

# This Week at St. Peter's

Date	Events	Mass Intentions	Readings
<b>Sunday, March 16</b>	SCRIP sold after Masses 1 p.m. Sienna Club LC	9 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners 11 a.m. - Scott Brazil by the Biritz and Burke Families 5:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Gn 12:1-4; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9
<b>St. Patrick's Day Monday, March 17</b>	1 p.m. Knitting Group LC 7 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 118 MR	8:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Dn 9:4-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tuesday, March 18</b>	8:45 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration LC	8:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wednesday, March 19</b>	8 a.m. Rosary Group LC 10 a.m. Ceramics RR 7 p.m. Men's CRHP LC 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal CH 7:40 p.m. Knights of Columbus LC	8:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
<b>Thursday, March 20</b>	9:30 a.m. Scripture Study MR 7 p.m. Italy Travelers LC 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal CH	8:15 a.m. - (Chapel) - St. Peter's Parishioners	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
<b>Friday, March 21</b>	8:45 a.m. Stations of the Cross CH	8:15 a.m. - (Church) - St. Peter's Parishioners	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-18; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday, March 22</b>		5 p.m. - Leonard Belan by the Family	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sunday, March 23</b>	Food Drive 3/23-3/30/14 9:30 a.m. RCIA LC 4 p.m. Middle School Youth LC 6:30 p.m. High School Youth LC	9 a.m. - Dick Vanlerberg by CRHP Women Team 3 11 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners 5:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

**MEETING SPACES:** CH Church LC Legacy Center MK McKay Center RCT Rectory  
GR Garden Room MR Main Room OFF Off Site RR Romero Rm.

Note: Deadline for the Sunday bulletin is the Tuesday prior at 12 noon. Send items to [bulletin@stpeterskc.org](mailto:bulletin@stpeterskc.org).

## Ministry Schedule: March 22 & 23

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
<b>Saturday 5 p.m.</b>	H Bentley, J Olesen, H Buren, K Mulhern	B Makar B Mayer	B Mayer, S Stanton, J Boeh, T Crowley, C Cusumano, Need Volunteers	K Campbell, L Marks, S Leisman, Need Volunteer
<b>Sunday 9 a.m.</b>	C Wunder, G Oest, J Weir, B Brewster	P Arkell K Feldmann	J Miller, C Newman, MB Andersson, P Arkell, E Brewster, Need Volunteers	J Saviano, K Reilly, J Nix, J Nix
<b>Sunday 11 a.m.</b>	A Bryan, J Duffy, A Terry, K LeCluyse	J Caccamo N Caccamo	M Gillcrist, T LaManno, M Leonard, J Lisa, M Madden, L Madeo, R Madeo, S McCrae-Robertson	M Madden, L Hire, M Lisac, B Pont
<b>Sunday 5:30 p.m.</b>	J Costanzo, M Wright, M Whitehead, M Watz	N Gross M Gude	T Mitchum, A Thomas, Need Volunteers	D McGrew, A Meyer, Need Volunteers

## Our Parish

### A Note From the Pastor

Dear St. Peter's Parishioners,

The last two weekends at St. Peter's have been busy ones. The Women's Christ Renews His Parish retreat, the St. Joseph Table, and the annual PTA auction were all tremendous successes. Please join me in congratulating and thanking the many people who helped but these events on. Each of them takes months of planning. The CRHP team, lead by Maria Gillcrist and Toni Mitchum, planned the 32-hour retreat, and parishioners brought meals and offered prayers in the Chapel for the entire weekend. Stefani Brancato, Joe LaBella, Rita Berry, and their numerous volunteers once again pulled off a beautiful Italian meal and table to honor St. Joseph and in doing so, raised money for our Social Services ministry. Our auction chairs, Kim and Kent Coxe and their numerous committees brought us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with bidding technology that helped us hit a new record in fundraising for our school.

Whether it's prayer, worship, sharing a meal, or supporting the parish family with our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, it's a blessing to see how much enthusiasm we bring to the effort. I hope you all have begun a meaningful Lent, look forward to the coming of Spring, and enjoy some rest during Spring Break this week.

God bless,  
Fr. Steve

### "You Are the Christ" Choir Concert at St. Peter's

Jesus once asked, "Who do you say that I am?" It was Peter who immediately replied on behalf of the disciples: "You are the Christ!" Have you ever wanted to hear St. Peter's side of the story on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus? Join the St. Peter's 9 a.m. Mass Choir for an evening of reflection and music on Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Church as we illustrate the life of Jesus through the eyes of St. Peter.

**"WHO  
DO YOU  
SAY THAT  
I AM?"**

### Spring Grounds Clean-Up Day March 29

Let's do some Spring cleaning before Palm Sunday and Easter! St. Peter's Landscape Maintenance Committee is hosting a campus-wide Spring Grounds Clean-Up on Saturday, March 29 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, weeding & planting. Please bring leaf rakes and bags, tarps, wheel barrows, shovels, brooms, leaf blowers & work gloves. Please label all your tools. We hope you can join us! Questions? Contact Mary Hellings at (816) 363-0845 or maryohellings@gmail.com.



### No Youth Group on Sunday, March 16

Due to Spring Break this coming week, we will not be having Middle School or High School Youth Group this weekend. Stay tuned, regarding March 23!

### Prayers

St. Peter's community prays for the following people: Michelle Melland, Sally Euston, Loretta Jenkins, Madi Winfield, Brian Auckland, Nicole Buckley, Robert Fitzgerald, Rosalie, George Blomster, Patricia Kieffer, Pam Horn, Andy Loehr, Marianne McMullen, Larry Harris, Wayne Goebel, Jody Rice, Bridget Campbell, Kevin, and Ken Sittenauer.

### Prayers and Sympathy

for the families of Mary Lodde and Mary Vandergriff.

### 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 and Angelo Castillejo.

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).

### Parish Security – Important Notice

The Legacy Center is used for many purposes, and many people enter and leave the building throughout the day. In an effort to improve security, all doors will be locked at all times, beginning immediately. If you come to the parish offices regularly to pick up your child, attend Mass or Eucharistic Adoration, or attend a meeting, please ask the staff member or parishioner in charge of your meeting or event to give you the security code to open the doors. During office hours (M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), persons without the entrance code may ring the bell and will be "buzzed in" by the parish secretary, Ruth Davis. Thank you for your cooperation.

### New Parishioner Inquiries

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

## Our Parish

### Stewardship Update

As of last Tuesday, here is an update for the 2014-2015 Stewardship Renewal campaign financial commitments the parish has received:

Number of Pledges: 255, or 29.1% of the 875 parish families

Average Pledge: \$4,531.77

Total Pledge: \$1,155,601.58, or 41.3% of our \$2,800,000 goal

If you have not made your pledge, please do so by March 31. Thank you for all you do to support St. Peter's.



### Altar Cleaning Schedule

Week of 3/16: Kate McDonald & Meaghan Healy Cisneros

Week of 3/23: Beverly Martin, Mary Helen Williams & Bebe Wirkus

March Purificator: Jean Schmidlein

### Shoebox Shower

It is time to start collecting items for our annual Shoebox Shower for women who go to shelters because of abusive situations at home. Please start collecting personal hygiene items for women and children, e.g., shampoo, lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes, deodorant, socks, etc. We will donate these items to the Women's Shelters. The shelters have requested that we put these items in large reclosable plastic bags or unwrapped, but tied showboxes. There will be a box in the vestibule by the food basket for your donations, or you may drop them off in the Legacy Center. We will be accepting shoeboxes until May 6. If you have questions, please call Margaret Taylor at (816) 523-1691.

### Faith Formation Bookshelf

#### The Seven Last Words from the Cross, by Fleming Rutledge



Many places in the Christian tradition people use "the seven last words from the cross" as a particular focus for reflection and meditation. Perhaps unfamiliar to many Catholics this tradition can be, and certain has become for me, a particularly meaningful part of a Truduum observance.

The "seven last words" are not seven words in the usual sense of the term "words", but rather "words" as described in many wisdom traditions, especially of the Desert Fathers and Mothers of Christianity of the third and fourth centuries in the deserts of the Middle East. In this context a "word" has the meaning of "a word of advice", a piece of wisdom or an object of reflection from a wise person.

The "seven words" are seven short pieces of dialog which appear in the Gospels' description of the Crucifixion. They are:

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"

"Amen I say to you, today you shall be with me in Paradise"

Woman, behold your son ... behold your mother"

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me"

"I thirst"

"It is finished"

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"

Rutledge's 70-page book provides meditative material on each of these "seven words". They will transform your the ending of your Lent. Available for Kindle and in paperback.

Dick Brummel  
Adult Faith Formation Team

### All Class Alumni Reunion

Alumni, spouses, teachers, parents and parishioners are invited to join our second all-class reunion. We will gather on June 7, 2014 for Mass, school tours, food, and fun. Tickets are \$20/pp. Watch the bulletin, Facebook, our website, and alumni communications for more info. Contact Bebe Geisel Herrington '81 for more info: [bebeharrington66@gmail.com](mailto:bebeharrington66@gmail.com).



### St. Peter's Class of 1985 – Where Are You?

We are trying to update our alumni files so we can communicate with more of our alumni. We are especially eager to get email addresses, where possible, to allow us to contact our alums electronically. Our Class of The Week this week is the Class of 1985. If you had a child in that class, or are from that class yourself, we'd welcome updated contact info. Call or email Karen in the parish office: [kconley@stpeterskc.org](mailto:kconley@stpeterskc.org) or 816-363-7051, ext. 127.

## Our Parish

### Early Voting Ballot Initiative

CCO members will be canvassing parishioners for signatures through the end of March for an Early Voting Statewide Ballot Initiative. This initiative will provide voters in Missouri a period of six weeks prior to election day in which to cast a ballot in all federal and state general elections. If passed, this measure would make it easier to vote for those people without convenient transportation or who have challenging work schedules. Currently, 32 states allow early voting, including most of the states that border Missouri. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to sign this petition at different parish events and after most of the weekend masses.

### Reporting Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are the victim of sexual abuse or if you *suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18)
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or 911
3. After reporting to civil authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor* or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at (816) 812-2500 or e-mail at [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), if the abuse involves a priest or deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Mary Bultmann at (816) 714-2387 or [bultmann@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:bultmann@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## Social Services

### St. Peter's Community Garden

The garden will be getting its Spring clean-up during Spring Break (March 17-March 21). Any high schools students needing service hours or wanting to help, please contact Ray via email at [rhain@stpeterskc.org](mailto:rhain@stpeterskc.org). Our first crops go in on March 25. Any parishioner who would like to join the volunteers and be on our google list for updates about the garden, please contact Ray at (816) 877-0300.

### Knitting For Neighbors

Knitters, crocheters, and stitchers meet every Monday from 1-3 p.m. in the Legacy Center, Room #210. All are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Joan Miller at [joancmiller@gmail.com](mailto:joancmiller@gmail.com) or (816) 523-0693.

### St. James Food Kitchen

Thank you to our fantastic volunteers! Committed to April 2 are Carolyn Biritz, Rose Super, Pat Morrissey, Judy Whalen, and Patti Owsley, Diane McGrew and Laura Logan, Andrea Carroll plus one, Ben, Cindy, Leo, Ana, Mateo Gajewski. Our next dates are April 30 and May 7. To volunteer, please contact Ray (816) 877-0300 or [rhain@stpeterskc.org](mailto:rhain@stpeterskc.org).