

# St. Peter Catholic Church

## 700 State Road Z, Fulton, Missouri 65251

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the pastor before due date.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date. Please set the date for the wedding with the pastor before making all other reservations

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays beginning at 8:00 a.m. , concluding with Mass @ 5:30 p.m.

### Perpetual Help Devotions

6:00 p.m. Tuesday after 5:30 p.m. Mass

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday 8:00 a.m.**  
**11:00a.m.**

*(9:30 a.m. at St. Jude Thaddeus, Mokane, Mo)*

### Weekday Mass Schedule

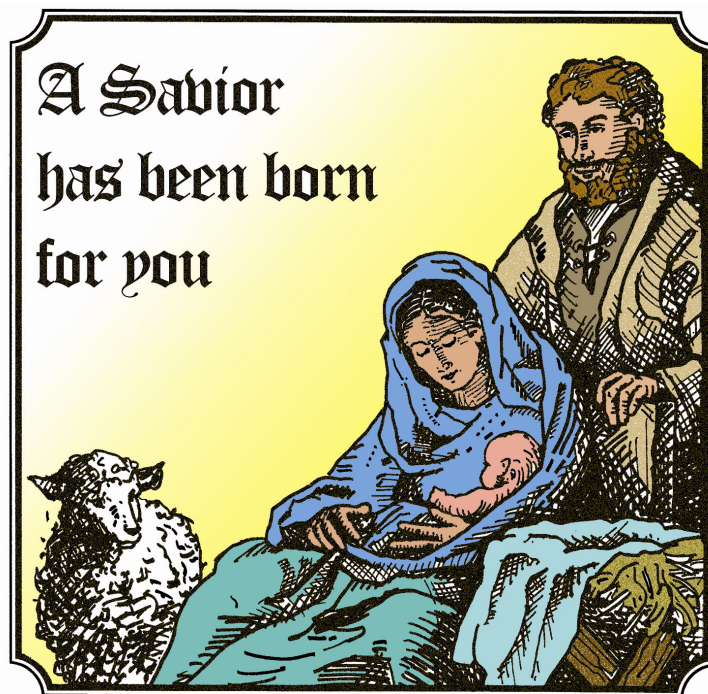
*No Daily Mass on Mondays*

**Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.**  
**Wed. through Fri.: 8:15 a.m.**

### Confessions

**Saturday: 4:30 -- 5:15 p.m.**  
**or by appointment**

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### Parish Mission Statement

*St. Peter Parish is a Roman Catholic community of faith, centered in Christ, in communion with the local and universal Church. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to the mission of bringing all souls to Christ by continuously growing in our faith and sharing it within the local community through our liturgical, educational, and social ministries.*

Liturgical Minister Schedule						
	<i>December 24/25 Please find a replacement if you cannot serve the scheduled time.</i>			<i>December 31/January 1 and January 7/9 Please find a replacement if you cannot serve the scheduled time.</i>		
	5:30 p.m.	Midnight	9:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	8:00a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Ushers</b>	Dennis Emanuel Family	Michael Vandereit McGrath Family	Frank & Shirley Fry Nancy Berrey Joanne Schrader	Bill & Betty McAtee Bill & Mary Schmitz	Larry & Barb Jones Roger & Brenda Kempker	Chris Libbert Family
<b>Servers</b>	Aaron & Shay Arms	Ryan & Zachary Custard	Josh & Angela Hinchie	Madison Dreeste Kate Haarmann	Hannah McGrath Erin Brady	Baileigh Horstmeier Keylee Jennings
<b>Offertory</b>	Galeski Family	Nurrenbern Family	Mark Troesser Family	Burch Family	Ron & Dorothy Tesson	Jansen Family
<b>Lectors</b>	JoAnn Lexcen Teri Arms	Catherine Fegley Mike West	Lynn Linnenbringer Joanne Schrader	JoAnn Lexcen Mary Lou Lander	Gary Czechine Pete Dudenhofer	Joanne Schrader Kay Neudecker
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	JoAnn Lexcen Dale and Janice Rothermich Mike Rothermich <b>Volunteer needed</b>	Diana Libbert Stan Davies Jim & Mary Nurrenbern <b>Volunteer needed</b>	Lee LeMaster Joe Zimmermann Kay Neudecker Danny Neudecker	Joseph & Deborah Poirier Lorene Brondel LaRae Clark	Joe Zimmermann Teri Arms Lew & Sue Beaty	Mary Beth Books Lee LeMaster Pat Smith Dennis Taylor
<b>Rosary</b>				Carolyn Risch	Karen Dudenhofer	Lee LeMaster

Mass Intentions	
Sat., 12/24 5:30	Ann Butkiewicz
Sun., 12/25 Midnight	Philip & Anna Dierkes
9:00	People of the Parish
Mon 12/26	No Mass
Tues, 12/27 8:15a.m.	No Mass
Wed., 12/28	No Mass
Thur., 12/29	Fr. Misey
Fri., 12/30	Dorothy Bode
Sat., 12/31 5:30	Fink/Loyd Family
Sun., 1/1 8:00a 11:00a	People of the Parish Dorothy Neudecker

## Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Note the following changes to the Mass schedule :**

There will be no Mass Tuesday, December 27 and Wednesday, December 28

# Pastor's Pen



## *A Christmas Letter to Children from Blessed John Paul II.*

*Some years ago Pope John Paul II wrote a letter to children at Christmas. What follows are excerpts -- just as easily meant for all of us.*

Dear Children,

Jesus is born! (Today) we ... celebrate Christmas, the holy day which is so full of meaning for all children in every family. I want to write to you, the children of the whole world, and to share with you in the joy of this happy time of year. Christmas is the feast day of a child, of a Newborn Baby. So it is your feast day too!

In what happened to the Child of Bethlehem you can recognize what happens to children throughout the world. It is true that a child represents the joy not only of its parents but also the joy of the Church and the whole of society. But it is also true that in our days, unfortunately, many children in different parts of the world are suffering and being threatened: they are hungry and poor, ... they are victims of war... and condemned to remain without a home... How can we not care, when we see the suffering of so many children...Jesus brings the Truth.

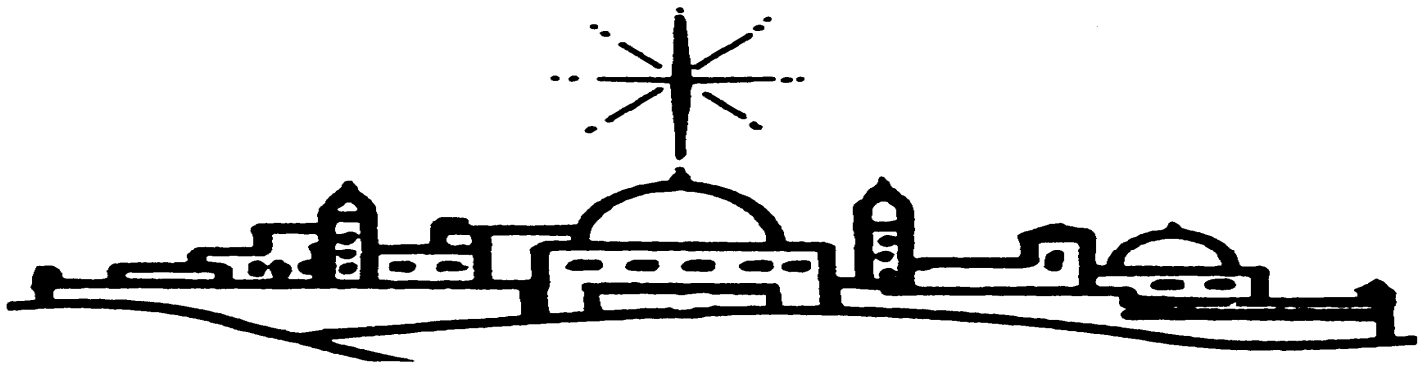
Dear Children, in the Child whom you look at in the Crib you must try to see also the twelve-year-old boy in the Temple in Jerusalem, talking with the teachers. He is the same grown man who later, at thirty years old, will begin to preach the word of God, will choose the Twelve Apostles, will be followed by crowds thirsting for the truth. At every step He will confirm His extraordinary teaching with signs of divine power: He will give sight to the blind, heal the sick, even raise the dead. And among the dead whom He will bring back to life there will be the twelve-year-old daughter of Jarius, and the son of the widow of Naim, given back alive to his weeping mother.

Jesus will say to the Apostles: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," and He will add: "for to such belongs the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:14). How important children are in the eyes of Jesus! We could even say that the Gospel is full of the truth about children. The whole of the Gospel could actually be read as the "Gospel of Children."

What joy is greater than the joy brought by love? What joy is greater than the joy which you, O Jesus, bring at Christmas to people's hearts, and especially to the hearts of children? Raise your tiny hand, Divine Child, and bless these young friends of yours, bless the children of the earth.

Merry Christmas to all -- Children and adults!!!

*Fr Frank*



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass  
9:30 a.m., St. Jude Thaddeus Parish

## Christmas Assessment

At Christmas each year, we are asked to contribute to the training and formation of our future priests and for the retirement of our elderly priests. Our assessment from the Diocese this year is \$6,100. this is not a pass-through collection, meaning we send in what our parishioners contribute. No, this is an assessment or bill sent to the parish.

I know you have been generous in years past. And so I ask you to do so again this Christmas.

Also, I should note that because Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, it is important that our Sunday collection gifts be maintained as well. I am not asking for anything more than you've done in the other years. Just keep in mind that Christmas is the last Sunday of the month as well as Christmas. There are two envelopes for your use for December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please be generous-- Thank you for your wonderful stewardship of God's gifts to you.

**Fr Frank**

## School News

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"And the Word became flesh. (Jn 1,1-18)" This week's gospel from John proclaims these words to us. Picture, if you will, a young child trying to understand the concept of actual words becoming flesh.

Perhaps they envision the words on a page coming to life in the form of a human being in a "transformer" sort of scenario, maybe they imagine something less complicated or maybe they just "don't get it." Words can evoke so many vivid pictures or they can sizzle into total confusion and disinterest.

We struggle as parents and teachers with the power of our words on children. We use our words to encourage and inspire to lead and instruct and yes, at times to threaten and invoke fear or lastly and simply to bore. Maybe the saying "the pen is mightier than the sword," evolved from the realization that words are eternal and inerasable from time or history. They can stir in us emotions that are as individual as we are. It is no wonder that Jesus is synonymous with "The Word made Flesh." He is eternal. His presence is inerasable from history. His word inspires, encourages, leads, instructs and quite often strikes fear in us.

We want to be able to understand the Word and we want our children to understand the Word, but sometimes "we just don't get it." Today's gospel would most likely be lost on children however when we add to it the spirit of Christ---the Word made flesh--in us, then they gain understanding. The words are merely ink and paper. The real substance comes when those words are reflected in us and in our understanding of each other and what God has deigned for us through his son.

St. Peter Catholic School and Early Childhood Learning Center teachers and staff strive daily to create an atmosphere that follows the Word of God. We are extremely grateful to be such an integral part of the St. Peter Parish Community. It is a joy to share our lives and our faith with your children each and every day. Christmas has special meaning when seen through the eyes of a child. My wish for you this season is that you experience childlike wonder this Christmas morning at the Word made flesh in the guise of a small child laying in a manger.

My wish for a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas in Christ,

*Cindy Newman*



*Christmas Flowers Donations  
In Memory of:*

- Ashley Books*
- Philip and Anna Dierkes*
- Eugene F. and Lucy M. Zerr*
- Wes Gidley*
- Francis and Tom Emmerich*
- Jerome and Viola Risch Family*
- Andrew and Marie Darron*
- Rudie, Genevieve and Cecilia Fink*
- George and Annie Anderson*
- Gene Loyd*
- Bill and Birtha Vandelicht*
- Harris, Williamson, Fairfield and Jones families*
- Alta Mae Eisch*
- Lawrence Przygoda*

***SCRIP Gift Cards...***

***give them as gifts***

***use them for shopping***

Purchase GIFT CARDS through the St. Peter Scrip Program...

- You earn \$\$ for St. Peter's with every purchase!
- You earn \$\$ for St. Peter's with purchases you would make anyway!

Get in the habit! Scrip GIFT CARDS are available after all weekend masses and at 3:15 on Fridays in the Church/School Foyer, or call Teri Arms 642-7438.

Below are **Scrip** cards that are kept in our inventory and our current percent profit. Visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) for complete list of participating retailers.

Arris' (\$25)	10%	Little Caesar's (\$20)	8%
B&B Movie Theater (\$10)	10%	Pizza Hut (\$10)	8%
Bek's (\$25)	5%	Subway (\$10)	3%
Breaktime (\$25, 50, 200)	2%	Taco Bell (\$10)	5%
Caseys (\$25, 50)	3%	Wal-Mart (\$25,100, 250)	2%
Dairy Queen (\$10)	10%	Walgreens (\$25, 100)	6%
Denny's (\$10)	7%	Wendy's (\$10)	4%
Domino's Pizza (\$10)	8%	Westlake Ace Hardware	
Family Video (\$10)	12%	(\$25, 100)	4%



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**December 21st - January 1**  
Christmas Break



**December 26th - December 30**  
ECLC Closed

## CASINO NIGHT! FEBRUARY 11TH, 2012.

Mark your calendar for the 1st Annual St. Peter Casino night on Saturday February 11th, 2012.

This is a new event that will offer a night full of excitement and great prizes!!

Keep an eye out for details coming in the near future.

### Help for Troubled Marriages!

The St. Louis Retrouvaille Program starts with a weekend February 10-12, 2012, (Friday night thru Sunday) and has 6 follow-up sessions. If you are facing financial difficulties, we can work with you.

For confidential information about Retrouvaille, call 1-800-470-2230 toll free, or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### “Living the Dream” Expo Thursday, January 19th at the Callaway YMCA 9am - 3pm

TEAM RSVP, the 5&GO Volunteer Program of SERVE, Inc. will be sponsoring a Senior “Living the Dream” Exp, the first of its kind, on Thursday, January 19th at the Callaway YMCA. The expo will offer informational booths with everything from foot care to housing, fun activities and groups you can get involved in and will promote ideas for living the dream (life after work).

Four great workshops will be available - giving details for the disability process, Medicare, legal concerns and how to live independently - longer and safer.

An Art Show will showcase creativity Entertainment is scheduled throughout the day!

For more information... Contact Mary Gordon, TEAM RSVP director at 642-9452 or [rsvp@socket.net](mailto:rsvp@socket.net) for more details.

See Bulletin Board for more information and updates...

### Pen Pals wanted!

Fulton State Hospital is looking for adults willing to be pen pals for adults with mental illness. Many of our clients have very little contact with people outside of the hospital and this would be a wonderful source of support for them.

The goal of the pen pal program is to assist clients in developing better communication and socialization skills, foster connections with people in the community, and assist them in developing hope for a more positive future outside of the hospital. We are looking for both men and women.

If you are willing to be a pen pal for a person at FSH, please contact Sarah Hosenfelt at [sarah.hosenfelt@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:sarah.hosenfelt@dmh.mo.gov), or 592-2833. Arrangements can be made to promote confidentiality for both the clients and potential pen pals.

Thank you for helping us to improve the lives of our clients.

*Scrip cards will not be sold Christmas weekend.  
Scrip sales will resume the following weekend ~ New Year's weekend.*

December Collections			
	2010	Budget	2011
12/4	11076	11000	11241
12/11	6935	7000	6586
12/18	6651	7000	***
12/25	13097	13000	
<b>Children's</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>37759</b>	<b>38000</b>	<b>17827</b>
<b>Voc&amp;Ret*</b>	<b>4519</b>	<b>6218</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>1242</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>583</b>
<b>Debt</b>	<b>1839</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>1901</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>1269</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>506</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46668</b>	<b>49528</b>	<b>20952</b>

Voc&Ret\* = Vocational & Retirement Diocesan Assessment

\*\*\* Not available at time of bulletin publication

**Total Debt as of  
End of November, 2011  
\$126,043.67**

# Kid's Corner

"I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

The people of the Old Testament were comforted by the thought that one day the Savior would come. Now Jesus has come for all of us. How much more we should rejoice. We do not live in the hope of His coming any more. We have His teachings, His Church, and Jesus, Himself, in the Eucharist.

We can ask Mary and Joseph today for help in realizing how much God loves us.

# stewardship

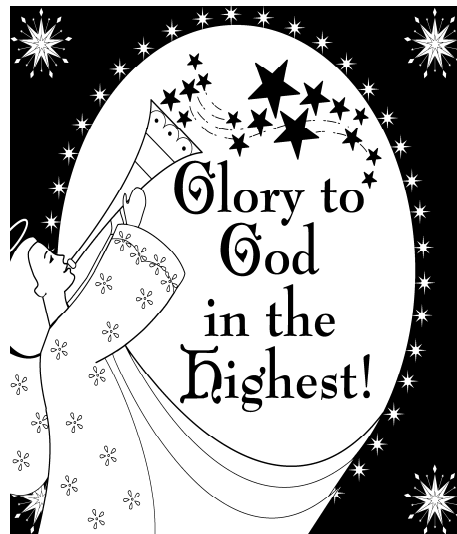
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*Please be generous.*



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	Nov-11	YTD
Envelope Income	35,821	189,369
Other Income	39,932	190,205
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>75,753</b>	<b>369,574</b>
Actual Expenses	64,871	365,582
MO. Assessed Expenses	3,215	16,075
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>68,086</b>	<b>381,657</b>
<i>Expenses</i>		
Priestly Retirement	6,128	
Infirm Priests	7,258	
Lay Retirement	12,636	
Property Insurance	12,549	



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We celebrate the feast of the Holy Family on December 30. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph gives us a perfect model of virtue and charity. We can imitate these qualities in our own families.

In the Gospel of Luke we read that Jesus grew and became strong, filled with wisdom within this family. May their lives be a constant example to us.

Holy Family, pray for us.

## Things to do:

- Conception Abbey Retreats in December and January - See Bulletin Board for details.
- Living the Dream Expo - Thursday, January 19th at the Callaway YMCA 9am - 3pm
- Catholic Cruise - May 2012 - See Bulletin Board for details.

*The Parish Office will be open Monday (9-3), Tuesday (9-3) and Friday(9-Noon) during the week of December 26 - December 30.*

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