

# This Week at St. Peter's

Date	Events	Mass Intentions	Readings
<b>Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 8</b>	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
<b>Immaculate Conception Monday, December 9</b>	8:30 a.m. Bible Study LC 1 p.m. Knitting Group LC 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 118 MR	8:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners 6 p.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday, December 10</b>	8:45 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration LC 3:30 p.m. 5th Grade Cub Scouts LC 7 p.m. Liturgy Meeting LC	8:15 a.m. - For Shawn Nunnick by Marjon Gillbanks	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday, December 11</b>	8 a.m. Rosary Group LC 10 a.m. Ceramics RR 7 p.m. Men's CRHP LC 7 p.m. Festival of Lessons & Carols CH	8:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday, December 12</b>	9:30 a.m. Bible Study MR 6:15 p.m. Adult Faith Formation RCT 7 p.m. Women's CRHP-Team 3 LC 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal CH	8:15 a.m. Mass (Church) - St. Peter's Parishioners	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday, December 13</b>		8:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday, December 14</b>		5 p.m. - Michael E. Leonard by Mary, Emily, & Thomas	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:10-13
<b>Third Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 15</b>	10:30 a.m. RCIA LC 1 p.m. Sienna Club LC 2 p.m. Communal Reconciliation CH 5:15 p.m. Confirmation Class LC	9 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners 11 a.m. - Joan K. Davis by Sandy & Tom Nickel 5:30 p.m. - James Trebilcote by the Hair Family	Is 35:1-6, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**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](mailto:bulletin@stpeterskc.org).  
GR Garden Room MR Main Room OFF Off Site RR Romero Rm.

## Ministry Schedule: December 14 & 15

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
<b>Saturday 5 p.m.</b>	K Mulhern, J Olesen, H Bentley, Z Butler	J VandenBoom D Berger	MK VandenBoom, B Schneider, R Hunter, E McShane, A Meyer, A Movakowski, Need Volunteers	D Ryan, C Madden, L Marks, A Meyer
<b>Sunday 9 a.m.</b>	C McKee, R McKee, S Hellings, D Newman	M Gude F Mundy	C Newman, D Caffey, M Hague, M Jones, B Murphy, B McCormack, Need Volunteers	K Reilly, M McCue, S Mohler, J Nix
<b>Sunday 11 a.m.</b>	R Holmquist, H James, J Hutchison, K LeCluyse	N Hanson B Healy	J Martucci, M Kruger, C Kuhls, T LaManno, M Leonard, J Lisac, M Madden, L Madeo	W Feuerborn, L Hire, M Lisac, B Pont
<b>Sunday 5:30 p.m.</b>	A Cusumano, L Biritz, E Malone, L Concannon	G Kruger J LaBella	RA Clark, K Duffy, Need Volunteers	E Roller, A Roller, Need Volunteers

## Our Parish

### The Immaculate Conception

This year the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9. While it remains a Solemnity, it is not a day of obligation to attend Mass. Mass on December 9 will be at 8:15 in the Legacy Center Chapel.

### Advent Lessons & Carols this Wednesday, December 11

St. Peter's Music and Liturgy offices will be presenting a program this year, to help us get into the spirit of Advent and Christmas. Join us this Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. in the Church for *The Festival of Lessons & Carols*. The evening will include listening to Scripture readings, singing carols, and prayer. We invite you to prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. A reception will follow the service in the basement of the Church.



### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scouts Bronze Star Project

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scouts will be completing their Bronze Star Project this Saturday, 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 8 a.m. to noon. Babysitting kids who are potty trained to 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stpgirlscouts@gmail.com).

### Salvadoran Holiday Gifts

Shop for Salvadoran Holiday Gifts after each Mass next weekend, December 14-15. Get a special Salvadoran gift and help support our Sister Parish, San Francisco de Asis and our Scholarship Program, which benefits the Salvadoran Youth.



### Support Nearby Businesses

During this busy holiday shopping season, please consider supporting the retailers with shops on Troost and east of Troost. These include Metro Thriftway, CVS, Aldi, Dollar Tree, Payless Shoe Source, and many more. Not to mention Lufti's or Niece's for a post-shopping lunch or dinner of real comfort food. These businesses are important anchors within our parish boundaries and our support can make a real difference in their success.

### Photos of Loved Ones

Many of you brought in photos of your deceased loved ones to honor them during the month of November. If you and have not yet picked them up, they will be available after Mass, behind the altar.

### 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, Patty Clark, Jan Spaeth, Ann Doocy-Walker, and Martha Zelmer.

### Prayers and Sympathy

for the family of Jonathan Sternitzky, Watson Healy, and Jakqueline Thurston.

### 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](mailto:rhain@stpeterskc.org).

### 2014 Calendars

Church calendars are available at the doors of the church following Mass. Please feel free to take one home.

### Recent Baptisms

Congratulations to the families whose children were baptized at St. Peter's!



Baptized last Sunday, December 1, following the 9 a.m. Mass:

#### Charlotte Kent Wilders

(daughter of Bradley and Dana Wilders)

Baptized Saturday, December 7, during the 5 p.m. Mass:

#### Emelia Charlotte Joblin

(daughter of John Joblin and Elizabeth Lippi)

# Our Parish

## Parish Endowment Fund

We have just recently officially launched our new parish endowment fund, and already we have received a 4-year pledge to the endowment, a cash gift and notification of a planned gift (bequest). This is a wonderful beginning. Please consider making a planned gift to our new endowment; make a gift that will give for generations. Contact Karen in the parish office to find out more.



## Christmas Brunch

This Sunday, December 8, the Altar Society will be having the annual Christmas Brunch, immediately after the 9 a.m. Mass, in the Main Room. Ladies of the parish, you are welcome to join us!

## Altar Cleaning Schedule

- 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.!

## St. Peter’s Parish Holiday Schedule 2013-2014



### Parish Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, December 15th  
2:00 p.m., Church

### Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Masses:

- 3:00 p.m., Chapel
- 3:00 p.m., Church (Prelude at 2:40 p.m.)
- 5:30 p.m., Church (Prelude at 5:15 p.m.)
- 10:00 p.m., Church (Prelude at 9:30 p.m.)

### Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mass: 10:00 a.m., Church

### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>  
Mass: 5:00 p.m., Church  
Sunday, December 29  
Masses: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Church

### New Year’s Eve

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Mass: 6:00 p.m., Church

### New Year’s Day

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mass: 10:00 a.m., Church

### 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](mailto:bebeharrington66@gmail.com). Thank you for your interest.

## Our Parish

### St. Peter's School News

St. Peter's students resumed school last Monday after a wonderful Thanksgiving break! Many classes are preparing for the Season of Advent by participating in the activity "Straw in the Manger." To ready the crib for the coming of the Christ Child, children place pieces of straw in the manger as tokens or representations of the good works they do. "Thus the Christ Child, coming on Christmas Day, finds an ample supply of tender straw to keep Him warm and to soften the hardness of the manger's boards" (Francis Weiser, *Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs*, 1958). Fourth graders are preparing to travel to the Kansas City Ballet for the *Nutcracker*, a traditional field trip for them. All our students continue to learn about and practice stewardship, as they perform chores to earn money to purchase gifts for children through the Seton Center, and they will present us with the beautiful gift of music at the annual St. Peter's Christmas program, which will be in the church on December 18, at both 1:30 and 7 p.m. Please feel free to join our PTA for a SCRIP coffee in the school lobby on Friday, December 6 and 13, between 7:45-9 a.m. SCRIP cards make excellent Christmas gifts; many of the ornaments on the Advent trees in the church also name gift cards which would be appreciated.



## Social Services

### Christmas Giving

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 15. 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 15**. 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. And 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 Swearngin 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 joancmiller@gmail.com or (816) 523-0693.

### St. James Food Kitchen

Thank you to our fantastic volunteers! Our next date is in 2014, on Wednesday, January 29. Committed to Jan 29 is the Hathaway Family (4), To volunteer please contact Ray (816) 877-0300 or rhain@stpeterskc.org.

## Youth News

### Youth Meetings This Sunday

#### Middle School Youth Group

All 6-8 grade students are invited!  
**Sunday, December 8, 3-4 p.m.**  
Cookies and Lemonade  
Moved to the Church Basement

#### High School Youth Group

All 9th-12th grade students are invited!  
**Sunday, December 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
Pizza and Lemonade  
Legacy Center Basement

Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, and food, and hear Kristen talk about Catholic Social Teaching. Bring a friend!

### Ugly Sweater Christmas Party

All Middle School and High School Youth are invited.

**Sunday, December 22  
6:30-8 p.m.**

Legacy Center Basement



Bring a pot luck dish to share and a "white elephant gift" to exchange. Dust off those Ugly Sweaters and come in your best festive attire. Prizes will be awarded for the "best dressed male and female outfits". Be ready to sing your favorite Christmas Carols!

### Parish Social Media

We've been publishing bi-monthly e-blasts and posting events and news on the parish facebook page.



If you want to receive e-blasts and you aren't, please e-mail Paula Holmquist at

pholmquist@stpeterskc.org and she'll get you on the list. Also, "like" us on facebook. We're added 200 friends since this time last year, and we're up to 899!

### New Parishioner Inquiries

New Parishioners, please call Ruth Davis at (816) 363-7051, Ext. 110 to make an appointment to register.

## Our Parish

### Faith Formation Team Bookshelf



#### Waiting in Joyful Hope 2013-14: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas 2013-2014

by Jay Cormier

For most of us the “season of abundance”, as Advent and Christmas is often called, finds us confronted with two shortages: time and money. This very small collection of reflections addresses both of those needs. First, it offers brief daily reflections for the time-challenged. And, second, the e-book version costs only \$ 0.99!

Prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ with this popular, easy-to-use annual guide. During the especially busy Advent and Christmas seasons, this little treasure offers brief, down-to-earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way. Through Jay Cormier's insightful reflections on Scripture readings from the daily Mass, readers will grow in their understanding of the word of God. This book will help busy people achieve their goal of enriching their personal prayer life during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Available from the website of The Liturgical Press, <http://www.litpress.org/Products/E3480/waiting-in-joyful-hope-201314.aspx>, a ministry of the Benedictine monks of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN.

Fr. Terry Bruce suggests we read and contemplate two excerpts from a book called “The Coming of God” by Maria Boulding, the first of which is published below. As we await the coming of Christ, these readings may help us find time to focus on the meaning of Christmas, and deepen our experience of Advent. Part II will be published next weekend.

#### Advent Reflections—Part I

##### (An excerpt from the book “The Coming of God” by Maria Boulding)

If you want God, and long for union with him, yet sometimes wonder what that means or whether it can mean anything at all, you are already walking with the God who comes. If you are at times so weary and involved with the struggle of living that you have no strength even to want him, yet are still dissatisfied that you don't, you are already keeping Advent in your life. If you have ever had an obscure intuition that the truth of things is somehow better, greater, more wonderful than you deserve or desire, that the touch of God in your life stills you by its gentleness, that there is a mercy beyond anything you could ever suspect, you are already drawn into the central mystery of salvation.

Your hope is not a mocking dream; God creates in human hearts a huge desire and a sense of need, because he wants to fill them with the gift of himself. It is because his self-sharing love is there first, forestalling any response or prayer from our side, that such hope can be in us. We cannot hope until we know, however obscurely, that there is something to hope for; if we have had not glimpse of a vision, we cannot conduct our lives with vision. And yet we do: there is hope in us, and longing, because grace was there first. God's longing for us is the spring of ours for him.

Your incurable longing for God cannot be otherwise explained. It is true that human beings need to hope as badly as they need food and oxygen, but one of the worst things about being really poor is that you do not hope; you simply fear. Millions of people in today's world are deprived of food, decent living conditions, health, opportunities and culture. They are not dynamic people, full of hopes and dreams; they are too weary. Apathy, inertia and fear are part of the syndrome of poverty, and people almost forget that there can be anything better. Hope dies.



## Around Town

### Vigil for Policymakers and Immigration Reform

A group of community leaders started a prayer vigil, and they will continue to meet for the next four Tuesdays, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., in the park across from the building that houses the Federal Immigration Court in downtown Kansas City, praying for policymakers in Washington, DC to take action and bring relief to millions of families in our country. They are gathering in peaceful prayer and song to pray for policymakers, to keep families together, and to pass comprehensive immigration reform.



Unlocking the  
Power of People

St. Peter's parishioners are invited to join in the remaining vigils to be held December 10, and December 17. If you have questions or to RSVP, contact Sara John, Communities Creating Opportunity, at [sara@cco.org](mailto:sara@cco.org) or (816) 803-1513.

### SOS Benefit Dinner

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual "Support Our Seminarians" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes and is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2014. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have two wonderful speakers: Monsignor Charles McGlenn from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, and Reverend Greg Haskamp from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. SOS will be held at the Marriott Muehlebach Hotel, 12th and Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri. The ticket price is \$150 per person at tables of ten people. Cocktails and the marketplace begin at 5:30 p.m. (each reservation has two free drink tickets), dinner is at 7 p.m., and the program starts at 8 p.m. Visiting with priests and seminarians starts at 9 p.m. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact: Martha Hodes at (913) 207-9893 or [mmmh66@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmmh66@sbcglobal.net).

### 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](mailto:ccmurphykc@gmail.com).