

This Week at St. Peter's

Date	Events	Mass Intentions	Readings
Sunday, December 9	9:30 a.m. RCIA LC 10 a.m. Altar Society Brunch MR 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting LC	9 a.m. - For the Altar Society 11 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners 5:30 p.m. - Jon Weis by Nadine Trollinger	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
Monday, December 10	1 p.m. Knitting LC 3:15 p.m. 4th Grade Girl Scouts LC 7 p.m. Advent Prayer Workshop LC 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 118 MR	8:15 a.m. - Bob Lesley by St. Peter's	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday, December 11	8:45 a.m.- 7 p.m. Adoration LC 2:30 p.m. Troop 3235 Meeting MR 3:30 p.m. 4th Grade Webelos LC 6:30 p.m. Den 4 Cub Scouts LC 7 p.m. Liturgy Meeting LC	8:15 a.m. -for Shawn Nunnick by the Gillbanks Family	Is 40:1-11; Ps96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday, December 12	8 a.m. Rosary Group LC 10 a.m. Ceramics RR 3:30 p.m. - 1st Grade Daisy Troop LC 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (11am Mass) CH	8:15 a.m. - Joseph Bross	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday, December 13	9:15 a.m. Catholicism Study MR 6:15 p.m. Pack 118 Meeting GR 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation RCT 7 p.m. Men's CRHP Meeting LC 7 p.m. Women's CRHP Meeting LC 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (9am. Mass) CH	8:15 a.m. (Church)- School Mass Stanley Mohler by the Wirtz Family	Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 11:11-15
Friday, December 14		8:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 Mt 11:16-19
Saturday, December 15	9 a.m. Church Christmas Cleaning CH	5 p.m. - Edward Belan by the Family	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:10-13
Sunday, December 16	9:30 a.m. RCIA LC 1 p.m. Sienna Club LC 2:30 p.m. Advent Communal Reconciliation Service CH 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

MEETING SPACES: CH Church MR Main Room RCT Rectory
GR Garden Room MK McKay Center RR Romeo/NE Room
LC Legacy Center OFF Off Site

Note: Send all announcements for the bulletin to bulletin@stpeterskc.org by noon on Tuesdays.

Ministry Schedule: December 15 & 16

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
Saturday 5 p.m.	M Ennis, G Ong, S Overton, M Carroll	J Steinbacher J VandenBoom	S VandenBoom, J Boeh, T Crowley, C Cusumano, R Hunter, S Madden, Ed McShane, Need Volunteer	D Ryan, E Roller, P Sollars, J Stanley
Sunday 9 a.m.	G Oest, M Coble, H Sigler, C Wunder	K Feldmann P Groner	J Miller, M Jones, M Leonard, B Murphy, B McCormack, N Reddig, B Wirkus, G Wirkus	K Reilly, J Nix, L Parizek, J Saviano
Sunday 11 a.m.	M Duffy, C Grisafe-Pont, G Lisac, T Johnson	P Feuerborn M Fitzpatrick	M Gillcrist, C Kuhls, T LaManno, J Lisac, L Madeo, S McCrea-Robertson, MD Reavey, M Murphy	B Schneider, b Sweeny, D Wendling, B Arensberg
Sunday 5:30 p.m.	O Hutchison, K Flynn, J Flynn, S Flynn	G Kruger J LaBella	J Schleicher, B Dearth, P Dearth, Need Volunteers	R Madeo, A Thomas, Need Volunteers

Our Parish

St. Peter's Advent Prayer Workshop

On Monday, December 10 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Legacy Center basement, the St. Peter's Adult Faith Formation Team will be hosting Fr. Stephen Yavorsky, S.J. as he leads us in an Advent Prayer Workshop. Advent is only Advent if you're willing to expect that something will happen, if you're waiting for someone to come, and also if you're willing to not define HOW it will happen. The road goes in two directions: Christ is coming to us, we are going to Christ. The road between has to be traveled, but there are ways to make the traveling easier. During this Advent evening, Fr. Stephen Yavorsky, S.J., of the Ignatian Center of Spirituality of Kansas City will help us enter more deeply into making that journey. Presentation and prayer, reflection and sharing, will help prepare the way.



Men and Women Needed for Church Cleaning

We will clean on Saturday morning, December 15, 9-11 a.m. Both the church and Legacy are in need of a thorough cleaning before Christmas. Please volunteer to help and bring your dust rags, whatever cleaning supplies you have, buckets, cleaners, etc. We need both men and women. No reservations necessary. For more information, call Bebe Wirkus at (816) 363-8127. Thank you!



Adoration During the Lenten 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 or e-mail Maria Gillcris at (816) 868-5318 or mogilly@kc.rr.com.

Advent Vespers

Join the Gaudete Children's Choir for Advent Vespers, Sunday, December 16 at 5 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church, 2 East 75th Street Kansas City, MO. The evening will include prayers of the church, songs, readings, and moments of silence in a simple ritual to help prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child. Gaudete Children's



Choir is a music ministry for children of St. Elizabeth, St. Peter's and Visitation parishes. Everyone is invited to pray and sing with us for this beautiful, musical prayer. St. Peter's singers include: Andre Bauer, Audrey FitzGerald, Genna Gignoux, Elise Malone, Katie Moore, Vivian Owens, Lucy Schmidt, and Oscar Schmidt.

Photos to be Picked Up

St. Peter's displayed photos of our beloved deceased during November, or All Souls Month. If you brought a picture to church, please pick it up after Mass today. The pictures can be found in the candle room, located behind the altar in the main church.

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, Bob, Yvonne, and family, Tommy and Mary Breshear.

Our Prayers and Sympathy

to the family of Johanna Quinlan.

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.

Children's Adoration

Our last Children's Adoration for this year will be on December 11. We will meet in the Youth Room (Legacy Center) at 6:15 p.m.. Come and adore the newborn King! Program best suited for children 6-12 but all are welcome. If you have questions, contact Isabelle Olesen at (816) 326-7129.



Open Prayer Circle

Join the women of the parish next 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. For more information, call Bebe Wirkus at (816) 363-8127.

New Parishioner Inquiries

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

Our Parish



Thanks to Colleen Sundblad, Angie Douglas, outgoing President, and Catherine Kuhls for serving on the St. Peter's Parish Council. Their gifts of time and talent have enriched our faith community.



Congratulations to our new officers on Parish Council! Gina Heise, Secretary; Brad McCormack, Vice-President; and Angelo Trozzolo, President.

Youth News

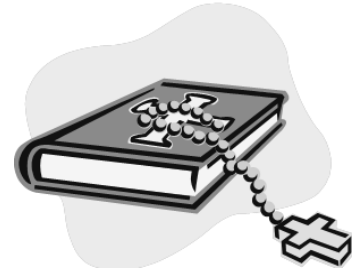
Tacky Holiday Attire Party

High School students, get ready for the **Tacky Holiday Attire Party** next **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.



RCIA Update

On Sundays, beginning in Advent, our adult catechumens and candidates participating in the RCIA process are dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. This will continue each Sunday until Easter when, at the Easter Vigil, those who are ready will join us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time. The parish is not sending them out because they are somehow “unworthy” to stay for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Though they cannot yet come to the table of the Eucharist, Mother Church still has an obligation to feed those who have entered into a relationship with her through the Rite of Acceptance which was celebrated recently. God’s Word is their only food during this period. Instead, the participants depart from the Mass with a member of the RCIA team, to discuss the Mass readings for that Sunday and to experience more fully the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. This time is known as “Reflection on the Word.” “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the one who belongs to God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Through the dismissal to Break Open the Word, the St. Peter’s Community is invited to pray for the catechumens and candidates, and in return they experience a sense of belonging to a community that cares for them. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our catechumens and candidates and offer your assistance in their faith journey.



Our School

School News

St. Peter's students are preparing the way for the Christ Child by participating in the "Straw in the Manger" in the school lobby. All are invited to add straw to the crib; each piece of straw represents a good deed.

As we reflect on the good we can do for others, we want to recognize the fundraising efforts that students and families undertook in order to purchase gifts for children through the Seton Center.



In many grades, the religion curriculum focus is on the season of Advent and reconciliation. Each Monday morning during Advent, classrooms are participating in communal prayer as an entire school while lighting the candle(s) on the Advent wreath.

Junior High students look forward to an evening of fun on Dec. 14, when they will have their annual Christmas dance in the Garden Room.

Please don't forget that SCRIP cards are available daily in the school office during regular school hours.

Of course, we want to remind everyone to join us for the students' Christmas program on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Altar & Rosary Society News

Altar Cleaning Schedule

December 9....Julie Schleicher & Ruth McKain
 December 16...Julie Martucci & Laura Safley
 December 23...Ann Thomas & Joan Monahan
 December 30....Flo Mundy & Maxine Alvarez



December Purificators: Jeanette Boeh & Barbara Elliott

Thank You to our Baptismal Garment Embroiderers

The Altar Society would like to thank our Baptismal garment embroiderers. Your beautiful work continues to assist in welcoming our newest and youngest members at their Baptism. Thank you to all our embroiders including: Virginia Bagby, Kristen Campbell, Andrea Carroll, Barbara Elliott, Jeanne Hernandez, Chris Holmes, Jackie Malone, Mary McCalla, Ruth McKain, Lanti Riederer, Julie Schleicher, Jean Schmidlein, and Sandee VandenBoom. We will begin work on the next Baptism bibs in January. If you like to hand embroider, please let me know so you can be added to our group. Call Jeanette Boeh (816) 523-2536, Coordinator.

Social Services

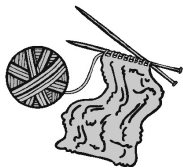
The Christmas Giving Tree and St. Peter's Christmas Baskets

Please stop by the back of church and pick up a beautifully decorated grocery bag and fill it with non-perishable food for our neighbors in need. Or stop by the Christmas Giving Tree in the back of church and take an ornament with a name on the back, buy the item the individual is wishing for, or a SCRIP gift card. It's sure to bring joy to someone in our extended parish family, who is disabled or has fallen on hard times. Your generous donations of food, items or gift cards may be left in the back of church or brought to the Legacy Center.

All gifts and groceries for our Christmas Giving Program are due back by 12 noon next Sunday, December 16. 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 the 16th following the Communal Reconciliation Service.

Knitting for Neighbors

Please join the knitters...everyone welcome. This fun group meets Mondays in the Legacy Center Room 210 from 1-3 p.m. and they are knitting hats and scarves for the



less fortunate to give through our Christmas campaign and for the Bus Stop ministry. Come one and all, even if you do not knit, we can help you learn! Looking for yarn donations, please bring any and all yarn to the parish office or the social services office...and thank 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, and Rich Hair. To volunteer, please contact Ray at (816) 877-0300 or rhain@stpeterskc.org.

Parish News

Year End Gifts of Stock and Mutual Funds

Current tax law allows individuals who hold stock or mutual funds that have appreciated in value to give the stock or mutual funds to charity and receive a double benefit: avoidance of capital gains tax on the transfer and an IRS deduction at the fair market value of the shares transferred (subject to certain reasonable limits). If you have questions about making this kind of year end gift to St. Peter's, please contact Karen Conley in the parish office.

SCRIP for St. Peter's School and Social Services

As the holidays approach, remember to purchase SCRIP for your Christmas giving! A percentage of each card benefits our school and Social Services ministries. Stop by the back of church after any weekend Masses, this weekend through December 23, or drop by the school office to purchase gift cards. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Lombardi (816) 822-2741 or Lisa Alvarez at patriotscrip@yahoo.com.

Senior News

Senior Christmas Luncheon

The Senior Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 19 in the Main Room. We will begin earlier at 10:30 a.m. and finish by 1:30 p.m. for any and all who wish to move upstairs to church for the school Christmas program, where seating will be reserved. Please bring a white elephant gift to share. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. for this celebration.



Our Parish

St. Peter's Goes to Italy

Father Steve will be leading a parish group to Rome and Tuscany in October 2013. Plans are taking shape: we'll be publishing the brochure in January, and will have an information meeting with the tour provider in February. As you make your Christmas list this year – think about asking Santa for a trip to Italy next year! For more information, contact Karen Conley at the parish office.



Alumni Accomplishment

Congratulations to St. Peter's graduate and Bishop Miege High School senior Aidan Kuhls who has been named a National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-America! He is the first boy or girl in the history of Miege to receive this award, which will be presented to him in January at the National Soccer Coaches convention in Indianapolis. He finished first in the voting for this All-American honor and has also been named to the NSCAA All-Midwest Region Team, which consists of 6 states. We are so proud of you, Aidan!



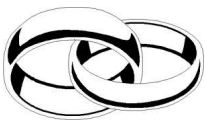
Dinner for Eight

We will return to Dinner For Eight in January. If you have already signed up as a Dinner for Eight participant, you will receive our email invitation each month that there is a dinner. If you would like to sign up to join our pot-luck dinners, contact Karen Conley in the parish office.



Engaged Couples Orientation

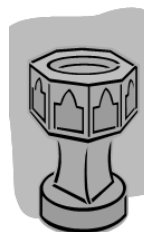
The next class will be offered Saturday, January 19, from 9 - 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Legacy Center, Room #210. This is a requirement for all couples wishing to be married in the Catholic Church. During this time, engaged couples are introduced to the Marriage Preparation Program and find out about required 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, #110 or rdavis@stpeterskc.org.

Baptism Preparation Class

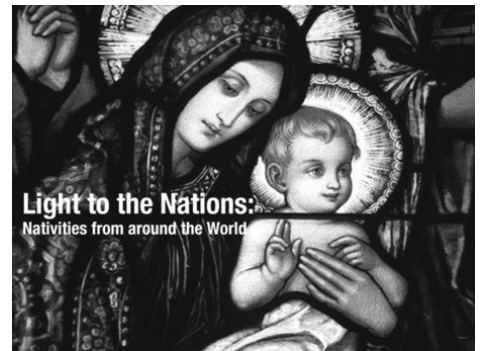
The next St. Peter's Baptism Preparation Class will next Saturday, January 5 at 9 a.m. in the Legacy Center. This class is a requirement for both the first and second child in your family and is to be attended before a scheduled Baptism occurs. For more information, or to register for the next class, please contact Ruth Davis, at (816) 363-2320, Ext. 110 or e-mail her at rdavis@stpeterskc.org.



Around Town

Nativity Exhibit

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. On the Feast of Saint Nicholas, Thursday, December 6, the Arts Space will have a special reception with cookies and cider from 5 – 7 p.m.



High School CYO Basketball

High School students, are you interested in playing basketball with the CYO of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties for the 2012-2013 season? The cost is \$885 per team, which includes \$100 held by the athletic committee for any fines incurred. You need to provide a roster, coach's information and pay the fee by December 12 to Brian Neely to participate in the regular season games which start January 5. Please make checks payable to St Peter's Athletics. Each player is also required to register through CYO at a cost of \$25 each. If you have any questions contact Brian at (816) 822-7716 or bknman@everestkc.net. The CYO website is <http://www.cyojwa.org/>.

Around Town

Venue Visitation Concerts

On Saturday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m., Venue Visitation is presenting Kantorei, Kansas City's newest professional choral ensemble. They are quickly gaining a reputation for innovative and fresh programming as well as a crystal clear sound. Make this concert a part of your Advent season. We expect this to be one of our most popular concerts this season.

On Thursday, December 20, Venue Visitation's Lunch and Listen, they will host the Shawnee Mission North High School Choir performing holiday music. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and the concert begins at 12:15 p.m. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and water will be served. Both concerts are free of charge.



Donate Your Old Car

You will help low-income students and receive a tax deduction of \$500 or more at the same time. It's fast, easy and requires only one phone call or website visit. Cares For Help, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, accepts vehicle donations to provide low-to moderate-income family college scholarships and to support early childhood education. If you would like to donate a vehicle in any condition, your action would be greatly appreciated by many students. Please visit www.CarsForHelp.com or you can call directly at (630) 595-0272. Mention this bulletin notice and 25% of the proceeds will be donated back to St. Peter's Parish.



Mass for KC Police Officers

Please join St. Therese Little Flower Church, 5814 Euclid, Kansas City, 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 1, 2013, for the fourth annual Mass dedicated to Kansas City Police Officers who have died in the line of duty. Coffee and donuts following Mass. Please contact Father Ernie Davis (816) 444-5406 for further information.

Part Time Senior Caregiver

Are you looking to supplement family income and at the same time do work with a mission? Consider joining Catholic Charities' team of compassionate caregivers. We're hiring caregivers to provide light housekeeping and personal care for senior adults. Compensation is very competitive with the market rate. Insurance benefits and a retirement plan are available. There are ongoing training classes. Please call Lynne Serrano (816) 659-8257.