karl Walk, Mike Banning, Joe Banning, Joe Weyerich & Family, Devereaux Family, Rust Family, Curt Weingartner, Lawrence Fangmeier, Harry & Minnie Fangmeier, Jacob & Mary Weingartner, Bill Powell, Emma & Albin Schottroff.

Save the Date!



Vacation Bible School
June 8 -12, 2020
9am - 12pm

Registration Information
coming soon!

For more information contact

Maria Jokerst

mcjokerst@gmail.com

or

Andrea Bonsanti

abonsanti@stpeterkirkwood.org



ST. PATRICK CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Please keep this important ministry in mind on your next shopping trip. Breakfast bars, granola type bars, chips, cookies, water, and individual drinks are some of the suggested donations. The Health Department requires that all food items come prepackaged. Donations are accepted every day.

Drop off location: 450 Burns Avenue, Kirkwood. Look for the green tub along the side of our house on the driveway. Call Jennifer Moritz 909-6756 with any questions.

The ultimate goal of the Mobile Outreach Program is to encourage persons who are chronically homeless to access agency programs that will lead them to permanent housing and financial stability. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S POSITION ON CREMATION?

Ensure that your final plans and those of your loved ones are aligned with Catholic teaching. Attend the free seminar, *The Conversation: A Catholic Perspective on End-of-Life Issues*, to learn about the Church's position on cremation, anatomical donation and more.

SATURDAY | MARCH 28, 2020

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Annunciation Parish in Webster Groves
School Cafeteria

To register, visit
rcfstl.org/the-conversation
or call 314.918.2892



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
GREAT MARRIAGES DON'T JUST HAPPEN,
COUPLES MAKE THEM!**

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." Let Jesus fill your thirst for a blessed marriage. Participate in the next Marriage Encounter weekend. [The next weekends are April 24-26 and Aug. 7-9 at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php](https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php) or call or text 314.649.7317.



Room at the Inn

On Friday, February 21st, St. Peter traveled to Room at the Inn headquarters (because of the fish fry) to host 5 guests. Dinners were donated to the Room at the Inn guests by Joe Hesse and the Fish Fry. Thank you to Nicole Reh and Natalie Orlando for helping coordinate, Joan Turnure and Kelly Andel for being overnight sleepers and Owen Elli, Mason Skornia and Luke Orlando for volunteering and hosting a bingo night for the children. If you are interested in helping with Room at the Inn, please visit the website-
[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30EO949A5A62FA46-stpeters.](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30EO949A5A62FA46-stpeters)



This month of March . . .
the Respect Life Committee will be focusing on

CARE FOR THE AGED



The Focus of our Respect Life Committee for March is Care for the Elderly:

The beauty, elegance, wisdom and grace of our beloved aged

The Catholic Church is one of the staunchest supporters of a person's right to life. Their scope is not limited to simply being against abortion, as the term "pro-life" may imply. Rather, the church believes that everyone—young, old, those with disabilities and handicapped, those in prison—has the right to live as normal a life as possible.

Elderly care is a unique challenge. As the body and mind begin to break down, caregivers often must make tough decisions about the comfort and care of the elderly. The Catholic Church teaches that those in need deserve even more respect and care so that they may lead normal and active lives for as long as possible. Medical care to lessen suffering is paramount for the elderly to maintain their dignity at this stage in their lives.

One of the ways the Catholic religion differs from other Christian denominations is by the Catholic Church's practice of sacraments. Sacraments are actions that Catholics take over the course of their lives that bring them closer to God.

The seven sacraments include baptism, reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, confirmation, matrimony, holy orders and anointing of the sick. When a person is elderly, has a terminal disease or is preparing for surgery he or she may receive anointing.

A priest anoints the person's head with oil and says "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."

By offering this sacrament to elderly and ill people, the Catholic Church reinforces their stand that the elderly deserve the same rights and respect given to anyone at any time during his or her life.

Please "Save the Date":

March 30, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, St. Peter School Dining Hall: Deb Breyer, RN, Alzheimer's Association of St. Louis and Jan McGillick, RN, of Dolan Memory Care Homes will discuss issues involving memory care, dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Following the panel discussion there will be a 30-minute period for Questions and Answers.



On March 30th we will announce the formation of two new St. Peter organizations which focus on our love, care and concern for the beloved senior parishioners and residents in the surrounding areas:

- St. Peter Alzheimer's Support Group
- Senior Adults Helping Senior Adults

Our bulletin cover features a beautiful picture of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Joachim was a prominent and respected man who had no children; and in answer to their prayers, Mary was born and was dedicated to God at a very early age.

Anne is often depicted in paintings with Jesus and Mary and is considered a subject that attracts widespread attention. We know little about the lives of Mary's parents, but considering the person of Mary, they must have been two very remarkable people to have been blessed with such a daughter.

Devotion to Anne and Joachim is an extension of the love Christians have always professed toward our Blessed Mother. Devotion to St. Anne in the Eastern Church dates from at least the 4th century and to St. Joachim to the 15th century.

And as we honor our elderly throughout the month of March, we acknowledge in a special way the role Jesus's grandparents played in the work of the Redemption.

ST. PETER/KUM YOGA FOR MARCH 2020

Tuesday Yoga will be held at St. Peter Church

Thursday Yoga will be held at Kirkwood United Methodist Church

Yoga Fusion Classes – Tuesday Night Class

The Tuesday night class is taught by Catherine Enslin of St. Peter Parish. Catherine is an AFAA certified group fitness instructor and an ACE certified personal trainer.

Date: Tuesdays March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 5:30 to 6:30pm

Cost: \$25 for 5 week session

Drop in classes are \$8.00

Class minimum - 10 people signed up on a monthly basis to continue classes.

Location: **St. Peter Catholic Church, Ursuline Hall, in the Monsignor Deutschmann Room**

Payment for class is due by March 3. For questions contact Barb Michael with Optimal Lifestyles, Inc. at 314-494-9533.

Please pray for the safety and well being of the following loved ones of our parishioners who have been called to military service: **US Army Chief Warrant Officer 2, Cpl. John R. Weber, III, USMC, Major Matthew Kelly, Michael C. Wood, Army, Lt. Joseph Sidlo, M/Sgt Don Haga, A/C Christine Haga, Sgt. Erik Thompson, Warrant Officer Alicia G. Mejia-Adkins, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Adkins, US Army, Chief Warrant Officer 2, Mark Nitz, USMC, Lt. Col. Mark Jackson, IV, Captain Jeremy Reynolds, US Army, Pfc. Josh P. Stack, Capt. Christopher Moskoﬀ, US Army, Captain Robert Winkler, US Army, Capt. Kevin Jackson, Lt. CPL. Thomas Weber, USMC, Major Joseph G. Skryd, USMC, Mason Barnett, USMC, Command Master Chief, Maria Strader, USN, SGT Corey Hill, US Army, Jon Detling-Nusser, Navy, Lauren Young, Ensign U.S. Navy.**



Please Pray For All The Sick

Names will remain on the *Pray For The Sick* list for 4 weeks then are automatically deleted. To be included on this list, you need to call the Parish Office 966-8600. A call to the Rectory Office is necessary to request additional weeks.

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| Annette Leatherman (3) | Mark S. (3) |
| Oliver Hults (4) | Kristi Hueseman (4) |
| Louis G. (3) | Heather Jacus (4) |
| Jane Jensen (2) | Cassie Grote (2) |
| Kathy Kelley (3) | Judy Hickham (2) |
| Noelle Evangeline Whitney (3) | |
| Marilyn (Llorsie) Spears (3) | |

**Kirkwood United Methodist Church
Yoga Fusion Classes – Thursday Night Class**

The Thursday night class is taught by Mary Beth Wilczak. Mary Beth is an AFAA certified group fitness instructor.

Date: Thursdays March 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Cost: \$20 for 4 week session

Drop in classes are \$8.00

Class minimum – 8 people signed up on a monthly basis to continue classes.

Location: Kirkwood United Methodist Church

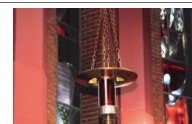
Enter from the parking lot, the door to the left of the church entrance, go down steps, **room 110.**

Payment for class is due by March 5. For questions contact Barb Michael with Optimal Lifestyles, Inc. at 314-494-9533.

In Remembrance

Please remember the deceased and their loved ones in your Prayers:

- Rita Maret**
Kate A. Lavin



SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLES

Below are the scheduled dedications for this month:

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| March 2 | Joan M. Leighton |
| March 9 | Harold Richard Brown, Sr. |
| March 16 | Dennis Gerard Fogarty |
| March 23 | Judith Ann Allhoff |
| March 30 | Charles F. Niet |

Please remember all our faithful departed, in your prayers.

Feel the Joy of Giving

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collections Update

Total for Feb. 29 - Mar. 1	\$	33,704.50
Month to Date Total:	\$	33,704.50
Year to Date Total:	\$	1,212,127.50

Collections versus Budget

Weekly Total:	+\$	2,608.00
Month To Date Total:	+\$	2,608.00
Year to Date Total:	<\$	4,318.00 > (-.35%)

Versus YTD 2018-2019 Collections Adjusted <2.39%>

THANK YOU ST. PETER!

