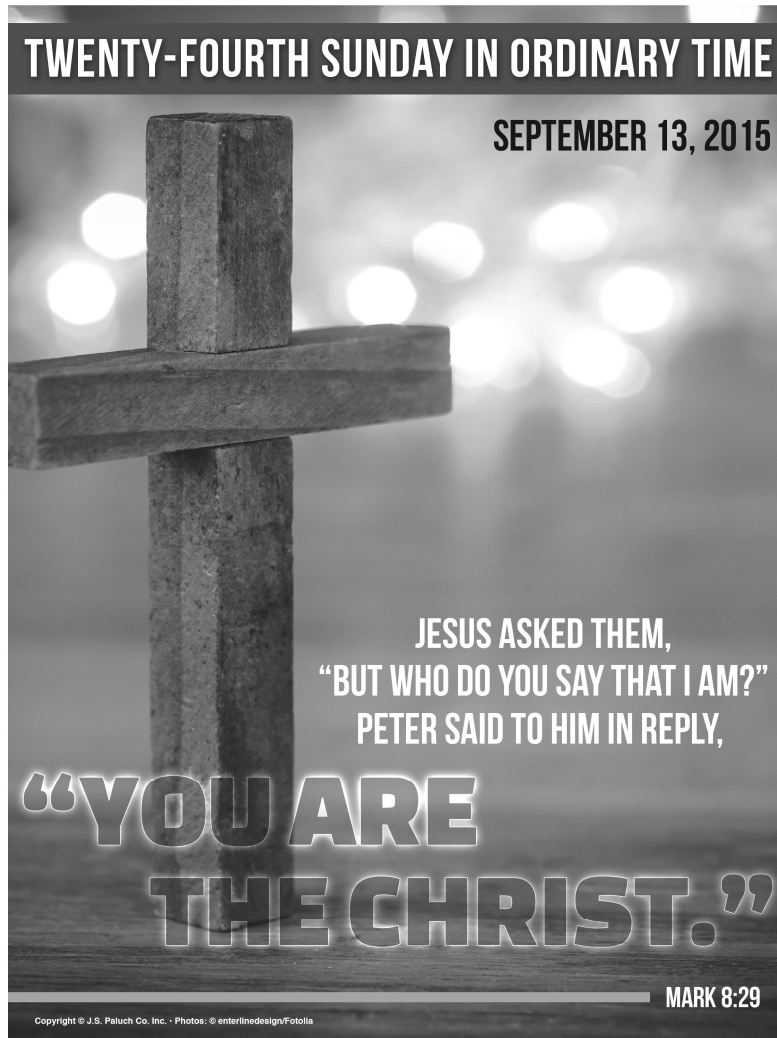


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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. You shall have no other gods before me2. You shall not make for yourself an idol3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy5. Honor your father and your mother | <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. You shall not murder7. You shall not commit adultery8. You shall not steal9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.10. You shall not covet. . . anything that belongs to your neighbor. |
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***“Observe these
Commandments and you
will be a wise and
prosperous nation.” -
Deuteronomy Chapter 4***

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Saturday:	5:00 pm
Sunday:	9:30 am
Holydays:	12:05 pm
Holidays:	9:00 am
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STS. PETER & PAUL HAS A NEWLY FORMED YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (Ages: 20's & 30's). They meet once a month. If you are in your 20's or 30's, we invite you to come. Please contact Ryan Sitki at rsitki@gmail.com

ENCOUNTER GOD IN THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

If you promise to spend five (5) minutes a day reading the bible, take a bible free. Bibles can be found in the vestibule of church at the bible display.

We welcome all of our parishioners, neighbors and visitors. If this is your first time visiting our parish and you like what you see and hear and it fills your need, please consider making this your home parish. Our Mission is **“Opening Hearts to Christ through Prayer, Service and Fellowship.** We invite you to join our parish as a **full-time member or you may make this your associate parish by attending at least once a month and supporting our parish through your contribution envelopes.** To do so, please ask one of the ushers for a Membership Profile Questionnaire to complete and return to the rectory office or place it in the collection basket or on the piano after Mass. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the parish office at 314-231-9923. We are grateful for all of our members and visitors.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	Sept	12	Parishioners
Sunday	Sept	13	Edward Gorski
Monday	Sept	14	John Doucette
Tuesday	Sept	15	Anna Polizzi
Wednesday	Sept	16	Clara Doucette
Thursday	Sept	17	Aline Valleroy

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Sept	12 & 13	Deacon Tom Gorski
Sept	19 & 20	Fr. David Polek
Sept	26 & 27	Fr. Bruce Forman
Oct	03	Fr. David Polek
Oct	04	Fr. Bruce Forman
Oct	10 & 11	Fr. Bruce Forman

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

<i>Dan Deitz / Lauren Scharf</i>	<i>10/10/2015</i>
<i>John Logan / Kristen Guilander</i>	<i>10/17/2015</i>
<i>Michael Gall / Elizabeth Reinhardt</i>	<i>11/21/2015</i>
<i>Joshua Hess / Any Neier</i>	<i>12/31/2015</i>

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

All schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers, Ushers & Greeters are posted at the information center.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Chuck Hejkal, Donna Sikorski, Steve Ippolito, Al Niehoff, Andy Alaska, Fluffy Juergens, Jim Mottershead, David Hackmann, Diane Koishor, Sister Rose Marie and Mike and Gail McDonough. **Also include in your prayers all their caregivers.**

Please pray for strength, courage, patience and healing for **all** those mentioned above and also for all the people in the world who need physical and emotional healing.

Note from parish office: Please contact the office to have your name put on the prayer list and also to be removed from the prayer list.

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

Jack Patrick Noonan *09/26/2015*

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

For all people:
 May the Lord motivate and inspire our actions,
 that we might contribute to building up a culture
 that cherishes each person's life;
 We pray to the Lord:

THE CROSS TO BEAR

If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you.
 —Thomas à Kempis

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

Happy Birthday!

Sept	12	Janet Wilder
Sept	13	Willa Ottersbach
Sept	18	Mary Beth Garasky
Sept	19	Devin Cargill



Happy Anniversary!

Sept	12	Scott & Jeana Schoenberger
Sept	19	David & Sue Hackmann
Sept	19	John & Dorothy Hettel

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Baseball marriage tip #3:

Healthy couples "value RBIs (Runs Batted In) trusting that your teammate will bring you home safely. (from *Becoming An All-Star Team in the Major League of Marriage* by Jack & Jane Katencamp)

PARENTING POINTERS

5 steps to getting kids to obey:

Step 4. If the child does not obey the first time you give the direction, repeat it once and add what the consequence will be for non-compliance (for example, time-out, loss of a privilege, etc.).

Step 5. If the child does not obey, calmly and immediately enforce the consequence. No yelling, no negotiating. Just do it.

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LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray that we come to know who Jesus is and how he is calling us to enter into his ministry to bring life to our world. We pray that we might better understand what we need to die to, so that God's reign might become more present in our world.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 14 -20, 2015

Monday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37



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TWO (2) WEEKS AWAY AND
WE STILL NEED MANY
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WE OPEN THE DOORS FOR BUSINESS AT 7:00
A.M. ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 25TH!**

The sign-up sheets are on the tables in the information center.

You have two (2) weeks left to clean out your garage, basement, closets or attic, we hope you'll call us. We'll meet you and help unload. We do take many large items like furniture and appliances (still working). **We do not take clothes.**

If you know anyone doing a moving and/or estate sale or if you have items call Kevin or Jeanne Marie Kelly at 314-776-3409.

And **THANKS** for all you do at Sts. Peter & Paul.

RETRouvaille

Marriage Challenges? Retrouvaille (a French word meaning rediscovery) is a program to help couples heal & renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems & crises, even couples who are separated and divorced. The next program begins with the **weekend of SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2015**. For further information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit **www.HelpOurMarriage.com**.

STEWARDSHIP

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (MARK 8:34)

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

Remembering that absolutely everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE!

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Vocation

Did you know that the lay faithful have a specific vocation? That vocation is "to seek the Kingdom of God by illuminating and ordering temporal affairs according to the plan of God. They carry out in this way their call to holiness and to the apostolate, a call given to all the baptized" (*Compendium*, 188). The Church recognizes 4 vocations: married life, single life, religious life, and ordained life. All vocations are ordered to building up the Kingdom of God. **archstl.org/dynamic**

SAINT RAYMOND'S 2015 LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 19, 2015 6P.M.-10P.M.

Sunday, September 20, 2015 11A.M.-6P.M.

The Lebanese festival is a fun and free event. Please come and enjoy Authentic Lebanese food, live music and activities for children, and Lebanese culture.

Saturday night there will be live music, hookah booth, a variety of Lebanese desserts, and Lebanese food including: falafel, kibbi nayee, hummus, tabouli

Sunday there will be live music, children's activities, Lebanese food such as meat pies, spinach pies, kibbi aras, kibbi nayee, grape leaves, cabbage rolls, tabouli, etc., hookah, and much more.

SERVANT

Sometimes the hour and the person meet. Sometimes, when a task or mission is set upon our shoulders, we know we must meet our responsibilities and we are ready. These are heady and invigorating times. The first reading and the Gospel proclamation today are intimate glimpses of a commencement, an inauguration of a challenging future. In both readings, a sense of gravity prevails.

The first reading is from the mysterious Servant Songs from the book of Isaiah. The person is steadfast and brave. His courage and bravery are not located in his stout heart, but in God. We are reminded, "The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear" (Isaiah 50:4), so the servant understands the mission. And twice, "The Lord GOD is my help" (50:7, 9), so that the servant can endure the coming struggle.

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GOD'S WORD TODAY

The first line of today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah seems to pick up the themes from last week's readings. Isaiah tells us that "the Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear." As we open our hearts to hear God's word today, let us be prepared to fashion an answer to the question posed by Jesus to his disciples: "Who do people say that I am?" Each of us has experienced the presence of the Lord Jesus in our lives. When did the Lord Jesus become your own personal Lord and Savior? Too often we think this question is appropriate only for evangelical Christians. As Catholics we can be put off by such a question, yet that question—and its answer—are at the core of who we are as followers of Christ. Invite the Lord into your heart in new ways as the scriptures are proclaimed today. Ponder the Lord's question before Mass and place yourself within the circle of Christ's disciples as the passage from Saint Mark's Gospel is proclaimed.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It seems obvious to us that Jesus Christ is the Lord of second chances. We need look no further than Peter's denial and rehabilitation for proof. Yet early Christians were more tentative with the gift of forgiveness. For them, every Sunday was an experience of the Lord's power to heal and forgive, yet there were three sins that placed persons at the margins of the community's life. In some places, the rift caused by these sins was permanent. The sins were apostasy (denial of the faith), adultery, and murder. They were particularly detested because of their power to divide and even scatter the community gathered around the Lord's table. Fragile and persecuted communities could crumble and disappear under the weight of a harm done by a public sinner. Sinners were excluded from the community in the hope that "tough love" would help them come to their senses and experience deeper conversion. Inevitably, lists of grave sins grew longer as various bishops added their personal pet peeves to the roster, and more people were required to do public penance. For them, reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many sinners accepted their condition and hoped for a chance at a deathbed reconciliation by anointing. With more and more people permanently on the outs, the church began to struggle toward the light of the Lord's unfailing gift of reconciliation.

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SHELTER NEEDS

Peter and Paul Community Services (PPCS) operate a men's shelter in the basement of our Church for seventy men, 365 days per year. You can only imagine how hard it is to have enough supplies on a daily basis. For the month of **SEPTEMBER**, we are collecting **TWIN SHEETS, FITTED OR FLAT** for the shelter quests. Please drop your donations in blue plastic tubs at church when you attend Mass. By targeting an individual item each month, we will be able to donate the items that are short in their supplies. Thank you for your generous support of this project. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Meyer through the parish office number 314-231-9923.

Services & Social Justice Ministry

LIVING THE CHURCH YEAR

Welcoming Pope Francis

Pope Francis is a great model of gospel living for us. One way we can all mark his visit to the United States this month is by praying for him every time we eat a meal and remembering the Holy Father in our morning and evening prayers. Pray for his health and safety, that his teachings bring more people the light of Christ, and that we might follow his lead and live a merciful life of real discipleship. We might also pray for the families around the world to experience the everlasting love of God. Amen!
Blessings, Heidi



Worship in Motion is a workshop on Gestured prayer in Liturgy Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 9 am - 3:30 pm. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Soulard

Come, learn and experience worship in motion through gestured prayer. This workshop will give you a background of Biblical examples and teach you some practical applications on how to incorporate gestured prayer within the Liturgy. Participation in concluding Liturgy at 5:00 PM is optional.

Registration Fee is \$30.00. The event registration website is: <https://stspp-worshipinmotion.eventbrite.com> or interested folks can always contact Suzanne to learn more about the event at sutztushar@charter.net. All proceeds go to Sts. Peter and Paul Meals Program for the Poor.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Going to the school of Jesus was not always easy for the disciples. Beginning with this event, Jesus begins to educate them about what it means to be his disciple. He starts with the basics: Who he is. Like a good teacher, he engages them in a discussion, asking two questions, going from the easier one to the more demanding one: Who do others say I am? Who do you say I am? The first question gets a quick answer, but the second one gets only Peter's response. By saying "You are the Christ" (Mark 8:29), Peter was naming Jesus as the long-awaited Anointed One, the one who would come to restore Israel's political kingdom and overthrow the Romans. But this was not to be. Jesus counters Peter by speaking of himself as the Son of Man who must suffer, be rejected, be killed, and then rise after three days.

Peter is aghast at this and places himself in front of Jesus so that Jesus has to tell him to get behind him. Peter is blocking his way, like an obstacle, a stumbling block, an adversary (Satan), preventing Jesus from going in the direction he is heading. Peter had learned about a Messiah of power and prestige and Jesus was talking about a Man of pain and punishment. Peter wanted a political Messiah, not a suffering one. Peter saw the disciples taking part in the pomp and pageantry of a new age, and Jesus was speaking of denying oneself and picking up a cross. But graduating from the school of Jesus means moving out of our comfort zone into a distressful district: a place where we take up the cross of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Of course, it all depends on how we answer his question: Who do you say that I am?

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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UPCOMING SPIN RETREAT - SEPT 18-19, 2015

Are you interested in growing closer to God and to each other as a married couple? Dr. John and Mary Jane Gresham will be leading a SPIritual INTimacy (SPIN) Marriage Retreat on September 18-19. This retreat will teach, demonstrate and give you opportunities to practice new ways to pray together as a couple. The 25-hour retreat begins Friday evening with registration at 6:30pm and concludes with anticipatory Saturday Mass at 7:30pm. The retreat, held at Todd Hall Retreat Center in Columbia Illinois, is limited to 10 couples, but we only have 4 couples signed up so far. See genesis-ministry.org to register.



St. Frances Cabrini Academy has worked a beer tent at the Soulard Oktoberfest for the past few years. The Oktoberfest is a great way to get involved in the community, raise awareness and raise funds for Cabrini. Each year we raise over \$5,000, which goes to support tuition. We are still looking for volunteers to help pour beer, collect money, socialize and talk about Cabrini. Please join us this year at the Oktoberfest on October 9th -11th. If you are interested in volunteering for your Parish school please contact the Director of Advancement, Kaitlyn Holdmeyer at 314-776-0883 or e-mail her at holdmeyer.cabriniacademy.org.



Dear Father Bruce Foreman and parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul,

We are so very humbled and blessed by the generosity of your congregation for choosing us as your July Fundraiser this year. Thank you very much for all of the birthday supplies you collected for our sweet, homeless children in the St. Louis Area! We will definitely put all of the items to good use.

We've been very busy this summer with an ice cream social fundraiser, celebrating over 50 birthdays, and moving into our new storage facility. Throughout St. Louis and St. Charles County, we service eleven homeless shelters. We could not help these children celebrate their very special day without the support, love, and generosity of our volunteers.

God is definitely at work and through his guidance and love we will continue to help these homeless children have the best birthday ever!

Thank you again for choosing us as your fundraiser this summer and collecting all of the birthday party goodies!

Sweet Celebrations

Faith in a Busy World

by Theresa Karutz

Like any good habit if we are not intentional with our prayer life, it goes by the wayside.

I center my day by beginning each morning with a prayerful reflection before I do anything else, like checking email. I head outside with my cup of coffee, dogs and Pope Francis' book of Daily Reflections, entitled *A Year of Mercy*. I find each of his "homily messages" wise words in which to base my day. A couple of thought provoking questions follow each passage which invigorate me to apply to my own life. If time allows I follow Matthew Kelly's Prayer Process from his book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*. Choosing to pray outside encourages me to "listen" more to nature's sounds and outdoor breezes. I find myself grateful to hear what God is trying to impart to me in contrast to "talking" the entire time.

In addition to my morning prayer routine, I have been attending Parent Network presentations for the past eight years. After each talk I always walk away with a new perspective on my path through parenthood. Or I acquire helpful tools to pass along to a personal friend in need. This year's topics are, *How to Help our Teens Cope with Stress, Anxiety and Depression*, led by Dr. Linda Popp-Bock. This presentation is scheduled for Sept. 22, 2015 – 7:00 PM at Chaminade High School. Parent Network will also present, *The St. Louis High School's Party Scene: How to Protect our Teens from Substance Abuse* on Oct. 29, 2015 - 7:00 PM at Ursuline Academy. Presenters will

be Scott Snodgrass with Bridgeway Behavioral Health and Officer Daniel Zarrick with St. Louis Metro Police Dept.

I love attending "Encounter" at my parish, Incarnate Word in Chesterfield, the first Wednesday of every month. This is an opportunity to come together as teens and adults to praise and worship our heavenly Father. The music of Adam Bitter brings the love of Christ abundantly through song. And Dan Huss, the life teen minister, traditionally shares a pertinent biblical message that evening. This mid-week transformation of heart opportunity gives faith meaning to my life and helps me reorient my focus.

Lastly I look forward to my Saturday mornings sitting before the Blessed Sacrament for my hourly time with our Lord. This weekly appointment is the perfect time to lift up the struggles and successes of the week for my family, myself and the personal intentions of the world that desperately needs Christ's intervention. The Lord has renewed my thoughts and embraced my struggles in this welcoming place.

May we continually strive to make our prayer life intentional in order to lead our days and weeks with holy habits to renew our faith.

Theresa is married to Peter Karutz and they have two teenage daughters. Theresa has instructed Spanish for the past 17 years. She served as Parent Network President 2013-2014 and Mothers' Club President for St. Joseph's Academy 2014-2015. Theresa and Peter are members of the Legatus Chapter of St. Louis.

Five "Marks" of the Catholic Family

By Dr. Gregory Popcak

Are Catholic families supposed to be different? What would that difference look like?

The Church has been considering these questions in earnest, especially in light of the upcoming World Meeting of Families and the 2015 Synod on the Family. While I don't presume to offer definitive answers, considering the Church's writings on the matter, here are what I would like to suggest are the five most important differences that distinguish a family committed to living the Catholic vision of family life.

1. Catholic Families Worship Together:

The Eucharist is the source of the deep love and intimacy Catholic families are called to live out. To celebrate this, Catholic families attend Mass together on Sundays and Holy Days (and at other times as we are able) and actively participate in the sacramental life of the Church. Also, recognizing that we sometimes struggle to love each other as we should, Catholic families regularly go to confession (recommended: monthly) to seek God's healing, grace, and inspiration to love more and better.

Talk about it: How might each member of our family make Mass a priority this school year (and beyond)?

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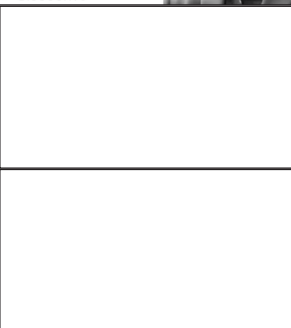
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