

This Week at St. Peter's

Date	Events	Mass Intentions	Readings
Sunday, September 7	4:30 p.m. Girl Scoutts - Grade 5 LC 6:30 p.m. High School Yourth BBQ LC	9 a.m. - For Shawn Nunnick by the Gillbanks Family 11 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Altar Society 5:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Monday, September 8	1 p.m. Knitting Group LC 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 118 MR 7 p.m. Development Council LC	8:15 a.m. - Beth Whalen by the Whalen Family	Mi 5:1-4 ; Ps 13:6, 6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Tuesday, September 9	8:45 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration LC 6 p.m. First Lego League LC 7 p.m. Liturgy Meeting LC 7 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting LC	8:15 a.m. - For Shawn Nunnick by the Gillbanks Family	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday, September 10	8 a.m. Rosary Group LC 10 a.m. Ceramics RR 7 p.m. Men's CRHP LC Choir Rehearsal CH	8:15 a.m. - Raymond Mundy, Jr. by the Family	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday, September 11	6:15 p.m. Faith Formation RCT 7 p.m. CRHP 4 LC 7 p.m. Centering Prayer Group RR 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal CH	8:15 a.m. - (Church) All School Mass - Maggie O'Grady Trombetti by the McHugh Family	1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday, September 12		8:15 a.m. - Bud Haden by the McMullen Family	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 8, 12;
Saturday, September 13		5 p.m. - Terri LaManno by Women's CRHP	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Sunday, September 14	Altar Society Meeting MR 7 p.m. Liturgy Team LC	9 a.m. - Aurora Gonzales by Sandy Woollen and Mari Tellson 11 a.m. - Lawrence Meyers by Bill and Brigid Burzett 5:30 p.m. - St. Peter's School Students and Teachers	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

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.
 GR Garden Room MR Main Room OFF Off Site RR Romero Rm. Send items to bulletin@stpeterskc.org.

Ministry Schedule: September 13 & 14

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
Saturday 5 p.m.	A Lopez, E Harrington, E Shaw	D Berger P Dearth	B Mayer, A Meyer, E Ong, C Pedersen, P Rowland, S Stanton, Need Volunteers	D Ryan, K Campbell, A Meyer, P Sollars
Sunday 9 a.m.	A Boone, L Gajewski, S Hellings, J Weir	B Wirkus G Wirkus	J Schmidlein, C Wren, MB Andersson, P Arkell, E Brewster, K Feldmann, Need Volunteers	B Blanck, M Lee, M McCue, S Mohler
Sunday 11 a.m.	L Biritz, M Lisac, M Hirner, J Theimann	J Simon E Swope	M Houglan, M Gillcrist, D Hammond, K Houglan, ML Johnson, M Kruger, C Kuhls, M Leonard	R Madeo, B Arensberg, D Wendling, B Sweeney
Sunday 5:30 p.m.	C Whitehead, J Hutchison, L Concannon	A Cusumano C Murphy	RA Clark, K Duffy, M Flores, Need Volunteers	A Roller, E Roller, Need Volunteers

Our Parish

St. Peter's Choirs

The new choir season is starting soon, with rehearsals beginning this week on September 10 and 11. The 11 a.m. Sunday Mass choir rehearses at 7 p.m. in the Church on Wednesday evenings. The 9 a.m. Sunday Mass choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Church. Anyone who is interested is invited to join the choir, or for more information, please contact James Wagner in the parish office at (816) 363-2320, Ext. #114.



Confirmation Meeting

There will be a Parent/Teen Confirmation Meeting on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in The Legacy Center Chapel. This meeting is required for all Catholic Freshman who are planning on being confirmed at St. Peter's Parish on April 8, 2015. One parent must attend this informational meeting. Please call Toni Mitchum at (816) 363-2320, Ext. #171 with questions, or email her at tmitchum@stpeterskc.org.



Opportunity for Spiritual Growth

Christ Renews His Parish is a great way to renew your personal spiritual growth and our faith community at St Peter's. Please consider joining the next group of men and women on the Christ Renews His Parish retreat. The women's retreat is September 20-21 and the men's is October 4-5. Contact Nancy Ellermann at (816) 333-3262, gnellermann@sbcglobal.net or Dick McTygue at (816) 333-8979, rftmtygue@aol.com.



Engaged Couples Orientation

The next class will be offered Saturday, September 20, from 9 - 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Legacy Center, Room #210. This is a requirement for all couples wishing to be married in the Catholic Church. During this time, engaged couples are introduced to the Marriage Preparation Program and find out about required documents needed, timeline for completing the program and other important details. If you are interested in attending this meeting or have any questions, please call Mary Pfeifer at (816) 363-2320, #110 or e-mail her at mpfeifer@stpeterskc.org.

Growing in Love

On Wednesday, September 24, from 7-8:30 p.m., St. Peter's Parish will host "Growing in Love: An Evening for Your Marriage." This will be an evening of prayer and reflection for married couples. Strengthen the love of your marriage with this prayerful and practical mini-retreat. The event will be presented by Fr. Steve Cook and Dino Durando, the Director of the Office of Family Life. RSVP to the parish office at (816) 363-2320, Ext. #110. All you need to bring is your bible and your spouse!



This marriage enrichment provides an excellent opportunity to touch the lives of married couples in each parish even if they are not already thinking about getting involved in the work of marriage preparation. At the completion of this time of study, discussion, and prayer they will be invited to prayerfully consider becoming a Lead Couple.

Prayers

St. Peter's community prays for the following people: Michelle Melland, Sally Euston, Loretta Jenkins, Madi Winfield, Brian Auckland, Kris Omecene, Bridget Campbell, Lee Thomas, Pat Cook, Randy Stanton, Robert Revels, Norrie Grace, Jennifer Spaeth, Lisa, Angela Barbosa, John Nix, Theresa, Mary, Ron Deffenbaugh, and Harvey Blackstone.

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, Angelo Castillejo, and Raymond Alavarez IV.

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

New Parishioner Inquiries

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

Baptism This Weekend

Welcome to the newest member of the St. Peter's Parish family!

Baptized Saturday, Sept. 6 after the 5 p.m. Mass:

Katherine Dean Reed

(daughter of Scott and Jean Marie Reed)



Youth News

Youth Group BBQ

Calling all high school teens, grades 9-12 grade. Please join us this Sunday, September 7 for The Back To School BBQ Youth Group Kick Off. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. in The Legacy Center Parking lot, we'll have burgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish to share. All are welcome. Encourage your friends to come and join us for a night of faith, fellowship, and food!

Our Parish



Altar Cleaning Schedule

- Sept. 7: Peggy Allin, Rosie, Super,
& Joan Miller
 Sept. 14: Martha Linscott &
Elizabeth Ong
 Sept. 21: Stacy Robertson & Sheri Birtz
 Sept. 28: Mary Lou Blomster &
Judy Whalen

September Purificators: Barb Haden
& Rosie Super

Parish Phone System Changed

Please note that the parish and school have installed a new phone system, and there is a change in how to reach staff members. Please dial the parish number (816) 363-2320 (or school number (816) 523-4899), **then hit the “#” key**, and then the extension number. This should take you to the staff/faculty member you are trying to reach, so that you can speak to them or leave a voice mail. Thank you! We apologize for any confusion this has caused during our transition to the new system.

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Spiritual Exercise

You can make Sunday's readings part of your personal prayer during the week. Visit liturgy.slu.edu for prayer, spirituality, and scripture resources.

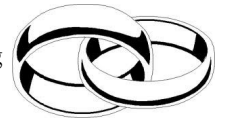
Seniors

Next Senior Luncheon

Join the new Social Services Director, Dan Needham, for a luncheon on Thursday, September 18 in the Main Room of Church from 11 a.m. -2 p.m.

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Social Services

Food Drive

A huge thanks to St Peter's students and families for restocking our food pantry. By the end of summer, our shelves get a little bare, but thanks to you they're overflowing again. You make our food pantry possible!

St. James Food Kitchen

Since there are two Wednesdays in the month of September, we have two dates to fill next month . . . October 1 and October 29. It's not too early to sign up. We need 10-12 volunteers each night. If you'd like to serve, please contact Dan (816) 877-0300 or dneedham@stpeterskc.org.

Blood Drive

Save the date for our next blood drive, September 22 in the Main Room (church basement) from 2-7 p.m. Donors can designate a St. Peter's student for their own Jeans Day! Register online and reserve your time now at savealifenow.org the enter sponsor code "stpeterskc" to reserve your sign up.



St. Peter's Community Garden

Come enjoy the garden, anytime. We're picking tomatoes, peppers, kale, beets, beans and okra. Our last harvest was so big, we were able to share at least 25 pounds of produce with the food pantry at St Therese! Join us on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m., or Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. Or if you'd like to schedule a special time for your family to come and work, call Dan at (816) 877-0300 or dneedham@stpeterskc.org.

Knitting For Neighbors

The knitters, crocheters, and stitchers will continue to meet every Monday, 1-3 p.m. through the summer this year! Come to the Legacy Center, Room #210. All are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Joan Miller at (816) 523-0693, or joancmiller@gmail.com. Knitted hats and other articles support our Christmas program, the St. James Bus Stop Ministry, and Operation Break-Through.

Volunteers Welcome

We're always looking for volunteers in Social Services! Give Dan a call (816) 877-0300.

Our Parish

St. Peter's Stew

In Saint Paul's letter to the Romans he suggests that God lavishes his love upon us through Jesus Christ, who calls us to the kind of loving relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul's vocabulary, a kind of "debt" that we can never "pay-in-full." But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: "I am put here as an ambassador of God's love."



Thursday Morning Bible Study

"Matthew: The King and His Kingdom" is a Catholic Bible study that brings the history of Christ to life through Matthew's Gospel. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. Join us in the Main Room of St. Peter's Church (church basement) beginning September 25 at 9:30 a.m. and continuing every Thursday (except Thanksgiving). For more information or to register for the study, contact Christina Wright at (816) 550-0852; ctinawright@gmail.com or Maria Gillcrist at (816) 868-5318; mariagillcrist@me.com. Please register by September 16 to allow time to order study materials.

Great Gift to Social Services

Dan Needham, our new Director of Social Services, and all of us at St. Peter's would like to thank our recent anonymous donor who gave a big gift to our Social Services ministry. This gift will enable us to nearly double the monthly funds available for utility assistance. Our clients thank you. And we thank you for giving us the ability to say "yes" a little more often, and make even more of a difference in the lives of many families in need.

Volunteer Opportunity to Help with the 2015 Pictorial Directory

Thanks to those of you who have eagerly volunteered to help with the 2015 pictorial directory! We are looking for volunteers to help contact parishioners to set up appointments, sign people up after Masses, and host the photo sessions. Whether you have an hour or two to help, or would like to help lead the effort, we appreciate your time and talent! If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Mary Pfeifer in the parish office at mpfeifer@stpeterskc.org or (816) 363-2320, #110.

Tickets on Sale this Weekend

Get ready to experience the biggest event to hit Brookside in decades. Connect with neighbors and celebrate community along Kansas City's Meyer Boulevard during St. Peter's Meyer Fest presented by The Roasterie. The October 10-11 event includes:



ST. PETER'S
**MEYER
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Holey Hooley Golf Tournament at Swope Park, Pig Roast catered by Local Pig, KidSPOT Carnival, Wurst Party, and Saturday Night Block Party complete with live music and food trucks. Tickets are on sale beginning this weekend after all Masses for Wurst Party and the Block Party. Register for the Holey Hooley tournament by downloading the registration form from www.MeyerFestKC.com. Follow meyerfestkc on Facebook and Twitter for up-to-date information. #meyerfestkc

Faith Formation Team Bookshelf

Merton's Palace of Nowhere by James Finley

The author gives the most accurate possible description of this book when he calls it "prayerfully exploring Merton's critically important yet little-appreciated notion of the true self in God as opposed to the false self of egocentric desires." Finley should know. The widely read author and retreat leader had Thomas Merton as his novice master at the Trappist monastery at Gethsemane, Kentucky. For six years Merton was his spiritual director.

This book has the advantage of containing not only Merton's own descriptions of the dynamic between our true self and our false self, but also Finley's insights into Merton's highly personal and sometimes esoteric notions of our relationship with God. Throughout this book we encounter Merton's bluntness and tenderness such as when he says

"what I abandoned when I ... came to the monastery was the understanding of myself that I had developed in the context of civil society ... a society that is happy because it drinks Coca-Cola or Seagram's or both and is protected by the bomb."

And,

"God is asking me, the unworthy, to forget my unworthiness and that of my brothers, and dare to advance in the love which has redeemed and renewed us all in God's likeness. And to laugh, after all, at the preposterous idea of "worthiness."

This book is a wonderful introduction as well as a solid review of the core of Merton's spirituality. Merton is a no nonsense director. Finley captures his essence.

Around Town

St. Regis Parish Jubilarian

St. Regis will be celebrating their 50th anniversary, and several activities are planned. More details can be found at www.regischurch.org or call the parish office at 761-1608. You are invited to attend the following events:

Thursday, Sept. 25th - Memorial Mass for deceased parishioners at 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26th - St. Regis Night at the O'Hara football game. Tailgate party beginning at 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27th - Golden Gait 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk - 8 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27th - 50 Year Party and Dance - Adult event at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 28th - Golden Jubilee Mass and Reception at 10:15 a.m.

Missouri Catholic Conference

Catholics from all corners of Missouri are invited to attend the 2014 Annual Assembly of the Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC). This year's theme is "Marriage and Family at the Crossroads." The assembly will be held Saturday, October 4, at the State Capitol building in Jefferson City. A strong line-up of workshops by family counselors and scholars will explore a variety of issues, from how to obtain care for elderly parents to how young families can manage the stressors of busy family life. Crisis pregnancy centers will be the focus of one workshop and St. Louis Archbishop Robert Carlson will offer reflections on developing a lifetime of faith for a happy marriage. The day ends with a Mass concelebrated by the Missouri Bishops that will fulfill your Sunday obligation. To register, visit the MCC website at www.mocatholic.org or call the MCC at (800) 456-1679.



Congratulations to Dennis Ryan

On August 29, parishioner and "Key Man" Dennis Ryan retired from the Social Security Office after 43 years of employment. We tried to catch up with him as he left the Federal Building downtown on his last day, but he was too fast for us! Fr. Steve and a few of us managed to meet him at the bus stop, a few blocks from St. Peter's. We're so happy for you, Dennis!



Important Payday Loan Legislation Update

Earlier this summer, Governor Jay Nixon vetoed a sham payday loan reform bill - SB694. The language in this legislation is misleading, and it has been portrayed falsely as offering payday lending reform, when in fact it does nothing to modify the payday loan debt trap. It makes a meaningless "reduction" in Missouri's interest cap from 1,950% APR to just over 900%, while predatory lenders remain free to collect their usurious average loan rate of 455%. SB694's "ban" on loan rollovers is equally illusory, because lenders can still insist that borrowers undertake back-to-back loan transactions to refinance their debt. This bill would require payday lenders to offer extended payment plans, but experience in other States has shown that such plans are seldom used by borrowers of small amounts.

It's no surprise that the payday industry supports this legislation and has testified in its favor. As Governor Nixon said in his veto message, SB694 "appears to be part of a coordinated effort by the payday loan industry to avoid more meaningful reform." He correctly noted that the bill "fails to protect consumers and fails to prevent the cycle of debt that payday lending perpetuates."

It is assumed that the payday industry will make every effort to override the Governor's veto of SB694. This would send a cruel legislative message to Missouri's growing group of citizens who survive paycheck-to-paycheck. Other States have capped the payday lending rate at 36% - the same as the lending interest cap on our military service personnel; all Missourians deserve the dignity of fair treatment. True reform can only come from a meaningful and enforceable cap on interest rates that will once again outlaw the practice of usury in this State.

As people of faith, we ask that you call or email your Missouri State legislators **this week**, and ask them to uphold the Governor's veto of Missouri Senate Bill SB694 and support true payday lending reform legislation.

Thank you,
St. Peter's Local Organizing Committee – CCO

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Jeremy LaFaver Jeremy.LaFaver@house.mo.gov (573) 751-2437

Missouri Senate:

Jason Holsman <http://jasonholsman.com/index.php/contact-us> (573) 751-6607

Dance for Catholic Singles

Come and join us for the Autumn Sunset Dance hosted by Singles of Nativity, (SON) on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 7-11 p.m. at the Church of the Nativity on 119th and Mission Rd. in Leawood, KS. Admission is \$20 a person at the door. Receive \$5 off that price by donating two canned food items for Harvesters that evening to feed the hungry families, children and seniors in our community. Contact Ivette, Dance Coordinator with questions at iarangomaps@gmail.com.

Around Town

Parish Business Manager Position

Visitation Parish seeks a qualified individual to oversee or perform all parish financial, human resource, facilities management and other administrative duties. Responsibilities include financial planning and coordination of budget process, bookkeeping functions, cash flow management and financial reporting; management of payroll and benefit programs; supervision of office and maintenance staff; oversight of building/campus cleaning and maintenance, and of office technology. Qualifications include Bachelor Degree and 3-5 years of experience in management, leadership and organizational responsibilities; proficiency in Microsoft Office, knowledge of Catholic parish organization and ability to work with parish leadership teams. Qualified and interested parties please send cover and resume to search@church.visitation.org or to Search/5141 Main St./Kansas City, MO 64112.

Mandated Reporting Policy

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or 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), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at (816) 812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, 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 for more information.

NCR Marketing Coordinator

The National Catholic Reporter, an independent Catholic newspaper based in Kansas City, is looking for a creative, organized part-time marketing coordinator. This position is approximately 20 hours per week at our midtown office. We offer a collaborative work environment and a great vacation package. For more info, visit NCRonline.org/jobs.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Weekend in Kansas City is September 19-21. For more details about a Weekend, please visit our website: wwme4youandme.org or call Tony and Barb Zimmerman at (816) 741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net.

