

Sts. Peter and Paul

CATHOLIC CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm

Sunday | 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday | 8:30am in the rectory

Tuesday | 8:30am in the rectory

Wednesday | 12:05pm in the church

Thursday | 8:30am in the rectory

Friday | no Mass

RECONCILIATION

Available before or after Mass on
Wednesdays and after Mass on
weekends

ADORATION, without Exposition

Available 30 minutes before each Mass

CONTACT US!

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LIVE STREAMING MASSES

Visit our website (see above) > click on
Streaming Service in the Mass Schedule
box. Archived Masses are listed by dates.

— OUR MISSION —

Opening Hearts to Christ
through Prayer,
Fellowship &
Service to the Poor

02 LEADERSHIP / STEWARDSHIP

September 20, 2026 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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EDUCATION & COMMUNITY FORMATION

Position currently open

COMMUNICATIONS

Position currently open

STEWARDSHIP

Position currently open

SSPP MEALS PROGRAM

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USHERS / GREETERS

Jerry Whalen

HOSPITALITY

Jeanne Marie Kelly

STEWARDSHIP

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

GENERAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Offering for week of 09-06-26 \$1,618.00

General Offering for week of 09-13-26 \$2,157.00

Current Weekly Budget \$3,400.00

Thank you for your sacrificial gifts!



Online Giving

Point your camera at this QR code and follow the simple instructions.

Or, visit our website and click on the "Giving" tab, which can be found under the "Get Involved" heading.

MASS INTENTIONS AND LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Mass Intention: Parishioners

Presiding/Preaching: Fr. Bruce Forman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Mass Intention: Don Link

Presiding: Fr. Bruce Forman

Preaching: Deacon Dan Henroid

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Mass Intention: Parishioners

Presiding/Preaching: Fr. Bruce Forman

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Mass Intention: improved health of Sue Pitti

Presiding/Preaching: Fr. Bruce Forman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Mass Intention: Debbie Snider

Presiding/Preaching: Fr. Bruce Forman

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Mass Intention: Rev. John Wetmore

Presiding/Preaching: Fr. Bruce Forman

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SA Sept 19	Sally Backer
SU Sept 20	Jeanne Marie Kelly / Phil Willman
SA Sept 26	Mary McDonagh-Buhr
SU Sept 27	Sr. Suzanne Giblin / Lynn Abernathy
SA Oct 03	Erin Muldoon
SU Oct 04	Suzanne Tushar / Beth Durban

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Sept 20	Mike Garland & James Mitchell
Sept 27	SSPP Fall Festival
Oct 04	Gerry Berviller, Jan & Gary Meyer

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE

All Sundays	Stephen Meyer
1st Saturday	Jim Rothery
2nd Saturday	Joan Blatz
3rd Saturday	Larry Backer
4th Saturday	Joan Blatz

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

Sunday: Isaiah 55:6-9 / Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 / Philemon 1:20c-24, 27a / Matthew 20:1-16a

Monday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 / Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 / Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 / Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 / Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9 / Psalms 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 / Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 / Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc / Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 / Psalms 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 / Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 / Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 / Luke 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ezekiel 18:25-28 / Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Philemon 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 / Matthew 21:28-3

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHO ARE SICK, AND PRAY ALSO FOR THEIR CAREGIVERS

Ken Kern
Dick Krekeler
Karen & Jim Rothery

Wes Smith
Dianne Sullivan
Mike Sumpter



Pursuant to new guidelines set forth in accordance with HIPAA, we may only honor requests by parishioners or immediate family of parishioners for the Prayer List. Please call the office to add or remove names.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 09/05:	20	Saturday, 09/12:	21
Sunday, 09/06:	65	Sunday, 09/13:	85



INFANT BAPTISMS

Contact Debbie Wedemeier at dwempower17@sbcglobal.net or the parish office six months before anticipated birth for Baptismal Preparation.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION

Contact 314-231-9923.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Contact Kevin Kelly at 314-231-9923.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Contact Kevin Kelly with any interest in pursuing membership in the Catholic Church, in learning more about the Church, or returning to the Church at 314-231-9923.

HOLY ORDERS AND CONSECRATED (RELIGIOUS) LIFE

If interested, please call the church office or the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations.

MEALS FOR THE NEEDY

Hot meals are served in the Parish Hall from the 2nd to the 21st of each month. To help serve the needy, email Margie Uxa & Denise Meinkoth at mealsprogramssp@gmail.com.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

If you would like to submit a prayer chain request, please email Phyllis Korte at onthegopk@aol.com.

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, please contact Deacon Pat Waldschmidt at 314-231-9923 or email: patrickwaldschmidt@archstl.org.

WEDDING MUSIC CONSULTANT

Contact Mary Smith at 314-749-1444 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.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR exists to support parents with children in public school or home schooled in their efforts to evangelize and pass on the Catholic Faith to their children. Please contact Deacon George Watson, CRE at 314-773-3070 or stl.scdpsr@gmail.com
Website: www.sjbstl.org, click tab PSR.

GROUP TOURS

GROUP TOURS of Historic Sts. Peter and Paul Church are given at 4pm Saturdays followed by Mass at 5pm. Call the office to schedule at 314-231-9923.



1 WEEK TO GO

PLEASE JOIN US!

Fall Festival Mass and Picnic

Food Drink - Music - Games - Quilt Raffle

SUNDAY
11:30 AM **27** TO 2:30 PM
SEPTEMBER
2026

*Sts. Peter & Paul Church
in Historic Soulard*
at the corner of Eighth & Allen

Mass at 10am followed by a tour of the renovated shelter

Music by *Catching the Westbound*
Multi-prize raffle (First Prize valued at \$5000)
BBQ pork steaks, hamburgers, hotdogs
Pull-tabs and 50/50
Canopied tables & chairs

For more information, call: 314-231-9925
or email: office@stspeterandpaulstl.org



GRAND PRIZE

Look at this gorgeous KING-SIZE quilt (103" x 103"), handmade by our very own Hilda Willman. This quilt could be yours, if you're the lucky grand prize winner in this year's Fall Festival Raffle. Raffle tickets are 6 for \$10 and 12 for \$20. If you are a registered member of the parish, two sheets of raffle tickets have been mailed to you. More tickets are available in church or by calling the office. Come to our fabulous Fall Festival on Sunday, September 27 for BBQ food & drink, music by *Catching the Westbound*, pull-tabs, and lively camaraderie. There are 10 raffle prizes in addition to the beautiful quilt and winners will be drawn at 2:30 (need not be present to win.) We'll have canopied tents to provide shade.

Matrimony Moment



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20 - Theme:
God's Generous Ways

*"Are you envious because I am generous? ... For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD."
(Matthew 20:15; Isaiah 55:8)*

Couple Prayer: Generous God, free us from comparison and envy. Teach us to rejoice in Your unique gifts to each of us and to celebrate Your abundant care in our life together. Amen.

Marriage Motivation Tip: Celebrate your spouse's successes and blessings as if they were your own. Generosity of spirit strengthens the marriage more than keeping score.

Couple Conversation Question: Where do we sometimes compare our marriage or circumstances to others, and how can we choose gratitude and trust in God's different timing for us instead?

Find more ways to make your marriage **JUBILANT** at www.MarriageandFamilySTL.org

Fall Festival Volunteers Needed!

We have many volunteer opportunities available - help make our **FALL FESTIVAL** a success! Please scan this QR code to sign up today!



Sts. Peter and Paul Meals Program Monthly Collection

At this time, we are in need of gently used (or new) men's and women's short-sleeved shirts and shorts. We still have plenty of shoes in average sizes, but could still use men's shoes in sizes 12 and larger.

Please call the office to make arrangements to drop off your donation.

Thank you in advance and God bless you for your generosity to provide these items to those who come to our Meals Program each day.

*Jan Meyer & Gerry Berviller,
Social Justice Co-Chairs*

06 AROUND STS. PETER AND PAUL...

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We extend our deepest sympathy to Steven, John, and Michael Meyer, on the death of their sister,
Mary Ann Meyer.



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Recently, several members of the Saint Louis University High School Class of 1965 gathered with their classmate, Fr. Bruce, for their annual lunch and get-together.

SSPP MEALS PROGRAM

Our turn to serve...

Many hands make light work, so the saying goes. Here are just a few of the many hands that served a delicious hot meal on the 9th of September. The 9th of every month is our night to serve, so make plans to join this happy crew in October.



Welcome

Natalie from Wisconsin (above) was in town recently for a bike race.

The lovely couple to the right are new to the neighborhood and plan to soon join our church.



07 AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life

Living Rosaries for Life

Sunday Sept. 20 at 3:30pm at
Assumption-Mattese
Catholic Church



We will be honoring
Mother Teresa of
Calcutta by
venerating a
1st Class Relic
of hers at our
Living Rosary.

Do You Want a Better Marriage?



Do you feel alone, frustrated or
angry with each other?

Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to
each other to avoid a fight?

*Retrouvaille (Retro-vi) helps couples get through the
difficult times in their marriages. This program has
helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing
difficulties in their marriage to rediscover themselves,
their spouse, and build the loving relationship they
desire.*

Retrouvaille-St Louis – October 2-4, 2026

Visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org
or call 800-470-2230 / 314-753-2022 / 314-409-4199
for more information



Discernment 101

Explore God's will for your life with monthly gatherings
for women, facilitated by the Daughters of St. Paul.

Join us for Saturday morning talks, small group discussion, prayer, and fellowship.
Open to single Catholic women ages 16-33.

SEPT

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The Art of
Attention
Noticing God at work

OCT

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Interior
Freedom
Becoming who
you are in Christ

NOV

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Desire for
Certainty

DEC

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Tips for
Discerning
Religious Life

Saturdays from 9:30-11:00 Central Time

Online via Zoom • Onsite at 9804 Watson Road, St. Louis
(onsite option includes 8:30 Mass and lunch)



Learn more and register

Email Sr. Amanda Marie at
stlouisvocations@paulinemedia.com



MISSOURI
CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE



AMENDMENT 3

WHAT YOU CAN DO —

Know the Facts

Take Action

VOTE YES

Know the Facts:

- In Nov. 2026, Missourians will be asked to restore pro-life protections in Amendment 3, which will:
 - Restore protections for the unborn
 - Require abortion clinics to meet high standards for safety and cleanliness
 - Ensure parental or judicial consent for minors
 - Severely limit public funding for abortion services
 - Prevent surgical or medical gender transition on minors

Take Action:

- **Pray for the success of Amendment 3!**
- Talk to your circle of influence—family, friends, individuals in your Church group, etc.—about the amendment. Key talking points on Amendment 3 include:
 - In Nov. 2024, Missouri narrowly passed a sweeping right to abortion in the State Constitution
 - With that State Constitutional Amendment, Missouri's legislature lost the ability to set meaningful safeguards for the abortion industry, including:
 - ▶ Requirement that only doctors perform abortions
 - ▶ Requirement that parents be notified and give consent before their minor has an abortion
 - ▶ Requirement that abortion clinics be licensed and inspected
- Encourage others to join the Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network ("MOCAN") at mocatholic.org to stay up to date on the latest campaign news.
- Visit herhealthherfuture.com to make a donation or find other ways you can get involved in the campaign.

MCC staff members are available to come speak to your parish regarding Amendment 3. Please visit mocatholic.org/speaker-request for more information.

VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 3!

Paid for by Missouri Catholic Conference, Jamie Morris, Executive Director, 600 Clark Avenue, P.O. Box 1022, Jefferson City, MO 65102



St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

QUILT BINGO



Sunday, October 4, 2026

**St. John the Baptist Gymnasium
4200 Delor St**

Doors open 11:00 a.m. | Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.

20 GAMES - EACH WITH A QUILT PRIZE

**\$25 for 9 on book used for all 20 games
Extra books available at additional cost
Quilt raffle | Boutique with handmade items**

Food and drinks will be available

Cash only

For more info call Mary 314-930-9270