



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS September 14, 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.

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**ST. PETER CLAVER CONFERENCE
 OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY**

314-289-6101, Ext. 1169

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

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 blessed Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross to you all!** This week, we again break from our regular “Sunday in Ordinary Time” to celebrate a treasured feast of the liturgical calendar. Last week, our parish had the privilege to honor our patron, St. Peter Claver, in place of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, and now, the Church universal “pauses” from its usual course to celebrate this time-honored tradition. Certain immovable feasts of the liturgical calendar carry such a high rank that when they fall on a Sunday, they take the place of the normal celebration. In November, we will take another “break” from the “Sunday schedule” to commemorate All Soul’s Day (November 2nd) and the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (November 9th).

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross dates back to the 4th century, and it celebrates a double anniversary. On one hand, it recalls the discovery of the Lord’s cross by the empress, St. Helena, in 320, and on the other hand, it remembers the dedication of churches erected by Constantine over the sites of Jesus’ Passion, Death, and Resurrection in Jerusalem (335). Originally, Constantine had two churches built. There was a round church, the Anastasis, constructed above the empty grave of Jesus, and a basilica, the Martyrium. In between the two churches, there was a shrine, Calvarium, marking the place of Jesus’ crucifixion. In the 7th century, these churches were destroyed and then rebuilt about a decade later. In the beginning of the 11th century, the reconstructed churches were again attacked and destroyed. Finally, in 1149, the present church of the Holy Sepulcher was erected and dedicated during the Crusader period.

Many of you are aware that our parish has inherited an extensive collection of relics from the former Our Lady of the Holy Cross. One of the treasured items of this collection is **a relic of the “True Cross.”** Earlier this year, on Good Friday, we displayed the relic in a monstrance for public veneration, and for this weekend’s feast, we will do the same. What a gift we have to be so close to the actual wood of the Cross on which our salvation was won! Let us heed the words of St. Paul in his *Letter to the Galatians* (6:14), which are echoed in this weekend’s entrance antiphon, “We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered” (*Roman Missal*, “Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross). God bless you and your loved ones! My prayers remain for you all!

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



Saturday, September 13

4:00 PM

Ushers: Bernard Anthony, Regi McMurtry

Lector: Paulyn Snyder

Acolytes: Rosalind Williams, Kim Reid

EMHC: Paulyn Snyder, Shirley Robinson

Sunday, September 14

8:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Murphy, Joan Crawford

Lector: Michele Brown

Acolyte: Pam Mason, Abraham Lopez

EMHC: Paulyn Snyder

10:00 AM

Ushers: Stephen Belt, Jacoby Combs,
Sheila Johnson

Lectors: Judy Lydon, Michele Anderson

Acolytes: Venus Spain, Corliss Cox

EMHC: Isom Williams, Teresa Scurlock
(Main, check-in with Fr. Scott before Mass)
Barbara Jackson (Choir)

Announcer: Sandra Wilson

Saturday, September 20

4:00 PM

Ushers: Bernard Anthony, Regi McMurtry

Lector: Alfreda Pulley

Acolytes: Cynthia Mitchell, Rosalind Williams

EMHC: Paulyn Snyder, Kim Reid

Sunday, September 21

8:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Murphy, Linda Hancock-Ross

Lector: Paulyn Snyder

Acolyte: Gary Moellering, Bill Collier

EMHC: Kim Reid

10:00 AM

Ushers: Ken Bell, Geron Houston,
Lynn Woolfolk

Lectors: Brenda Vanderford, Denise Martin

Acolytes: Venus Spain, Michael Williams

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

Announcer: Stephen Belt

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

We pray that we have the courage to carry our own crosses, transforming our pain into hope through the power of Christ's dying and rising.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Reading I

Numbers 21:4b-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Reading II

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel

John 3:13-17

September 15 - September 21

Monday: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9;
John 19:25-27

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Psalm 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5,
6; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Psalm 111:7-8, 9, 10;
Luke 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18,
19-20; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;
Luke 8:4-15

HOMEBOUND AND SICK

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



Audrey Anderson, Richard Anderson,
Judith Banks, William Bonnett, Grace Brown,
Jane Brown, Marie Buckner, Ruby Carter,
Louis Coffman, Gwen Cooper, Bernice Culmore,
Lily Davis, Carol Dickerson, Rhonda Dorsey,
Harold Duffield, Leodia Gooch, Mary Gregory,
Paula Griffin, Naomi Hampton, Joan Hanheide,
Michael Hanson, Kenneth Herndon, Joice Hollingsworth,
Karen Jamison, Abraham Lopez, Finley Martin,
Michelle Martin, Arlene McDaniel, Elizabeth McFarland,
Flossie McNairy, Jacqueline McNeese, Eunice Miles,
Jan Quinn, Michelle Randle, Kim Reid, Marilyn Rusznak,
Wendell Scales, Charlene Shannon, Shirley Shelton,
Frances Simms, Sandra Simmons, Dorothy Sing,
Crystal Small, Doris Smith, Laverna Spinks, Les Wells,
Patricia Wells, Lillian Whitley, Mattie Williams,
Doris J. Wilson

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 15 thru SEPTEMBER 21



Monday, September 15
Hillside Rehab & Healthcare Center
10:00 a.m. **Kelvin Rogers**

Tuesday, September 16
12:00 p.m. **Lynette Bowers**

Wednesday, September 17
12:00 p.m. **Pearl Stitts**

Thursday, September 18
12:00 p.m. **Mary Ellen Metzger**

Friday, September 19
12:00 p.m. **David E. Heinz**

Saturday, September 20
4:00 p.m. **People of the Parish**

Sunday, September 21
8:00 a.m. **Pharra Jones**
10:00 a.m. **Clea Mahaney**



In Loving Memory



Remember all of our departed loved ones.

LYNETTE BOWERS

*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



St. Peter Claver Offertory

September 7, 2025

\$10,534.07 (General)

\$ 2,356.55 (Online)

\$12,890.62 (Total)

Jesus make our hearts like yours.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

In 326, Constantine's mother, Saint Helena, a devout Christian, embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Her mission was to identify significant sites from Christ's life and establish churches at those locations. In Jerusalem, she aimed to find the True Cross and to build a church over the sites of Mount Calvary and Jesus' tomb, known as the Holy Sepulchre. Upon identifying Mount Calvary and the empty tomb, she discovered three discarded and buried crosses. After an investigation, the local bishop confirmed they were the crosses used to crucify Jesus and the two thieves. Since Helena did not know which cross was Christ's, she arranged for a sick woman to touch all three. The woman was immediately healed upon touching one of them, indicating that it was the True Cross.

September 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.



PLANNING MEETING FOR THE 2026 ST. PETER CLAVER DAY GALA

If you are interested in offering input to the planning for our 2026 St. Peter Claver Day Gala, please plan on attending our first meeting on this big parish event on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Our gala will be a major fund raiser for our Parish.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH OPPORTUNITIES

Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass today, we have our Stephen Ministry team here to pray with you and for you.

Also, our Sr. Antona Ebo ministry will gather for their monthly meeting.

Finally, in the Bell Tower Chapel Father will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick.

You are welcome to participate in any of these opportunities.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

ST. PETER CLAVER PARISH
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8240 WASHINGTON ST.
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ARE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF RECEIVING ANY SACRAMENT(S)?



If anyone has sacramental needs (Baptism, First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)), please contact the parish office, 314-485-4566.

† First Reconciliation (Confession)/First Eucharist (Communion):

Any child or youth in the second grade or older who has been baptized: There will be a **mandatory orientation meeting** for parents (only) of children preparing to receive First Holy Communion (Eucharist) this year.

† Confirmation:

Any youth who has been baptized, must be in grades 7th-12th, and at least 12 years of age at the time of the administration of the Sacrament. All candidates and their families must attend an information session prior to enrollment.

† **All other sacramental needs:** Contact the parish office.

Sacramental Preparation: If you or anyone you know is in need of **any** sacrament, please contact the parish office immediately.

If you have any questions contact the parish office at 314-485-4566. **Classes have begun on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory dining room.**

ST. PETER CLAVER PARISH DISASTER RELIEF

Are you in need of: household supplies, cleaning supplies, non-perishable food items, toiletries, baby supplies?

Looking for clothes? The clothing section is now open in our school building.

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

Tuesday - Thursday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We ask that you please come to the food pantry to gain access to the clothing area.

A call for help. We are in need of volunteers for the afternoon sessions (12:30 to 3:00 p.m.) on all days (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays). If you are willing and able to assist during these hours, please call the Parish Office, 314-485-4566, or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church. **THANK YOU!!!**

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESAN COMMUNITY

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JEFF

If interested, we will be studying the book of the Acts of the Apostles on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. with Father Jeff Harrison.

These study sessions will be available on Zoom only.

For more information and if you need the Zoom link, please contact Kim Reid on 314-277-4101.



LADIES AUXILIARY - KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER CLAVER COURT 213

Presents a two-day fundraiser trip to Branson, October 17-18. See bulletin for package pricing. \$100 deposit due now. For reservations Queen Ester Frazier, 314-383-0103 or Julie Abernathy, 314-713-1381.

The National Catholic Conference on Restorative Justice

The 2025 National Catholic Conference on Restorative Justice is hosted by Catholic Mobilizing Network in collaboration with The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta and The Aquinas Center of Theology, Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Catholic Mobilizing Network hosts the biennial National Catholic Conference on Restorative Justice to bring together Catholic ministry leaders, academic and legal professionals, restorative justice practitioners, and people directly impacted by harm, crime, and incarceration to build capacity within communities and the Church to advance healing approaches to harm, crime, and injustice.

September 25-27, 2025 - Atlanta, Georgia



THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THIS IS MY STORY . . . THIS IS MY SONG In the Lwanga Center Sunday, September 21 Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Come and hear their faith journeys of Bea Logan and Bill Murphy and share fellowship with members of our Parish Family.

Please call Alfreda Pulley on 314-629-6759 or the parish office, if interested in sharing your faith story.

All are welcome to join us -- bring someone with you.



**THANKS TO ALL WHO DELIGENTLY PLANNED,
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Questions, contact our team, 314-792-7732.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 and 19 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with this spectacular performance by gospel legends the Clark Sisters, the St. Louis Symphony (SLSO) and the IN UNISON Chorus, blending gospel, jazz and holiday classics.

slo.org or 314-534-1700

WHITE HOUSE JESUIT RETREAT NOVEMBER 13-16

The retreat starts with dinner on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and concludes with Mass and lunch on Sunday. This is a silent retreat. There are four rooms remaining but they fill up fast.

There is a suggested cost for the retreat, but each person after prayerful consideration, pays what they can afford for the 4 day retreat.

If interested, please call Jason at the White House office: 314-416-6400, Retreat #77. St. Peter Claver contact: Teresa Scurlock @ 314-397-2748 or teresafrice@yahoo.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2025!



The following upcoming weekends are available in 2025. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**10/10/2025 - 10/12/2025, Springfield, IL
12/5/2025 - 12/7/2025, St. Peters, MO**

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Friends of the Poor® Walk

Saturday, September 27, at St. Clement of Rome (1510 Bopp Rd, Des Peres MO 63131)

A joint community celebration and fundraiser hosted by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at St. Peter Claver and St. Clement of Rome

8 a.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Memorial Mass

9 – 9:30 a.m. – ¼ Mile Walk around adjoining subdivision

8:30 a.m. – Reception

9:30 – 10 a.m. – FRED BIRD® of the St. Louis Cardinals!!!

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To register by phone, please call Brenda at 314-803-9343.

Participants under the age of 18 must be registered by a parent or guardian.

Please sign the bus list in the back of church if you'd like to ride a chartered bus to and from St. Clement of Rome on September 27.

The bus will leave St. Peter Claver parking lot promptly at 8 a.m. and return before noon.



Scan to Register



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All proceeds are shared equally by the SVdP Conferences at St. Peter Claver and St. Clement of Rome.

Donate online at stclementcatholicchurch.org/FOPdonate or scan the Donation QR code.

Or mail a check made payable to *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*, with "FOP Walk" in the memo, to St. Peter Claver SVdP, 4330 Shreve Ave, St. Louis, MO 63115.



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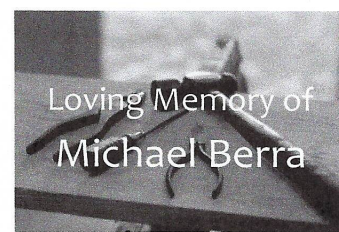
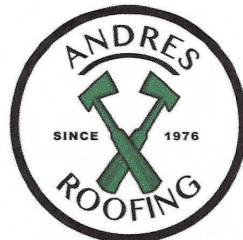


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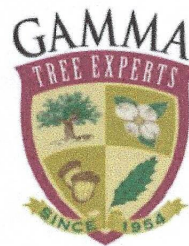
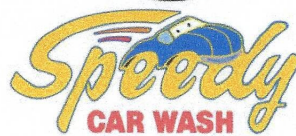
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