

Sts. Peter and Paul

CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MOVED WITH COMPASSION.

— MATTHEW 18:27 —

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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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 13, 2026 | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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EDUCATION & COMMUNITY FORMATION

Position currently open

COMMUNICATIONS

Position currently open

STEWARDSHIP

Position currently open

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USHERS / GREETERS

Jerry Whalen

HOSPITALITY

Jeanne Marie Kelly

STEWARDSHIP

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

GENERAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Offering for week of 08-30-26 \$2,604.00

General Offering for week of 09-06-26 *

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 12

Mass Intention: Rev. John Wetmore

Presiding/Preaching: Fr. Bruce Forman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Mass Intention: Parishioners

Presiding/Preaching: Fr. Bruce Forman

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Mass Intention: Parishioners

Presiding/Preaching: Fr. Bruce Forman

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Mass Intention: Parishioners

Presiding: Fr. Bruce Forman

Preaching: Deacon Dan Henroid

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

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SA Sept 12

SU Sept 13

SA Sept 19 ~ watch your email

SU Sept 20 for upcoming schedule ~

SA Sept 26

SU Sept 27

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Sept 13 Hilda & Phil Willman

Sept 20 Mike Garland & James Mitchell

Sept 27 SSPP Fall Festival

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 13

Sunday: Sirach 27:30-28:7 / Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 / Romans 14:7-9 / Matthew 18:21-35

Monday: Numbers 21:4b-9 / Psalms 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 / Philemon 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a / Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 / John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 / Psalms 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 / Luke 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Psalms 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 / Luke 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 / Psalms 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 / Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 / Psalms 56:10c-12, 13-14 / Luke 8:4-15

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

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

Ken Kern

Dick Krekeler

Mary Ann Meyer

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, 08/29: 20

Sunday, 08/30: 65

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Sunday, 08/30: *

*Data for collection and Mass attendance not available at bulletin deadline.

04 CELEBRATE!

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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 mealsprogramsspp@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.

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: 314-231-9923
or email: office@stspeterandpaul.org



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 13 - Theme: Forgiveness Without Limits

"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times ... forgive your brother from your heart." (Matthew 18:22, 35)

Couple Prayer: Merciful Father, You have forgiven us an unpayable debt. Soften our hearts to forgive each other freely and completely. May the mercy we receive from You overflow into every ordinary moment of our marriage. Amen.

Marriage Motivation Tip: Keep short accounts. Forgive quickly, specifically, and from the heart—before resentment can take root.

Couple Conversation Question: What makes forgiveness hardest for us right now, and how can we better mirror the Father's mercy toward each other?

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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Rest in Peace, Deacon Tom Gorski

Born 11-25-1944; Born to Eternal Life 09-04-2026

We are saddened by the death of Rev. Mr. Tom Gorski, who served as a deacon at Sts. Peter and Paul since 1994. Deacon Tom inspired us with beautiful homilies... and all God's people say, "AMEN!" We pray for consolation and peace for his wife Elsie, his children Marie and Joshua, his extended family, and friends who mourn his passing. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21



Taking Shape!

The lower level of church has been a beehive of activity these last few weeks! This fabulous crew from Seven Holy Founders (far right) volunteered many hours to assemble beds and nightstands, and unload mattresses. We look forward to giving tours of the finished shelter in two weeks, on the day of our Fall Festival!



A Blessing for Grandparents

Dear God,

Bless the grandparents in our community. Stir in them a sense of caring, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their preceding generations. Like St. Anne and St. Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave faith and virtue. Give them and their families warm memories, happy times, and bright hope. Amen.



07 AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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Way of the Sorrowful Mother

September 15, 2026

Little Flower Church
1264 Arch Terrace
Richmond Heights, MO

6:30pm: Via Matris
7:00pm: Holy Hour
with Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament



Walk the Way of the Sorrowful Mother & encounter our Lord in a Holy Hour in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

CATHOLICS CARE CATHOLICS VOTE

Join us for a conversation on faithful citizenship and the importance of voting, as well as a discussion on *Catholic centered voting* regarding the issues we face today.



- Learn how our Catholic faith informs our role as citizens.
- Explore the moral and social issues on the Missouri ballot this November.
- Be equipped to make informed decisions that reflect Catholic teaching.

SPEAKER
FR. SCOTT JONES
Vicar of the North Vicariate



Social Action Leaders (SAL)
**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 15
6:30–8:00 P.M.**

**Cardinal Rigali Center
AB May Room**
20 Archbishop May Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119

ALL ARE WELCOME. NO RSVP NECESSARY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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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



You're Invited!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th
The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis



An evening of cocktails, dinner and dancing in honor of Birthright Counseling, STL's mission to support women facing unintended or complex pregnancies.