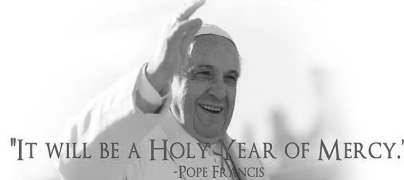


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**EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY**  
DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."  
-POPE FRANCIS

**CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**

**Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,  
clothe the naked, welcome the stranger,  
heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and  
bury the dead.**

**SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**

**Counsel the doubtful, instruct the  
ignorant, admonish sinners,  
comfort the afflicted, forgive offences,  
bear patiently those who do us ill, and  
pray for the living and the dead.**

**Our Mission: *Opening Hearts to Christ through  
Prayer, Fellowship & Service***

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**MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 9:30 am  
 Holydays: 12:05 pm  
 Holidays: 9:00 am  
 Weekdays: 8:30 am in rectory – M, T, Thurs.  
 5:30 pm Mon. when Council Meets  
 12:05 pm in church — Wed.

Reconciliation: the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 15 minutes before the weekend Masses and by appointment.

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**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Archdiocesan guidelines require engaged couples to prepare for their marriage at least **six (6) months** before the scheduled wedding takes place. Engaged couples planning marriage, contact **Deacon Thomas Gorski.** 314-231-9923

**WEDDING MUSIC CONSULTANT:** Contact **Mary Smith** for all wedding Masses at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Mary will advise couples in choosing music and musicians. All musicians, cantors, and vocalists for Mass must be approved by our Music Consultant. 314-962-9260

**HOLY ORDERS AND CONSECRATED (RELIGIOUS) LIFE:** If interested, please call parish rectory or the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations.

**GROUP TOURS** of Historic Sts. Peter and Paul Church can be scheduled by contacting Phyllis Sandusky at the Rectory office. 314-231-9923

**MEALS FOR THE NEEDY** are served in the Parish Hall from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. To help serve the poor and homeless, call **Felicia Clay of PPCS.** 314-588-7111

**PARISH MID LEVEL HALL RENTAL:** Available for rental by parishioners only for receptions, banquets, parties, rehearsal dinners. Contact Phyllis Sandusky. 314-231-9923

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 Website Below:  
<http://sites.google.com/site/southcitydeanerypsr/home>

**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](mailto:rsitki@gmail.com)

**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS:** If you would like to submit a prayer chain request, please submit them to Phyllis Korte at [onthegopk@aol.com](mailto:onthegopk@aol.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.

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**Mass for the Intentions Week**

Saturday Dec 03 Parishioners  
 Wednesday Dec 07 Fr. Tim Bannes

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**PREACHING SCHEDULE**

**Dec 03 & 04** Deacon Tom Gorski  
**Dec 10 & 11** Fr. Bruce Forman  
**Dec 17 & 18** Deacon Tom Gorski  
**Dec 24** Fr. Bruce Forman  
**Dec 25** Deacon Tom Gorski

**CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE**

Dec 24 Christmas Eve – 10:00 PM  
 Dec 25 Christmas Day – 9:30 AM  
 Dec 31 New Year’s Eve – 5:00 PM  
 Jan 01 New Year’s Day – 9:30 AM  
 Christmas Day and New Year’s Day are Holy Days of Obligation.

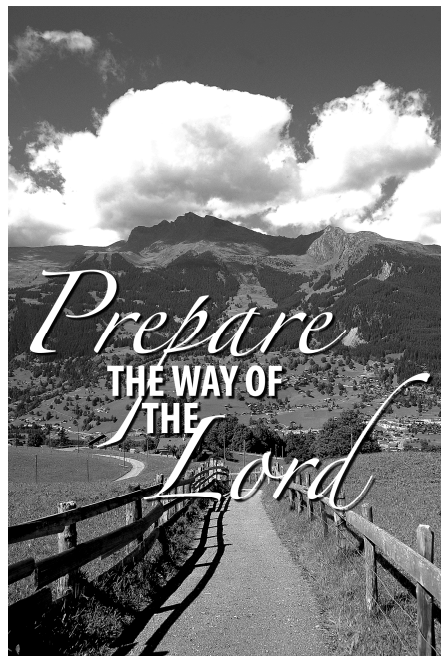
**Special Note: Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Mass will be in the church at 12:05 p.m. and is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
 December 05 - 11, 2016**

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
 Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;  
 Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,  
 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16,  
 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;  
 Mt 11:2-11

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**LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Dec 04** Jan Meyer, Pat Mottershead, Cary Stock,  
 Joe Thele, Debbie Wedemeier  
**Dec 11** Dianna Antonacci, Larry & Sally Backer,  
 Laura Bone, Beth Durban and  
 Kathleen Wayman  
**Dec 18** Kate Gerber, Suzanne Kern, Frank Koishor,  
 Tom Korte, Leanne McCrate and  
 Phil Willman

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**LECTORS**

**Dec 03** Mary Kathryn Victor  
**Dec 04** Leanne McCrate (1)  
 Joe Thele (2)  
**Dec 10** Steve Sukanek  
**Dec 11** Kathy McKinnon (1)  
 Brett Delaria (2)  
**Dec 17** Michelle Heitmann  
**Dec 18** Gary Meyer (1)  
 Phil Willman (2)

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**USHERS/GREETERS**

**Dec 04** Jerry & Kathy Mazdra, Stephen Meyer and  
 Vic Sikorski  
**Dec 11** Don & Sharon Link, Patrick Bone and  
 Tom Korte  
**Dec 18** Mary Gebhart, Anna Moser, Gary Meyer &  
 John Meyer

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**PARISH FAMILY NEWS**  
**Happy Birthday!**

Dec 04 Rosemary Russell  
Dec 05 Tom Durban  
Dec 06 Jill Harter  
Dec 06 Kathleen Wayman  
Dec 08 Cesar Milan



**Happy Anniversary!**

None this week



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**GENERAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**WEEKENDING 11/27/2016**

Unrestricted Offertory Gifts \$2,619.28  
Current Budget \$3,400.00

**Thank you for your gifts to God and to our parish**

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**DONUT HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE**

**Dec 04** Social Justice (Berviller's & Meyer's)  
**Dec 11** James Mitchell & Michael Garland  
**Dec 18** Jeanne Marie & Kevin Kelly  
**Dec 25** Christmas – No Donuts

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

Chuck Hejkal, Steve Ippolito, Al Niehoff, Andy Alaska, David Hackmann, Sister Rose Marie, George Darner, Mike and Gail McDonough, Dawn Butler, Dennis Chitwood, Margaret Rallo, Cierra Rogers, Willa Ottersbach, Suzanne Kern, Jessica Grib and Mary Smith. **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.

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE TO REMOVE OR ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST.**

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**ATTENTION: SHELTER NEEDS**

**We will not be collecting anything for the shelter during the month of December. We concentrate our efforts to the Giving Tree.** We will resume Collections for the shelter clients in January. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year to assist those in our community. May you be blessed for your thoughtfulness & kindness.

**Services & Social Justice Ministry**

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**INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE**

May God move us to act with tenderness and compassion for the most vulnerable;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

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**The**  
**Christmas**



Our giving tree this year will benefit families and seniors from St. Agatha Parish to our south and St. Nicholas Parish to our north (Fr. Art Cavitt's).

**Tags are available starting this weekend; December 3 & 4. Please wrap all gifts and attach the tag to the gift securely. All gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 18. As always, gift cards should be placed in the in the purple box by the piano and will be removed after Mass.**

Thank you for your generosity! Any questions, please contact Jan Meyer or Gerry Berviller.

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**STEWARDSHIP**

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

That we realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God.

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**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** can be made through the envelope in your packet all during the Christmas season. Don't forget to write on the back of the envelope who you want remembered or honored. Once the Christmas season is over (after the Feast of the Epiphany) you are welcome to take a flower home.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**  
**HONORING THE LIVING**  
**AND REMEMBERING**  
**THE DECEASED**



Mary Dowling & Bob Victor  
William Dowling Victor  
Marie Elizabeth & Jule Victor  
Helen Held & Tom Dowling  
Roy Leimberg  
Gaynell Spinelli  
Lee Davis  
George Hermann  
Mabel Triplett  
The Rauscher Family

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejeweled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

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### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Many parents put a small treat in their children's shoes the night before St. Nick's Day, December 6. Consider putting a treat in your spouse's shoe (a Hershey kiss, a love note, a coupon for a favor like a backrub or a chore you'll relieve your spouse of the next day).

### PARENTING POINTERS

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you." (Romans 15:6) As we approach Christmas many families will be planning family gatherings. What a joy it usually is to reunite with relatives. But some families are separated by war, forced immigration, or ill will. Does your family have a black sheep you need to make amends with? Does your country welcome all?

[www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Mass Intentions of remembrance are \$5.00 each. Just a reminder to send in your Mass Intentions for 2017 especially if you want a specific date. You can drop your envelope in the collection basket. Write the person to be remembered on the envelope.

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### WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

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Immaculate  
Conceptor

### DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In this prayer to the Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, we ask for the assistance we need in order to avoid sin. Just as we might ask our own mother for help, we turn to Mary, "Mother of God and my Mother," that she may intercede for us.

### TO THE VIRGIN IMMACULATE

O Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, from thy sublime height turn upon me thine eyes of pity. Filled with confidence in thy goodness and knowing full well thy power, I beseech thee to extend to me thine assistance in the journey of life, which is so full of danger for my soul. And in order that I may never be the slave of the devil through sin, but may ever live with my heart humble and pure, I entrust myself wholly to thee. I consecrate my heart to thee forever, my only desire being to love thy divine Son Jesus. Mary, none of thy devout servants has ever perished; may I too be saved. Amen.

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### PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT  
PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND  
ASKING FOR THE GRACE**

We prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires.

**Each morning this week**, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent "a bit more hope." Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say,

*"Lord, I place my trust in you."*

**Each day this week**, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of "parched land" or desert, some place where we feel "defeated" or "trapped," we hear the words, "Our God will come to save us!"

The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say:

*"Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me."*

**Each night this week** we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And, we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that "Our God will come to save us" because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly.

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.  
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.*

**Taken from: Creighton University Online Ministries**

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**MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN** is once again organizing buses for the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Thursday- Saturday, Jan. 26- 28, 2017. Join us and thousands of others from across the U.S. for this huge pro-life gathering in our nation's capital. This trip does not involve overnight stays in hotels as we sleep on the buses. The cost before Dec. 23 is \$190. The cost after Dec. 23 is \$205. For registration and bus information contact us at: 314-434-4900 or email us at [mrl.eastern@yahoo.com](mailto:mrl.eastern@yahoo.com). You can also download our registration form at [www.missourilife.org](http://www.missourilife.org). Registration deadline is Jan. 3, 2017.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

The reading from the prophet Isaiah is a very hopeful description of the Messiah. Part of that description in verses 2-3 contains the traditional seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah, and looking forward to his coming in glory, let us take a look at those gifts and see how we can use them.

Wisdom is first, but it is not simply a matter of tossing out proverbs and sayings. This wisdom is the gift of seeing God in creation. It means that we value the things of this world only as they help us to know and love God more. The second gift, understanding, follows from wisdom. As we appreciate God in creation, we understand what God expects of us in dealing with creation and other people. This gift helps us know how to act in a world that seems to ignore God.

Counsel follows from understanding as the gift of making correct judgments about how to act, how to follow those commands of God. For example, understanding can lead us to love others; counsel guides us to love them in appropriate ways.

Strength, or fortitude, is the gift that enables us to do those things inspired by understanding and counsel, even if they are difficult. John the Baptist displays this gift in the Gospel when he challenges the Pharisees. Fortitude gave him the courage to die for his faith.

Knowledge is similar to counsel (knowing how to act) in that we begin to see what God wants for us in this world. It includes an understanding of the scriptures and how God's word applies to our lives. Knowledge leads us to deeper revelations of the truths of our faith. This can lead to the sixth gift, piety (seventh in Isaiah's text--"delight in the Lord"). Piety is a willingness to worship and love God, a desire to be close to God in prayer. Piety leads us to rely totally on God and humbly ask God's help. The final gift, fear of the Lord, is more than just being afraid. It is the awe and wonder of recognizing how great God is, how much God loves us, and how much we want to stay close to God. And the desire to be close to God circles back to the wisdom with which we see God in creation.

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**FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP**

Give yourself a gift this Advent and join us for Thursday, December 15 at Kenrick Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr 63119). Our speaker will be Father Mark Kramer, SJ. We will pray the rosary at 8am and the talk will run from 8:15 to 9am. Coffee and social time follow. All are welcome! See [www.kenrick.edu/fiat](http://www.kenrick.edu/fiat) for more information and for recordings of previous talks.

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Don't we all, when asked what we want for Christmas, at some time or another answer, "World peace?" As we look at our world, we still see the ongoing refugee crisis and the problem of desperate people immigrating to our country illegally. We see the ongoing war and the horror of bombing and starvation in the Middle East, and the attacks of terrorists in formerly "safe" Western countries, including our own. Don't we wish it would all stop? We can take some comfort in today's readings, for in them is the promise of God's justice and care for the poor and the downtrodden. There is the promise of justice meted out to those who do evil, and the future vision of the Peaceable Kingdom, where all are safe and cared for.

### WITH ONE ACCORD

We are confronted today by the problem of division: our divided world, our divided country, our divided Church. Anger and hostility pit brothers and sisters against one another, each sure that their ideas are right and the others are doomed to hell. Not since the Civil War have we seen our country so divided, nor since World War II have we seen such problems and strife over refugees in Europe and in our own country. Christians are divided and view each other with suspicion and hostility. Yet this is not the way of God.

John the Baptist is quite hard on the Pharisees and Sadducees who showed up at his baptism. "Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? . . . Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matthew 3:7, 10). He announces the coming of Christ, that "He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire" (Matthew 3:12). This is quite an explicit warning.

### WITH A LITTLE CHILD TO GUIDE THEM

The words of peace and salvation are here in this time of Advent. Jews and Gentiles alike will glorify God for the mercy that God has shown. Those who are oppressed shall find hope and love. "For [God] shall rescue the poor when he cries out, / and the afflicted when he has no one to help . . . / [God] shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; / the lives of the poor [God] shall save" (Psalm 72:12-13).

The poor have hope in God, while the wicked that oppress them should fear God's judgment. "[God] shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, / and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked." And, "[God] shall judge the poor with justice, / and decide aright for the land's afflicted" (Isaiah 11:4).

Yes, this Advent season we await the coming of a little child who will be the savior of the world. "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another. . .that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6)  
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## LIVE LIVELY – TRY SQUARE DANCING FOR THE HEALTH OF IT.

### Intro to Square Dance (sponsored by Singles & Doubles Square Dance Club)

<http://www.singlesanddoubles.org/>

Join us for a FREE dance class on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at The Arden Mead Center, 17 Selma Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119 - across the parking lot of Christ Lutheran Church (Selma at Lockwood) ...near Webster Groves H.S. We'll meet weekly for a 12-week session on Wednesdays, 7:00 PM - 9:00 pm. The first class on 1/4/17 is free; then each class will be \$5/class/person. Both couples and singles are welcome. No experience required...wear casual clothes...expect good exercise and mental stimulation and fellowship.  
Contact: Gen 314-351-4283; email [g.eiler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:g.eiler@sbcglobal.net)

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### RETRouvaille OF ST. LOUIS ...A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille is an International community of disciples committed to the continued healing of their marriages and, empowered by the Holy Spirit, sharing their stories, talents and gifts to promote and spread the healing ministry of Retrouvaille.

The Retrouvaille program starts with a Friday – night – thru- Sunday "Weekend" and includes six follow up sessions over the next three months. YOU Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are "Happily Married". For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with each other? Are you constantly fighting? Or so you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. **The next Program begins the weekend of FEBRUARY 3, 2017.**

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### AN ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER & SONG SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> – 7:00 PM

St. Pius V Catholic Church  
3310 S. Grand Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63118-1002  
314-772-1525

[www.stpiusv.org](http://www.stpiusv.org)

**Free. All are welcome!**

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### SAVE THE DATE

#### PETER & PAUL COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. TRIVIA NIGHT – JANUARY 7, 2017

Tickets are \$25 per person; tables seat 8. Doors open at 6:45 pm, Trivia begins at 7:30 pm. It will be held at: St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church, 11910 Eddie and Park Rd., Sunset Hills, MO 63126. For more information please call Emily Wanner at 314-588-7111.

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