

This Week at St. Peter's

Date	Events	Mass Intentions	Readings
Sunday, December 16	9:30 a.m. RCIA LC 1 p.m. Sienna Club LC 2:30 p.m. Advent Communal Reconciliation Service CH 3:30 p.m. "Wrap Up" Gifts for our Christmas Families LC 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group LC	9 a.m. - Anna Groner by Julie & Mike Spaeth 11 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners 5:30 p.m. - Sue Blake by the Brice Family	Zep 3:14-18; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday, December 17	12 p.m. Knitting Group Luncheon LC 1:30 p.m. ECLC Pageant LC 6:30 p.m. Landscape Committee LC 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Mtg. LC 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 118 MR	8:15 a.m. - Clarence and Wayne Pelto by Maria Pelto	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday, December 18	8:45 a.m. - 7 p.m. Adoration LC 1:30 p.m. ECLC Pageant LC 7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting LC 7:40 p.m. Knights of Columbus LC	8:15 a.m. - Eileen Hair by the Hair Family	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-24
Wednesday, December 19	8 a.m. Rosary Group LC 10 a.m. Ceramics RR 10:30 a.m. Seniors Luncheon MR 1:30 p.m. School Christmas Program CH 7 p.m. School Christmas Program CH	8:15 a.m. - Johanna Quinlan by Kay Raab and Family	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday, December 20	9 a.m. 8th Grade Confessions CH 9:15 a.m. Catholicism Study MR 7 p.m. Men's CRHP Meeting LC 7 p.m. Women's CRHP Meeting LC 7 p.m. Pack 118 Leader Meeting RR 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (9am. Mass) CH	8:15 a.m. (Church)- School Mass for St. Peter's Parishioners	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday, December 21	1 p.m. Parish Office Closes	8:15 a.m. - Rick Davis by the Family	Song 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday, December 22		5 p.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday, December 23	12:30 - 3 p.m. Decorating Church CH	9 a.m. - Mike McClain by Eleanor Burke 11 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners 5:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Mi 5:1-4; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

MEETING SPACES:

CH Church **LC** Legacy Center
GR Garden Room **MK** Main Room

MK McKay Center **RCT** Rectory
OFF Off Site **RR** Romero Rm.

Note: Send all announcements for the bulletin to bulletin@stpeterskc.org by 9 a.m. this Friday, 12/21.

Ministry Schedule: December 22 & 23

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
Saturday 5 p.m.	J Butler, Z Butler, R Rios, E Grever	D Berger B Elliott	S Rowland, A Meyer, G Nolan, C Pedersen, J Schleicher, S Stanton, C Watz, Need Volunteer	D Ryan, S Leisman, C Madden, L Marks
Sunday 9 a.m.	J Dunagan, O Oxler, G Oxler, F Burnette	M Gude M Seaton	J Miller, C Wren, MB Andersson, P Arkell, E Brewster, D Caffey, B Dearth, P Dearth	M Grimaldi, B Blanck, J Amick, M Lee
Sunday 11 a.m.	K LeCluyse, S Tappan, A Tappan, S Tatum	N Hanson B Healy	M Healy, M Madden, B Schneider, R Schneider, J Spaeth, A Edsall, T Wendling, L Arensberg	G Woods, S Hair, P Hanson, L Hire
Sunday 5:30 p.m.	E Malone, A Bryan, P Bryan, J Costanzo	J Malone M Bauman	M Cisneros, C Bauman, Need Volunteers	A Thomas, E Roller, Need Volunteers

Our Parish

St. Peter's Parish Holiday Schedule 2012 – 2013



Parish Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, December 16th
2:30 p.m., Church

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th

Masses:

3:00 p.m., Chapel

3:00 p.m., Church (Prelude at 2:45 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

Tuesday, December 25th

Mass: 10:00 a.m., Church (Prelude at 9:45 a.m.)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 29th

Mass: 5:00 p.m., Church

Sunday, December 30

Masses: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Church

New Year's Eve

Monday, December 31st

Mass: 6:00 p.m., Church

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1st

Mass: 10:00 a.m., Church

Adoration During the Advent Season

Advent is the season of new beginnings. As we enter into our third year of Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday at St. Peter's, please consider spending a bit of quiet time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Come for an hour or just a few minutes and experience the "peace that the world cannot give."

Those who have been regular attendees have said that it's the most beautiful part of their week. Questions? Call Maria Gillcrist at (816) 868-5318 or e-mail her at mogilly@kc.rr.com.



Prayers

St. Peter's community prays for the following people: Norma Trahan, Michelle Melland, Loretta Jenkins, Susan Morton, Marie Dennis, George Blomster, Mary Peterson, Donna Michael, Gabriel Seago, Robert Spaeth, Fr. Gauthier, Carmela Guthrie, Paul Habiger, Candi Schroeder, Rosie Super, Rosemary Bales, Mary Breshear, Mary Jo, Jean Spengler, Marian Tintera, Barb Heili, Dorothy, Tim, Andrew and Claire Arkell.

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: Tommy Tellson and Charli Anderson.

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

Volunteers Needed

Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers, we need your help to cover all of Christmas Season services. Sign up sheets are available in the sacristy and usher's closet. Thank you!

Open Prayer Circle

Join the women of the parish this Sunday, December 16 at 10 a.m. in the church hall, Romero Room. Come, pray or be prayed for. All women/girls in the parish are invited to attend.



Advent Vespers

This weekend (Sunday, December 16), at 5 p.m., join the Gaudete Children's Choir for Advent Vespers at St. Elizabeth Church. This choir is a music ministry for children from St. Elizabeth, St. Peter's and Visitation parishes. Everyone is invited to this beautiful musical prayer and reception afterwards.

Altar Society

Thank You

On behalf of the Altar and Rosary Society, I'd like to thank all the people who helped make the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women luncheon we hosted on December 5 such a success. We appreciate all who helped set up, serve, clean up, bring goodies and refreshments, including the four St. Peter's students who also helped serve. Those who attended the event had a very enjoyable time, thanks to all of you!

Maria Pelto



Altar Cleaning Schedule

December 16:

Julie Martucci & Laura Safley

December 23:

Ann Thomas & Joan Monahan

December 30:

Flo Mundy & Maxine Alvarez

December Purificators:

Jeanette Boeh & Barbara Elliott

Youth News

Tacky Holiday Attire Party

High School students, get ready for the **Tacky Holiday Attire Party this Sunday, December 16**, immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass. Wear your ugliest, tackiest holiday sweater, jacket, or vest and join us for a night to remember. Feel free to bring a friend for faith, fellowship, and fun! Please bring a white elephant gift to exchange.



Senior News



Senior Christmas Luncheon

The Senior Christmas Lunch will be this Wednesday, December 19 in the Main Room. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Our holiday party will include food, gifts (bring a white elephant gift to exchange) and Christmas music. After lunch, we'll move upstairs to special seating reserved for seniors to enjoy the St. Peter's School children's Christmas program.

Pastoral Celebrations

This Monday, December 17, Fr. Sean McCaffery celebrates the first anniversary of his ordination. Congratulations, Fr. McCaffery! We're fortunate to have you as our Associate Pastor.



This Friday, December 21, Fr. Steve Cook will be celebrating a birthday. We're very blessed to have you as our Pastor, Fr. Steve.

Please keep both of our priests in your prayers as Fr. McCaffery enters another year of the priesthood and Fr. Steve celebrates another year on Earth!

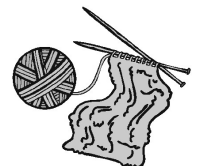
Social Services

Christmas Giving at St. Peter's

All gifts and groceries need to be returned to the Legacy Center or church by Sunday, Dec 16 by 12 noon, please. Thank you for your help in bringing joy to our families in need. Those who would like to help label, wrap and pack gifts and groceries for our Christmas families are invited to come to the Legacy Center at 3:30 p.m. on this Sunday, December 16, following the Communal Reconciliation Service.

Knitting for Neighbors

The Knitting for Neighbors will be having a luncheon this coming Monday to celebrate another year of providing beautiful, warm hats and scarves for our friends in need. Thank you, Ladies! Come join them at 12 noon. If you don't know how to knit, they'll teach you!



St. James Food Kitchen

Thank you to our fabulous volunteers! Volunteers are asked to help from 4 - 6:30 p.m. Committed for Wednesday, January 2: Patti Owsley, Carolyn Biritz, Rosie Super, Pat Morissey, Judy Whalen, Katherine Cashman and Eden, Mary and Charlie O'Dower, Arden Weis, Rich Hair, Maria and Peter Gillcrist. To volunteer, please contact Ray at (816) 877-0300 or rhain@stpeterskc.org.

Parish News

The Season of Giving

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported St. Peter's Parish this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit our web site at stpkc.org where you'll see a Donate button on the right-hand side, or contact Gene Cooper in the parish office at (816) 363-2320 #131 or gcooper@stpeterskc.org for more information. Thank you for your generosity.

Our School

St. Peter's School Christmas Program

We will be treated to the beautiful gift of music by St. Peter's students at the annual Christmas program in the church on Wednesday, December 19, at both 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. There will be a few pews reserved for seniors during the afternoon performance. School will dismiss early on Thursday, December 20, for Christmas break, and classes will resume on January 3.



School Accreditation Process

St. Peter's School is embarking on the accreditation process this school year. Our school, along with all Diocesan schools, holds dual accreditation from AdvancEd and the Missouri Non-Public Accrediting Association. This school year will be a year of self-study in preparation for a visit from an accreditation team during the 2013-2014 school year. The goal of the self-study is to look at every aspect of our school program, review our current practices, validate what we do well, and develop a five-year action plan for school improvement. The first steps will be taken very soon! On December 13, a parent survey was distributed to every school family via the Messenger Envelope. The results will be compiled by the School Advisory Board and shared with the school and parish community. Students and teachers will be surveyed as well. Armed with the survey results and a solid knowledge of our current practices, teams of stakeholders will then be created to share the work of determining measurable and achievable goals to improve our school and defining specific action steps to achieve them. This process, albeit an arduous one, reaffirms our desire as a Diocese to provide the best educational program for our students. It allows us to celebrate what we do well at St. Peter's, while providing a vehicle for on-going school improvement. Ms. Janet Spallo, principal, will keep all updated on our progress throughout this experience.

Christmas Wishes

We pray that the Infant Jesus fills your hearts with the gift of Love, encourages you with the gift of Hope, and blesses you with the promise of Peace.

RCIA

Please continue to keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey and study our Catholic teachings.

Nicole Asher	James Hetrick
Whitney Brosh	Blake Mazingo
Fred Buckley	Greg Novakowski
Nicole Buckley	Luke Yager
Stephanie Daniels	Christina Weis
Chris Hepburn	

Remember to count them among our blessings as we celebrate this Christmas season.

Parish Office Schedule

The parish office will close at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 21 and be closed on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 and Christmas Day, December 25. The office will also be closed on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31 and New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1.

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

Due to Christmas and New Year's Day both falling on a Tuesday (normally the deadline for the bulletin), our deadlines will fall early this year. Please submit your bulletin notices for the Sunday, December 30 by **Friday, December 21 at 9 a.m.** The deadline for the Sunday, January 6 bulletin will also be early, and is due **Friday, December 28 at 9 a.m.** Due to the holiday, they will be abbreviated bulletins.

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 shooting for 700 friends by the end of the year . . . just 33 to go.

Our Parish

Baptism Preparation Class

The next St. Peter's Baptism Preparation Class will next Saturday, January 5 at 9 a.m. in the Legacy Center. This class is a requirement for both the first and second child in your family and is to be attended before a scheduled Baptism



occurs. For more information, or to register for the next class, please contact Ruth Davis, at (816) 363-2320, Ext. 110 or

Engaged Couples Orientation

The next class will be offered Saturday, January 19, 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 Ruth Davis at (816) 363-2320, Ext. 110 or rdavis@stpeterskc.org.

A Letter from Our Sister Parish

Esteemed Fr. Stephen and dear brothers and sisters of St. Peter's Parish,

It is a joy for us to share our faith in the Reign of God; our sister parish relationship grows and deepens each day out of the reality of suffering of the poor with whom we share our daily work.

First of all, we want to thank you for all of the support and communication during this 2012 year. We are grateful for your visit, and please know that a door is always open for you in our homes.

As San Francisco de Asis parish, together with all the communities and those responsible for the scholarship program in each of the nine communities, we would like to affirm our commitment to continue maintaining and strengthening the "Young Students Scholarship" Project, which through your solidarity, you support such an important project for the lives and hopes of these young high school and university students.

Shortly, we will send you the information that you requested in your letter regarding the 2012 and 2013 scholarship students. We reiterate our preference to continue with 45 scholarships for these young students.

We would also like you to share with us the best dates for Fr. Gerardo or Fr. Antonio to visit you all for a week. For us, it is important to share and strengthen our sister parish relationship with both of our sister parishes. We hope you will be able to tell us which week is most convenient.

Warm greetings,
Fr. Antonio and Fr. Gerardo
Joint Pastors



Fiesta and Scholarship Fundraising for San Francisco de Asis

Thanks to everyone who supported the Fiesta and the scholarship program for students from our sister parish, San Francisco de Asis. Fiesta raised over \$16,700 and we have raised \$31,137 for scholarships. While the majority of the money has come from parishioners, some of the money was raised outside of the parish. The most important aspect of this effort is that we have been able to send 22 young men and women to university and 23 to high school for a year. And our aim is to continue to raise scholarship funds so that these young people can continue their education. This quote from one of our students sums up the feelings of the students:

"Thank you for your willingness to give without thought to receiving anything in return, only the satisfaction of helping so many young people like myself. We can only put forth our best effort and say thank you...and wish that our loving Father will abundantly bless you each and every day of your life."

Ana Esther Aviles Vasquez, University student

Around Town



Lunch & Learn Choir Performance

On Thursday, December 20 from 12:15 - 12:45 p.m., Shawnee Mission East Choir will be performing holiday music for Venue Visitation's Lunch & Learn Series. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. at Visitation Catholic Church. Bring your lunch and enjoy. The event is free and parking is available in the two lots just north of the church.

Lectio Divina

Come to a Sophia Center Retreat for Lectio Divina, the ancient art of prayerful reading. The time will include sharing, solitude and reflection. This retreat will be conducted by Sister Micaela Randolph, OSB, a member of the Sophia Center staff, director of the Souljourners' program, a spiritual director and retreat leader. Tuesday, January 22 beginning at 10 a.m. through Wednesday, January 23 at 2 p.m. The fee is \$100. For more information or to register, call (913) 360-6151 or visit Sophia Center's website at www.mountosb.org/sophia.html.

Centering Prayer Retreat at St. Francis Xavier in 2013

Mark your calendar for "Resting in God: An Introduction to Centering Prayer," led by Rev. Rob Carr, Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (52nd and Troost, across from Rockhurst University). \$20 registration fee includes lunch and materials. No one will be turned away due to lack of ability to pay. Space is limited. Registration is required. For more information and/or to register, please contact Mariann McCormally (816) 523-5115 x 204 or e-mail her at mccormally@sfx-kc.org.

Nativities Scenes on Display

Now through December 20, Donnelly College Community Arts Space (located at 608 N. 18th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102) is exhibiting a special display of handcrafted nativities from over 30 counties. The exhibit is open Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Fridays, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. It's free and open to the public.

First Saturday Devotions

To make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as requested by her at Fatima, the World Apostolate of Fatima is sponsoring a series of First Saturday devotions that are being held in a different parish each month. Our next First Saturday Celebration, January 5, will be celebrated at St. Therese Little Flower Church located at 5814 Euclid Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64130. Rosary, Confessions and Meditations will begin at 8 a.m. followed by Mass at 9 a.m. Our Lady promised to assist at the hour of death those who complete these devotions on five consecutive First Saturdays. Please take advantage of this offer and begin January 5. If you have any questions please contact Dennis O'Brien (816) 810-3801.