



SOLEMNITY OF SAINT PETER CLAVER September 7, 2025

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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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace! **A blessed Solemnity of St. Peter Claver to you all!** Many thanks to Fr. Art Cavitt and the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver for being with us to honor our patron. Thank you also to our parish staff, ministries and organizations, and volunteers who have worked so diligently in preparing for this glorious event. We appreciate you! In addition to celebrating our patronal feast, **this Tuesday, 9/9, marks our one-year anniversary of officially being named St. Peter Claver Parish.** Thank you, Lord, for bringing us together as one under the patronage of this holy servant of God!

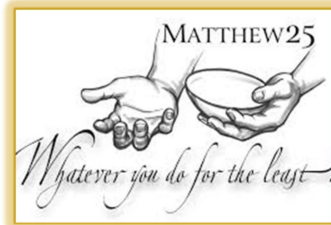
Well, **I am overflowing with gratitude for all the love and support I received while I was out last week.** The many notes, texts, emails, meals, supplies, and, of course, prayers were a godsend! Thank you! Thank you also to the many who were able to assist with the funerals and the weekend Masses in my absence. It sure was a blessing to have the help of **Fr. Scott Jones** and his dear priest-friend, **Fr. Octavio Trejo-Flores, SDS!** God's Providence made sure we had extra help on-hand! Thank you also to Deacon Ed Grotpeter, the parish staff, the sanctuary ministers (altar servers, lectors, announcers, and extraordinary ministers), the music ministers, the hospitality teams (ushers, bulletin organizers, A/V team, security, and transportation providers), and all who were able to help in any way! I'm deeply appreciative!

I hope you have had the chance to participate in the **St. Peter Claver Novena prayers.** It is a wonderful way to enter into the life and ministry of our patron and be united to him and to one another through prayer. Each day of the novena we've highlighted a different aspect of St. Peter Claver's life and prayed for a specific intention. **After this weekend, two days will remain in the novena,** so if you haven't been able to follow along, join us as we close this blessed time of prayer. Also, if you'd like a copy of the novena prayers, please contact the parish office or myself, and we'll make them available. Really, you can pray this novena at any time, so if you have a specific intention, consider this 9-day journey with our patron.

Last week in my Pastor's Pen, I had the chance to write about our new seminarian, and now, he's arrived! **A warm, St. Peter Claver welcome to Mr. Curtis Prize!** What a weekend to start at the parish! I know this will be a blessed year for him, especially as he prepares for ordination to the transitional diaconate. Our prayers are with you, Curtis!

In closing, join me in praying our St. Peter Claver novena prayer: "Lord, out of love for You, St. Peter Claver became the faithful servant of enslaved Africans. Through his intercession, help us to see the true dignity of the human family, all created of one Father, and to spend ourselves for the salvation of all people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen." St. Peter Claver, pray for us!

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



Saturday, September 6

4:00 PM

Ushers: Bernard Anthony, Regi McMurtry

Lector: Carol Huddleston

Acolytes: Cynthia Mitchell, Rosalind Williams

EMHC: Paulyn Snyder, Kim Reid

Sunday, September 7

8:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Murphy, Bernadette White

Lector: Peter Jones

Acolyte: Pam Mason, Abraham Lopez

EMHC: Paulyn Snyder

10:00 AM

Ushers: Lynn Woolfolk, Jim Velten,
Dionne Flowers, Stephen Byes

Lectors: Stephen Byes, Rochelle Love

Acolytes: Bill Collier, Michael Williams

EMHC: Gail Velten, Jim Velten
(Main, check-in with Fr. Scott before Mass)
Kevin Blackshear (Choir)

Announcer: Andrea Lowe

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

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We pray that we may be united in building a society in which all people have the opportunity to live with dignity and hope, especially the poor, immigrants and refugees, the elderly, and the unborn and that all people may live in greater harmony and work to put an end to racial prejudice and discrimination, believing that God can heal every wound and right every wrong. Amen.

Scripture Readings

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Solemnity of St. Peter Claver

Reading I

Isaiah 58:6-11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6

Reading II

Romans 12:3-13

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-40

September 8 - September 14

Monday: Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 13:6ab, 6c; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday: Colossians 2:6-15; Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11; Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Psalm 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Luke 6:43-49

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 8 thru SEPTEMBER 14



Monday, September 8

Hillside Rehab & Healthcare Center

10:00 a.m. *No Mass*

12:00 p.m. *Joanne Zenobia Harrison*

Tuesday, September 9

12:00 p.m. *Steven Brown*

Wednesday, September 10

12:00 p.m. *Kelvin Rogers*

Thursday, September 11

12:00 p.m. *Jose Williams*

Friday, September 12

12:00 p.m. *Brandon Murphy*

Saturday, September 13

4:00 p.m. *Michelle Hampton*

Sunday, September 14

8:00 a.m. *Mary Ellen Metzger*

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



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

August 31, 2025

\$4,785.92 (General)

\$1,425.00 (Online)

\$6,210.92 (Total)

Jesus make our hearts like yours.

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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 next week, 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
ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER

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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 will begin on Monday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m.**

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 signup sheet in the back of church. **THANK YOU!!!**

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESAN COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend we will take up a special collection for Catholic University of America.

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 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



RETRouvaille-STL WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2025

Retrouvaille is a program to help couples heal and renew their marriages.

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?

Are you constantly fighting?

Or, do you simply shut down?

Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

Register now - 800-470-2230 (24-hour confidential hotline) or visit: helpourmarriage.org.

Questions? Tom, 314.409.4199, or Kerry, 314.753.2022.



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PLANTING SEEDS OF PEACE & HOPE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CARDINAL RIGALI CENTER

20 Archbishop May Drive



Join us as we learn from experts, advocates, students, clergy and from Catholic social teaching about planting seeds of peace and hope for creation (Isaiah 32:16-18).

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 ten 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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Registration is free and fast!

Register now at FOPWalk.eventbrite.com or scan the Registration QR code.

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.



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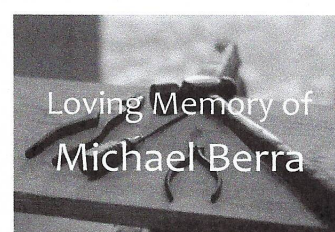
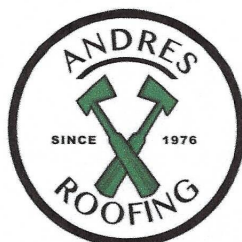


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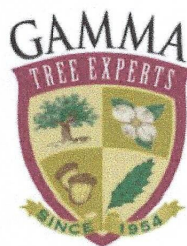
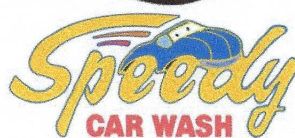
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