

St. Peter's Messenger—November 17, 2016



While the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, as proclaimed by Pope Francis, draws to a close, Fr. Steve reminded us all in this morning's homily that we should continue to be merciful. Certainly feeding the hungry through Food Pantry Drives, is one way we perform an Act of Mercy. Our students have another opportunity to serve those in need in the next few weeks by collecting funds as homerooms and/or grade levels to provide gifts to over 90 children through the Seton Center. Teachers will be sharing information with you via their communications. Last year the Seton Center provided food and gifts for over 500 families with over 750 children. We are blessed to be able to contribute to this ministry of advocating for those in need.

Also this morning, we welcomed two special visitors from our **Sister Parish San Francisco de Asis in El Salvador**. Padre Benjamin Reyes and Jorge Alberto Delgado Carranza are here this week, as part of our mission of solidarity with our friends in El Salvador. With the help of one of our eighth-grade student translators, Leila, as well as Spanish teacher, Ms. Cavlovich, we visited classrooms this morning, and our special guests enjoyed a ViP Thanksgiving luncheon that connected our "Vintage Parishioners" with St. Peter's sixth graders. At Mass we prayed the "Our Father" in Spanish.

Tomorrow should be a great day for **leaf raking**, although cooler temps are expected! What a fantastic opportunity for our students to serve our neighbors! Students received reminder notes about leaf-raking from their eighth graders earlier this week; those bright yellow permission slips must be returned in order for students to participate! Tomorrow is also a **Jeans Day**—students should bring \$1 to be dressed out of regular school uniform.

The *Kansas City Business Journal* recently published a list of the Top Area Private Schools, seven being Diocesan schools. The seven diocesan schools are Our Lady of Presentation, St. Therese, Visitation, **St. Peter's**, St. Thomas More, St. Elizabeth, and St. Pius.



The **Safe-to-School** drop-off continues to move smoothly each morning; however, we would love to recruit at least one more adult to commit to one day a week to help at the stop sign (for those of you who regularly drop off on the north side—this is the area that Fr. Steve has been monitoring daily). If you are available and would like to help, please let Angie Meyer know at ameyer@stpeterskc.org. Our official dedication and ribbon-cutting will be **Sunday, November 27, after the 11 am Mass**. The new circle drive will be dedicated to Sally Euston, our beloved, long-time school secretary and fellow parishioner who passed away in July. Sally Eagan Euston Memorial Drive will stand as a welcoming gateway to our campus, just as Sally was the welcoming face of St. Peter's School for so many years. Our Knights of Columbus will roast hot dogs for all—please join us!

Cranksgiving KC & Kidz Cranksgiving—Saturday, November 19

There are two rules to Cranksgiving: 1. Get food, 2. Do it on a bike. It's a food drive on two wheels, with all food collected going to St. Peter's Food Pantry. Part bike ride, part food drive, part scavenger hunt, and all fun. Adult and kids' divisions. For more information [click here](#).



STP REWARD\$—Do you give gift cards for Christmas gifts? Do you give your staff "small gifts" for the holidays? Do you want to order a large quantity of cards to hand out? If you would like a large volume order, please contact Jennifer Lombardi directly to place your order. STP Reward\$ cards will be for sale after the 9 and 11 am Masses on November 25. Pick up cards or order cards that will be available the following weekend. For questions, contact Jennifer Lombardi @ Jennifer.lombardi89@gmail.com. The STP PTA and STP Reward\$ will be hosting a Christmas Coffee with card sales on Friday, December 2, from 7:45-9 am in the school lobby. Stop by to shop, enjoy coffee, or place an order that will be available for pick up on December 9.

Be Like Jesus—See Like Jesus