



Merry
Christmas!



Sunday, December 26, 2021
Holy Family Sunday
Artwork by Eden Batten
St. Peter School
7th Grade

WELCOME

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Satisfies Sunday obligation)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am*, 5:00 pm
*Livestream on stpeterlive.com

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:45 am, 8:15 am*
Saturday: 8:15 am*

*Livestream on stpeterlive.com

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Check the bulletin or stpeterkirkwood.org.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Monday nights at 9:00pm in the church and takes less than 30 minutes. Bring your rosary and enter through the Northeast door by the parking lot.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

Join us to pray this devotion every Tuesday at 7:15am (after 6:45am Mass) and at 7:30am (before 8:15am Mass).

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH REGISTRATION

For information about registering as a new parish member call 314.966.8600 or visit stpeterkirkwood.org.

BULLETIN

Submit bulletin articles to communications@stpeterkirkwood.org by Monday at 3:00 pm.

PARISH WEBSITE

Visit www.stpeterkirkwood.org for Mass times, ministries information, Calendar of events, online giving and more.

FLOCKNOTE

Sign up to receive email notifications from the parish by visiting stpeterkirkwood.flocknote.com/everyone.

FACEBOOK

St. Peter Church - @STPKirkwood
St. Peter School - @stpschoolkirkwood

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 am. Expectant parents are encouraged to make arrangements for the program a few months prior to the birth of their child.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, couples should contact a member of the parish clergy at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date to schedule your wedding date and for details regarding the preparation program.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Angela Merici Chapel is located in Ursuline Hall and is open 24 hours a day. Enter through the Garden Courtyard (0822).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is held on Saturdays from 3:45 pm-4:45 pm

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick is held on the third Sunday of each month after 8:00 am Mass for those in a terminal condition, about to undergo surgery, receiving treatment for a life-threatening illness, and persons weakened by old age. Anointing of the Sick can be scheduled in an emergency or at an arranged time in a parishioner's home or care facility.

HOLY ORDERS AND CONSECRATED (RELIGIOUS) LIFE

Contact the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314.792.6460 for information.

For information about baptisms, weddings, anointing of the sick, reconciliation and Holy Orders, call 314.966.8600.

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Did you happen to get one of those ancestry DNA testing kits for Christmas? The product is promoted as a way to make incredible discoveries about your family history or to connect you with relations you may not know you had. With just a few drops of saliva, the testing technology will survey your genome and compare your DNA to a multitude of ethnicities around the world. Everyone hopes to find out they're related to someone famous and popular. But would you be ready to learn if a person in your lineage lived a sordid life or was a less-than-virtuous personality?

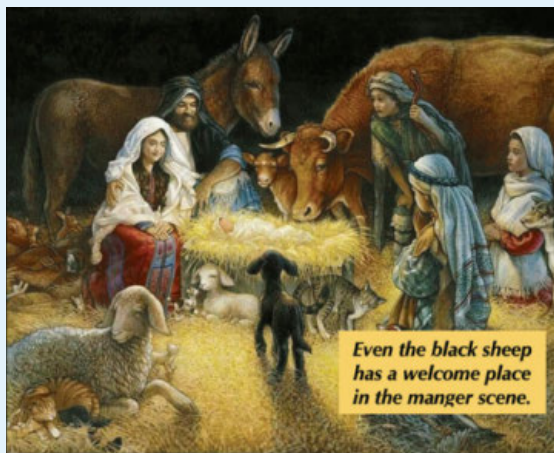


By Fr. Matt O'Toole

The first liturgy for the Christmas vigil uses the opening of Matthew's gospel (1:1-17) with the genealogy, or family tree of Jesus. You know, that litany of names: "Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah..." and so on. It can sound like a long list of funny names, maybe a few we recognize. But on closer inspection, we find a variety of characters. Some of them are holy people, and some of them have questionable reputations. For instance, in this genealogical record, Matthew found it worthwhile to remind us of Bathsheba. She was the wife of Uriah, the one David was peeping at when she took a bath. After seducing Bathsheba, David was unable to get Uriah to claim paternity for the child they conceived, so King David had Uriah killed in battle. Now that's material for an episode of Dr. Phil! There are other examples like this among those names in this genealogy, from lackluster and corrupt kings to ancestors who buck God's covenant and do wrong.

So what's the point? Well, it's very good news for us to hear on Christmas day. This is the very family into which our Lord and Savior is born. This family tree ain't perfect. It's got its characters, both virtuous and sinful. And yet God freely chooses to be a part of it. Why? Because He means to redeem this family. God intends to heal it, to clean up the wreck we've made of our human relationships and restore us to perfection. Could God have made this all happen comfortably from heaven by waving His hand over the earth? I suppose so. God is God. But He didn't. Instead, out of love God chose to enter into our human condition, just like every one of us who are born into a less than perfect existence, a broken and – yeah – sometimes messed up family.

We all have wounds in our families, don't we? Maybe there's been a really stupid choice your child made and you still have to live with the consequences of his or her action. Perhaps your parents aren't beautiful and glamorous with an unlimited expense account. Is there a relation whom you might call the wayward son, the embarrassing aunt, or the obnoxious cousin? Could it be that someone in your family has served time in prison or is responsible for a serious accident or carries on with a destructive habit? Every family has someone like this. It may be you. But you know, even the black sheep has a welcome place in the manger scene. The Child born in Bethlehem would later explain His purpose: "I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners." (Luke 5:32) Is that you? If so, congratulations! Your DNA results show your brother is Jesus Christ, the Savior.



O happy fault!

PRAY

4 | This Week's Prayer Intentions

LET US PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Rory James Sablich, son of Patrick and Meaghan Sablich.
Parker Jane Francis Kolb, daughter of Joshua and Nicolette Kolb.
Murphy Deborah Kolb, daughter of Joshua and Nicolette Kolb.
Isabella Renee Abril, daughter of Michael Cruz-Abril and Danielle Abril

WEDDING BANS

Kelly Weber and Jeff Chininus (III)

THE SICK

Jack Cannon, Charlene Henke, June Hochberg, Kristi Hueseman, Vic Frome, Fr. Greg, Louis G., Heather Jacus, Dolores Johler, Fr. Jack, Trey Kirtian, Richard Klump, Annette Leatherman, Teresa Mancuso, Trish Martin, Margaret McDonald, Buffy McNamara, Jerry Meier, Betty Appelbaum-Meier, David Nockels, Darlene O'Neal, Pat Pollman, Jenny Shaffer, Nico Stillman, Marguerite Wuebker

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

A Testimony from an Adorer

Thankful to be an adorer of Christ, I grew up at St. Anthony's church in South St. Louis. I lived with my grandparents, parents, and siblings. I remember going to Adoration as a child but then we moved to Florissant. I was busy with my teaching career and raising my children, so I did not go to Adoration. I moved to St. Peter parish five years ago. I went to Adoration off and on for the last couple of years. I found my days were happier when I went. What a blessing! Then I was asked to commit to a specific hour a week. I was not comfortable with this at first. It seemed easier to do it when it fit my schedule. I am a person who tends to have a hard time with change and commitment. I did commit! Now the best thing in my life is that I have an hour just to Listen and talk to Jesus. I am not always asking or thanking our Lord, but I am listening and having a conversation just like Best Friends! If anyone asks me what I would do over again in my life, I would say go to Adoration more often! Grateful for all who made Adoration happen at St. Peter.

- Rita Powers

Join us for a Holy Hour by visiting stpeterkirkwood.weadorehim.com/signup/stpadore or stop in our Adoration Chapel anytime. (0822)



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27

8:15 am Ron Powers +

Tuesday, December 28

8:15 am George Schmidt +

Wednesday, December 29

8:15 am Joyce Lavin (Special Intention)

Thursday, December 30

8:15 am JoAnn and Paul Traub +

Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve

8:15 am Paul Traub +

Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day

8:15 am Therese Hippe Stojeba +

5:00 pm Mary Rudy +

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am John Fitzgerald +

10:00 am People of St. Peter

5:00 pm Joan Abeln +

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES...

with a daily Mass intention. Contact the rectory office at 314.966.8600 to schedule a date.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday: No Special Observance

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31, 2021

No 5:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1, 2021

Mary, Mother of God

(Non-obligatory Holy Day; Regular Mass times)

8:15 AM Mass

5:00 PM Mass (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Epiphany of the Lord

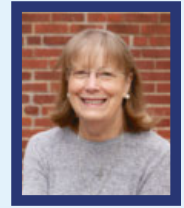
Sunday, January 2, 2021

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass

5:00 PM Masses

A FEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEW YEAR!



Linda Doyle
Adult Faith Formation

Merry Christmas!

As the Director of Adult Faith Formation, I would like to let you know about a few opportunities that will help you grow in your faith in 2022.

If you are looking for a chance to learn more about your faith on a weekly basis while getting to know other parishioners, a new bible study will begin on Wednesday, January 12 at 9:30 am in Ursuline Hall. The title of the study is Lectio: Mark: Faith not Fear. This study promises to be a powerful 14-week study on the Gospel of Mark. The study is video driven and led by Dr. Tim Gray from the Augustine Institute, which can be found on Formed.

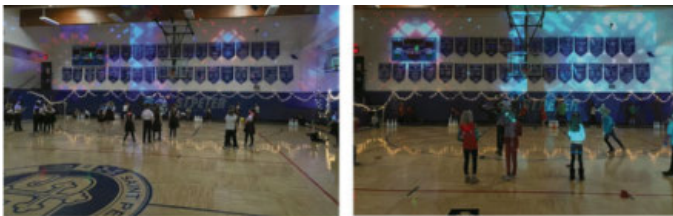
By the way, did you know that we have an account with Formed that parishioners can access free of charge? If you are looking for a way to engage in faith formation for yourself or your entire family from the comfort of your own home, this is a great way! All you have to do is:

- 1) Go to formed.org/signup
- 2) Select your parish – St. Peter, 243 W. Argonne, 63122
- 3) Register with your name and email address
- 4) Check your email account for a link and begin using Formed.
- 5) Enjoy!

Are you looking for an opportunity to renew your spirituality and prayer life, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build lasting friendships? If so, the ACTS Retreats in February might be exactly what you need! Our women's retreat will take place Thursday, February 3 through Sunday, February 6. Patty Boyd is our women's director and can answer any questions you might have about the retreat and can be reached at 314.913.1646 or pboyd_3@hotmail.com. Our men's retreat will take place on Thursday, March 3 through Sunday, March 6. Dave Ferrone our men's director and can answer any questions and can be reached at 937.901.4054 or davidjferone@gmail.com. If you are ready to sign up, you can register now at <https://stpacts.psrenroll.com> or by using the QR code here next to this article.



I hope you will consider joining us on your faith journey. Stay tuned to the bulletin or contact me at lidoyle@stpeterkirkwood.org for more details on these opportunities and more throughout the New Year!



Students at St. Peter School participated in a fun Cosmic Bowling activity during P.E. class.



St. Peter School Kindergarteners participated in a Faith in Action Toy Drive for Christmas.

OUR PARISH

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TRIVIA N?GHT

To Benefit the ACTS Retreat program

St. Peter Parish Center

Saturday, January 15

Trivia starts at 7:00 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Tables of 8 - \$25.00 per person

Online Registration now open:
stpeterkirkwood.org/trivia-night



Questions contact:

Joe Lorms at jplorms@gmail.com

Tim Decker at edtdeckr@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FUN

GAMES

RAFFLES

Proceeds will offset retreat costs to ensure registration fees remains affordable to all parishioners.



Our staff celebrated December birthdays by enjoying lunch together. Happy Birthday, Fr. O'Toole, John Freitag, Diane Wagner and Pope Francis!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donated in memory of and in honor of:

Glenn Appelbaum, Atilio J. Arrillaga, Angel Zardetto Avila, Vernon Baldrige, Cathy Barrantine, Angel Zardetto Batres, August Bernsen, Victoria Beckmann, The Blind and Nestor Families, Joseph Doyle Boyd, Joe Boyts, Josefina Carbajal, Frank & Mary Jane Calvert, Francis & Margaret Connolly Harris, Bill Conzelman, Barbara & Frank Corley, D'Antonio Family, Chester and Mary Davis, Debbie Davis, Robert & Mary DeLargy Gene and Agnes DeSalme, Eileen Mae DiPasco, Cindy Douthit, Paul Douthit, Jr., Michael & Deloris Douthit, John Dwyer, Peg & W.T. Dwyer, Carlos Estrada, Simon Frangie, Charlotte Frieze, Graciela Hartenbach, John Hoffman, Lucille Hoffman, Dave & Judy Harrison, Bertha Jaegers, Michele Jaudes, Rick Jaudes, Koch Family, JT & Aliece Giles, Michael Giles, Dr. Thomas Giles, Gwazdauskas Family, Jack Kelly, Barbara Jean Kelly, John Lawrence, Richard Maddock, C. Gregory & Mary Martha Mays, Aurelio Menendez, Paul and Harriet Murphy, Joe and Marilyn Preis, Mary Alice & Bernard Reilly, Edward & Lucille Rowley, Mary & Joseph Rudy, Hubert and Kathryn Shafar, Al & Alice Schmit, Bob Schmit, Peter Schmit, Elaine & Ray Schuttenberg, John A. Shaw, George and Marie Snodgrass, Bobbie Solari, John Solari, Chuck Solari, Lidia Soto, George Trollope, Jr., George and Mabel Trollope, Sr., Ruth Turbinton, Karl Robert Walk, Alejandro Braun Valle, Ed Veazey, Rosa Avila de Zardetto, Joanne Aharens, Salvacion Bernabe, Steven Burnes, Frank and Mary Jane Calvert, Larry J. Chott, Allen T. Chott, Henry and Betty Dale, Alice Dale, Gertrudes Falcis, Sullivan and Brennan Families, Haenni Family, Jovito Farenas, Peter Gaffney, Ann Geraty, Matthew Gwyder, Rick Gwyder, Edwin Harding, Emma Harding, Paul T. Hartman, Bud and Edie Hartrich, Violet Hawkins, Eddie Herman, Michele Jaudes, Rick Jaudes, Doug Kadane, Kathy Kelley, Janet Kinslow, Donna Krupp, Ray and Kay Laramie, Albert Lock, Helen Lock, Sergio Martinez, Sr., Ceaser and Sis Meyer, Lizzy Mohan, Francis and Ann Mohan, Dick Muraski, Joseph and Clara Pollard Family, Jeannine Prost, Eugenia Riley, Marie Schopp, Al and Victoria Schramm, Edith Schrock, Elaine and Ray Schuttenberg, Pete and Lelly Sertic, Emma and Charlie J. Shell, Sr., James and Ernestine Short, Bev Shortal, Joe and Bernie Sidlo, James Short, Llorssie Spears, Marion Spears, Hildagarde and Henry Spears, Rose Spears, Henrietta Spears Jackson, Ruth and Herb Spring, Maddie Vogt, Carl and Theresa Zinkl, Ron and Joe Zinkl.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total for December 4-5	\$	43,941.00
Month-To Date Total	\$	88,067.00
Year-To-Date Total	\$	780,686.50
Collections versus Budget		
Weekly Total	\$	4,553.00
Month-To-Date Total	\$	9,291.00 (+11.8%)
Year-To-Date Total	<\$	39,546.50> (-4.8%)
vs. YTD 20-21 Collections	Adjusted	+5.4%
vs. YTD 19-20 Collections	Adjusted	+1.8%
vs. YTD 18-19 Collections	Adjusted	<4.2%>

ONLINE GIVING - Donate online at saintpeterkirkwood.weshareonline.org

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ATTENTION ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of your help. Since its inception in 2015 the Prayer Shawl Ministry has been well received by the parish community and has given out over 150 prayer shawls to members of our parish family. However in order to continue this ministry we need some help in making these beautiful shawls.

If you or anyone you know knits or crochets we would love to have you on our team. Please contact Karen Frome at 314 965-7975 or kjfrome@swbell.net for additional information.

FOR YOUR QUILTING NEEDS...

Rely on St. Peter Quilters! We do patchwork and embroidered tops. If necessary, we can assemble embroidered blocks into beautiful quilt tops. We also have baby quilts for sale. For more information, call Marla at 314.412.1454.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Giving Tree and Beyond Housing Christmas efforts! Your generosity is inspiring! Many will be blessed by the gifts and will feel the true spirit of Christmas this year due to the overwhelming response to these campaigns. Stay tuned for more details on the total amount collected this year.

2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions to be credited to 2021 must be received at St. Peter Parish Office by Friday, December 31, 2021. Checks must be dated 2021 and placed in a 2021 envelope or in a regular envelope clearly marked as 2021 Contribution. Any online contributions through "We Share" or any other form of electronic giving must also be completed by December 31, 2021. St. Peter thanks you for your generosity throughout the year.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

We have over 50 ministries and organizations at St. Peter Parish. There are groups centered in prayer and learning, in nurturing community, and in serving our neighbors. Find a group that you can share your gifts and talents by visiting stpeterkirkwood.org.

HOW CAN I HELP MY NEIGHBOR? PERSON TO PERSON

We Are Here To Help. Parishioner volunteers are ready to assist you with special needs you may have due to illness or other emergencies.

Types of help offered: Transportation, meals, yard work, light housekeeping, laundry, grocery shopping, rides to church, rides to the doctor. Please call and we will try to make the necessary arrangements to assist you.

Contact: Deacon John Komotos, 314.984.0054. All requests remain confidential. Please leave a message and your call will be answered.

ST. PATRICK CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Donations requested: Breakfast bars, granola-type bars, chips, cookies, water, and individual drinks accepted daily. The Health Department requires that all food items come pre-packaged.

Drop off location: 450 Burns Avenue, Kirkwood. (Green tub on side of house on driveway).
Contact: Jennifer Moritz, 314.909.6756

STS. TERESA AND BRIDGET FOOD PANTRY

Food donation drop off location: Candy and John Behl, 319 East Adams, Kirkwood (block and a half east of the YMCA). Please donate cans no larger than 30 ounces.

Contact: Kristen and Tim Figge, 314.402.6739.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God, which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" in need by assisting Kirkwood families, providing food, gift cards, and assistance with utility and rent bills. Thank you for your generosity!

The number to call for information about our St Peter Conference or to direct brothers and sisters in need of help with utility, rent or food assistance is (314) 289 6101 ext. 2220.



THE ST. PETER *Progressive Dinner*

SAVE
THE
DATE

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 12, 2022**

MINGLE AND GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AS YOU TRAVEL FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, WITH A STOP FOR BOTH APPETIZERS & DINNER BEFORE WE ALL GATHER TOGETHER FOR DESSERT AT ONE LOCATION TO CAP OFF THE NIGHT.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HOSTING FOR EITHER APPETIZERS OR DINNER, PLEASE EMAIL US AT:

STPPROGRESSIVEDINNER@GMAIL.COM

THEY *broke bread* IN THEIR HOMES & ATE *together*
WITH GLAD & SINCERE HEARTS - ACTS 2:46

YOGA FUSION HAS RETURNED TO ST. PETER PARISH

All levels welcome! Move, Stretch, Relax!

CLASS DETAILS

Instructor: Catherine Enslin, a St. Peter parishioner, and ACE Certified Personal Trainer, AFAA Certified Group Exercise Instructor.

Location: Fr. Deutschmann Room in Ursuline Hall, 213 W. Argonne, Kirkwood, MO. 63122

Day/Time: Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30PM

Upcoming Dates: January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022

Price: \$8.00 per class - space is limited, payment is due for month at 1st session of month. \$10.00 per class - drop in.

For additional information, please contact:

Catherine Enslin at 314.757.2115 or jenslin@sbcglobal.net

WEST COUNTY SENIOR SINGLE CATHOLICS

We are all in this group for the same reason, we've all lost someone. We are a great group that is here for men and women. We like to get out, have fun, dine, go to a show, play cards, attend speciality masses, etc. While we are not a grief group, we are a group that is necessary for folks to enjoy others company at our meetings and other activities. Our organization welcomes widowed, divorced and single persons of all faiths. Come join us at our monthly meetings, the second Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 pm at Incarnate Word in the Bollinger Hall (lower church hall).

Our next meeting is January 11, 2022. To learn more about our group, please contact Jane Wibbenmeyer at 314.640.9528, or janewibby10@sbcglobal.net.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The 2022 fish fry season is will soon be upon us.

We are seeking parishioners to be a part of this decades-long St. Peter tradition. Have fun serving your parish friends and family by volunteering to prep, cook, serve or clean up.

Please email Luke Hesse at hesse.luke@gmail.com or Call Joe Hesse at 314.607.4890 for more information.

ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed, and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at the Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria (next to the playground) 9740 Sappington Road, Sunset Hills, Missouri.

This will be our Christmas party. Musical entertainment will be by John Scott.

Prior to our meeting there will be a Mass at the St. Catherine Laboure church at 6:30p.m.

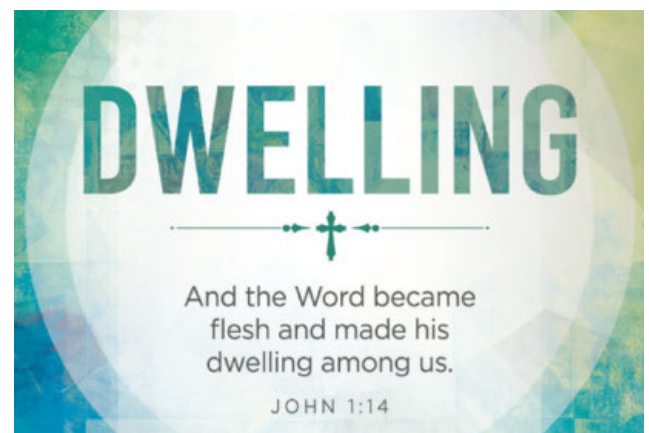
SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed, and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people.

Ask about our same day \$5 discount for new memberships.

For more information please call Michelle Wack at 314.540.7400.

COVENANT NETWORK CATHOLIC RADIO

As the liturgical year ends and a new one begins, tune in to Covenant Network for the best in Catholic radio programming to help you prepare your heart to receive the Christ Child this Christmas season. Tune in to KHOJ 1460 AM or 96.7 FM on the radio or listen live on our free Covenant Network App or at OurCatholicRadio.org. May God bless you!





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