

This Week at St. Peter's

Date	Events	Mass Intentions	Readings
First Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 1	Christmas Giving Tree SCRIP sold after all Masses 1 p.m. Women's CRHP Continuation LC	9 a.m. - Noah Alexander Bustamante by the Family 11 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners 5:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday, December 2	8:30 a.m. Bible Study LC 1 p.m. Knitting Group LC 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 118 MR 7 p.m. SPOT Meeting LC	8:15 a.m. - Gloria and Tom Neale by St. Peter's Parish	Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, December 3	8:45 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration LC 7 p.m. Parish Council LC	8:15 a.m. - Robert Sullivan by the Family	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 4	8 a.m. Rosary Group LC 10 a.m. Ceramics RR 7 p.m. Men's CRHP LC 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal CH	8:15 a.m. - Ed McMullen by Mary Kay VandenBoom	Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, December 5	9:30 a.m. Bible Study MR 3:30 p.m. Den 2 Cub Scout Meeting LC 6:30 p.m. Reservoir CH 7 p.m. Women's CRHP-Team 3 LC 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal CH	9 a.m. Mass (Church) - St. Peter's Parishioners	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 6		8:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday, December 7	9 a.m. Baptism Class LC	5 p.m. - Leo Powers and Patricia JoRay by the Hair Family	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday, December 8	10 a.m. Altar Society Brunch MR 10:30 a.m. RCIA LC 2 p.m. Daisy Scout Project LC 3-4 p.m. Middle School Youth Group LC 6:30-8:30 p.m. High School Youth LC 7 p.m. Women's CRHP Continuation LC	9 a.m. - For the Altar Society 11 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners 5:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

MEETING SPACES: CH Church LC Legacy Center MK McKay Center RCT Rectory Note: Deadline for the Sunday bulletin is the Tuesday prior at 12 noon. Send items to bulletin@stpeterskc.org.
 GR Garden Room MR Main Room OFF Off Site RR Romero Rm.

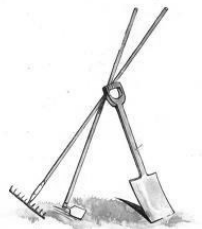
Ministry Schedule: December 7 & 8

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
Saturday 5 p.m.	H Buren, H Meyer, K Egan, M Egan	P Sollars B Schneider	B Mayer, R Schneider, S Stanton, J Boeh, T Crowley, C Cusumano, Need Volunteers	D Ryan, J Stanley, K Campbell, S Leisman
Sunday 9 a.m.	J Weir, O Oxler, C Wunder, B Brewster	K Feldmann P Groner	J Schmidtlein, N Reddig, B Wirkus, G Wirkus, C Wren, MB Andersson, P Arkell, E Brewster	B Blanck, A Geis, M Williams, M Lee
Sunday 11 a.m.	P Hayes, C Buhrmeister, J Bryson, M Haik	M Fitzpatrick K Hanson	M Hougland, K Hougland, MA Hammond, B Healy, M Healy, K Duffy, S Johnson, M Madden	R Madeo, B Arensberg, S Hair, P Hanson
Sunday 5:30 p.m.	L Schmidt, O Schmidt, A Bryan, C Whitehead	A Cusumano M Gude	T Mitchum, M Flores, Need Volunteers	A Meyer, A Thomas, Need Volunteers

Our Parish

Fall Grounds Clean-Up Day Next Saturday, December 7

St. Peter's Landscape Maintenance Committee has rescheduled the Fall Grounds Clean-Up for Saturday, December 7, from 8-11 a.m. Please meet in the Garden Room for coffee, juice, donuts, and a work area assignment. Service hours forms will be available at check-in. We will be raking, trimming and weeding. Please bring leaf rakes and bags, tarps, wheel barrows, shovels, brooms, leaf blowers, and work gloves. We encourage you to label all tools. We hope you can join us! Questions? Contact Mary Hellings at (816) 363-0845 or maryohellings@gmail.com.



Baptism Ministry Volunteers Needed

The Baptism team is in need of volunteers to help assist the Baptism families before and during the baptism of their child. Part of our team is assembled to welcome our baptism families every other month in the required baptism class, but we need more volunteers to assist during or after masses. This role is very important in that we are welcoming new families and visiting families into our community. We assist the families with the logistics of a baptism during or after mass to make their experience much more enjoyable. The time commitment would be once a month or every other month during or after a mass. If you are interested in joining our team please call (816) 444-5639 or e-mail Bebe Harrington bebeharrington66@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest.

Advent Lessons & Carols

St. Peter's Music and Liturgy offices present *The Festival of Lessons & Carols* on Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. in the Church. The evening will include listening to Scripture readings, singing carols, and prayer. We invite you to join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. A reception will follow the service in the basement of the Church.



5th Grade Girl Scouts Bronze Star Project

The 5th Grade Girl Scouts will be completing their Bronze Star Project on December 14. They are providing "Kid Watch for ALS/Melland Family Fund". Families can enjoy a morning of shopping or prepping for the holidays. The Kid Watch will be in the Garden Room/Cafeteria from 8am to noon. Babysitting kids who are potty trained to 4th grade. We are asking for a free-will donation. We recommend the amount that you would pay for a baby sitter. To RSVP so we can get an idea of how many kids to expect, email stpgirlscouts@gmail.com.

Youth News

Youth Group Meetings This Weekend

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8) Next Sunday, December 8 3-4 p.m. Legacy Center Basement	High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12) Next Sunday, December 8 6:30-8:30 p.m. Legacy Center Basement
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Bring a friend! You will not want to miss a night of Faith, Fellowship, and Food!

Prayers

St. Peter's community prays for the following people: Michelle Melland, Sally Euston, Loretta Jenkins, Dale Gibson, George Blomster, Eugenie Ruzick, Susan Meagher, Greg Rundquist, Kelli Shiao, Isabella Gleeson, Christine Holmes, Gerry Brice, Anderson Reynolds, Lori, Leann, Brenda, George, Austin Quick, Michael Gunter, Larry Harris, Bev Morris, George Schroer, Madi Winfield, Brian Auckland, Dorma Muraski, Kristen.

For Their Safe Return

St. Peter's community prays for an end to war and a safe return for those from our community serving in the military, including Jon Connelly.

Prayer requests are printed in the bulletin for two weeks and can be sent to Ray Hain at rhain@stpeterskc.org.

Second Collection

Next weekend, December 7 & 8, there will be a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Show your appreciation for senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection.

Baptisms This Weekend

We have two new members to welcome into our faith community this weekend! Congratulations to the families whose children will be baptized this weekend at St. Peter's. Baptized Saturday, November 30, during the 5 p.m. Mass:



Caroline Leora Rapp
(daughter of Aaron and Chrissy Rapp)

Gianni Fredrich Coniglio
(son of Kevin and Kate Coniglio)

Our Parish

IRA Gifts To Charity

Federal law again allows tax-free charitable distributions from your IRA. Taxpayers, who are 70 and one-half years or older, can direct “qualified charitable distributions” from their IRA fund directly to charities of their choice. It’s a great way to help St. Peter’s. Throughout 2013, age-qualified IRA holders can take advantage of this opportunity by using their IRA as a charitable giving tool. For more details, contact your legal or financial adviser or Greg Vranicar at the Office of Stewardship & Development, 816-714-2363 or vranicar@diocesekcsj.org.



Altar Cleaning Schedule

- Dec. 1.....Ann Thomas, Joan Monahan, & Violet Huey
- Dec. 8.....Flo Mundy & Maxine Alvarez
- Dec.15.....Maria Pelto & Judy Burlette
- Dec. 22...Martha Gude, Andrea & Audrey Carroll
- Dec. 29...Lynn Madeo & Sally Wirtz

December Purificators: Jeanette Boeh & Barbara Elliott

VIP News

December Luncheon

Vintage Parishioners, please come celebrate Christmas! Our Christmas Party will be Wednesday December 18, in the Main Room from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. We will be having a fun white elephant exchange plus wonderful food and desserts. Mark your calendars! Any senior in attendance is also welcome to move upstairs for reserved seating at the SPS children’s Christmas Program starting 1:30 p.m.!

Our Friends at Banneker

We recently received an e-mail from parishioner Elizabeth Ong, who attended the Banneker Lego S.T.E.A.M. Event at Benjamin Banneker with her family. We thought we’d share it with you. We are certainly thankful for our friends across Rockhill Rd.

Hi Fr. Steve,

I just wanted to tell you that our 6th grade boys had a great time at Banneker on Saturday.....they are really getting the hang of the robotics, but the thing I couldn't help but notice was how much fun they had with the kids from other schools- cheering them on led to talking and joking in between activities (especially with a really nice group of 9th grade girls from Frontier). Then while waiting for the closing ceremony one of the kids from Banneker turned on music and got everyone dancing, which lasted for about 45 minutes just because everyone was having so much fun. It was definitely not the kind of thing you could plan or instruct- just kids being kids who happen to be from diverse backgrounds.

Anyway- I know a lot of work has gone into the St. Peter's/Banneker relationship and a lot of great things are going on. I thought I would pass along our experience and thank you for the opportunity.

Have a great day!
Elizabeth Ong

Faith Formation Team Bookshelf

**A Tree Full of Angels:
Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary**
By Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB



I couldn’t see the forest for the trees. Ever have to admit that to yourself? How about not seeing the miracles around us because we are too busy looking for the miraculous? How about not seeing the angels in the trees? Sister Macrina aims to help us with the latter. As she tells us in this book’s preface, “The fast pace of our lives makes it difficult for us to find grace in the present moment, and when the simple gifts at our fingertips cease to nourish us, we have a tendency to crave the sensational.”

So how is it that we can remain in the present moment, which after all is where we are, and encounter the “holy” that is surely there? The method that Sister Macrina provides is a series of meditations on how to gather up the crumbs in the day to day and form them into a loaf, the bread of life. Our lives are a series of moments which are never truly gone as they pass and which open us to the possibilities of our future. Once we realize that the “holy” in our lives is not miraculous, but rather incredibly commonplace (if we only pause to really see it), we possess and are possessed by a gift that is truly transformative. Sister Macrina blazes a beautiful path to that realization. Available as an e-book and hardcopy from a variety of booksellers.

Social Services

Christmas Giving Begins This Week

This is the first weekend of our Christmas Giving Program! The Giving Tree is placed in the back foyer with names, sizes, and wish lists attached to each ornament. Please take an ornament and either buy a gift or gift card for your person and return it to the back of church or the Legacy Center by Noon on Sunday, December 15th. There are also decorated grocery sacks at every door to church to please take home and bring back full of items to be used for a Christmas dinner, these also need to be returned by Noon Sunday, December 15th. Ornaments and sacks have been decorated by Mrs. Schmidt's art classes in the SPS grade school. Thanks to Mrs. Schmidt and her wonderful artists! Thanks to the school teachers for coordinating Christmas Sharing with 95 children from Seton Center this year!

Food Pantry

Thank you so much to the Knights and their helpers, under the direction of Sam Sweargin and Bernie Schneider, for the Cranksgiving food drive. The riders faced extreme conditions to bring in 1164.35 lbs. of food this past Saturday. Thanks to all of the riders and participants!

Knitting For Neighbors

We meet every Monday from 1-3 p.m. in the Legacy Center, Room #210. All are welcome: knitters, crocheters, and stitchers. We can teach how to knit and crochet. Also, thanks to all who have generously donated yarn. We can always use more donations. If you have questions, please contact Joan Miller at (816) 523-0693 or joanmiller@gmail.com.

St. James Food Kitchen

Thank you to our fantastic volunteers! **Important news! December 4 has been canceled for our volunteers. Our next date isn't until 2014, on Wednesday, January 29.** To volunteer, please contact Ray (816) 877-0300 or rhain@stpeterskc.org.

Around Town

Serra International

Members of Serra International work throughout the year to support vocations and our religious. The events that Serrans sponsor to raise funds and to celebrate our religious run throughout the year. From participation in the annual "Support our Seminarians" dinner and auction to our Chili Dinner fundraiser, Serrans raise funds to support the religious life in our community. They then share these funds in various fun-loving events: the North Kansas City Serra Club's Seminarian Picnic, the downtown chapter's annual Seminarian Lake Retreat, the annual dinner for seminarians and their families, the Adopt a Seminarian Program, the annual Priest and Seminarian Appreciation Day, Blisters for Sisters, as well as "Nuns Appreciation Day" which the downtown (KC, MO) Serra Club jointly sponsors with the Serra Club of Kansas City in Kansas. Quite an array of events that can fill your life with joy and give you the opportunity to say "thanks" to our religious. Interested? Just email or call Charlie Murphy at (816) 678-6366 or ccmurphykc@gmail.com.