

# This Week at St. Peter's

Date	Events	Mass Intentions	Readings
<b>Sunday, November 18</b>	10:30 a.m. RCIA LC 1 p.m. Sienna Club LC 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group LC	9 a.m. - Edward Belan by the Family 11 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners 5:30 p.m. - Alyce Chauvin by the Gillcrist Family	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
<b>Monday, November 19</b>	1 p.m. Knitting LC 3:15 p.m. Girl Scouts (4th Grade) LC 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Mtg. LC 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 118 MR	8:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday, November 20</b>	8:45 a.m. 7 p.m. Adoration LC 3:30 p.m. 1st Grade Daisy Troop LC 7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting LC 7 p.m. Wedding Coordinators' Mtg. LC	8:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday, November 21</b>	8 a.m. Rosary Group LC 10 a.m. Ceramics RR	8:15 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 22</b>	Parish Office and School Closed	9 a.m. - Una Schaible by Jill and Mike Hough	Sir 50: 22-24; Ps 138: 1-5; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17: 11-19
<b>Friday, November 23</b>	Parish Office and School Closed	8:15 a.m. - Bob Schweiger by St. Peter's Parish	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
<b>Saturday, November 24</b>		5 p.m. - Tommy Harrigan by Sarah and Pat Hannan	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sunday, November 25</b>	RCIA and Donut Sunday cancelled due to the holiday weekend.	9 a.m. - Mary Katherine McShane by Julie and Mark Spaeth 11 a.m. - St. Peter's Parishioners 5:30 p.m. - Charles Campbell by the Altar Society	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

**MEETING SPACES:**

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| <b>CH</b> Church        | <b>MR</b> Main Room    | <b>RCT</b> Rectory      |  |
| <b>GR</b> Garden Room   | <b>MK</b> McKay Center | <b>RR</b> Romeo/NE Room |  |
| <b>LC</b> Legacy Center | <b>OFF</b> Off Site    |                         |  |

Note: Send all announcements for the bulletin to [bulletin@stpeterskc.org](mailto:bulletin@stpeterskc.org) by noon on Tuesdays.

## Ministry Schedule: November 24 & 25

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
<b>Saturday 5 p.m.</b>	A Lopez, M Carroll, J Torres, R Rios	J VandenBoom D Berger	S Rowland, J Schleicher, S Stanton, MK VandenBoom, S VandenBoom, C Watz, P Arkell, J Boeh	D Ryan, P Sollars, J Stanley, C Madden
<b>Sunday 9 a.m.</b>	Z Burke, B O'Boyle, H Sigler, G Andersson	M Ungashick C Wren	J Miller, G Hage, T Hage, M Hague, M Jones, M Leonard, B Murphy, B McCormack	B Blanck, M McCue, J Nix, L Parizek
<b>Sunday 11 a.m.</b>	R Holmquist, J Hathaway, P Hathaway, P Hayes	E Swope J Simon	M Healy MD Reavey, J Spaeth, T Wendling, L Arensberg, M Madden, J Caccamo, N Caccamo	B Schneider, S Hair, B Arensberg, P Hanson
<b>Sunday 5:30 p.m.</b>	M Watz, J Costanzo, C Whitehead, E Malone	A Cusumano A Bribesca	M Cisneros, B Dearth, P Dearth, N Volunteers	E Roller, A Roller, Need Volunteers

## Our Parish

### A Note from the Pastor

Dear St. Peter's Parishioners,

This is pledge weekend for the 2012 Bishop's Annual Appeal, honoring Bishop Raymond Boland's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a bishop. This week you should have received information about the many agencies and ministries that are funded by the BAA and how much your pledge is needed for this year's appeal.

Each year the Appeal provides the resources for more than thirty programs in education, formation and social services. By sharing a financial gift, you can touch the lives of thousands of people in Northwest Missouri through programs that teach, heal, support, nurture and feed. This year, we have the added opportunity to recognize the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bishop Raymond Boland's episcopal ordination. Bishop Finn asks us all to participate in honoring Bishop Boland's service to the Church and the dioceses he led during those years.

Please consider making a pledge in support of this effort. Remember, 100% of your contributions go directly to the ministries, services and programs.

God bless,  
Fr. Steve Cook

### Thanksgiving Day

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. Mass will be at 9:00 in the main church. Please join us as we thank God for all the blessings which/that he has given to us.



### Prayer Circle

Women and girls in the parish, immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass this Sunday (November 18), join us for a Prayer Circle in the Romero Room (church basement). Pray for your needs or the needs of others. If you have questions, contact Bebe Wirkus at (816) 363-8127.

### RCIA

Please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey and study our Catholic teachings. Remember to count them among our blessings as we celebrate this Thanksgiving!

### Raise Us UP

Back in 1998, we started a journey of inclusiveness as a founding parish in F.I.R.E., which gives children with special needs the opportunity to attend Catholic schools. Our *Raise Us UP* campaign to install an elevator in the south building of school continues that effort. With your gift we can finally open our facilities to all – from students through seniors. Thank you to all the alumni, parishioners, corporations and foundations who have contributed thus far. Don't delay – make your contribution today!



We recently caught up with Karen Conley, Barbara Schweiger, and Lesley Reller, working on photos for the Raise Us UP Campaign. Thanks for your efforts, Ladies!

### 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 and Robert Spaeth.

### Our Prayers and Sympathy

to the family of Dr. Thomas Draney.

### 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.

### Baptized at St. Peter's

Congratulations to Ellison Maureen Seyller (daughter of Jennifer and Scott Seyller), James Fancis Houlehan, Jr., (son of Billie Jean and James Houlehan) and August James Maher, (son of Kathleen and Terence Maher) who will be baptized at St. Peter's this weekend on Saturday, November 10.



### Baptism Preparation Class

The next St. Peter's Baptism Preparation Class will be Saturday, December 16 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 rdavis@stpeterskc.org.

# Our Parish

## Altar Society News

Please circle your calendar for Wednesday, December 5. St. Peter's Altar Society will host the quarterly meeting of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at our Parish. All women are welcome. If you would like to help, please call Maria Pelto at (816) 444-0354.



## Altar Cleaning Schedule

November 18: Mary Buren & Elisa Trozzolo  
 November 25....Peggy Allin & Rosie Super

November Purificators:  
 Mary Lou Blomster & Judy Whalen

## SCRIP for the Holidays

As the holidays approach, remember to purchase SCRIP! A percentage of each card benefits our school and Social Services ministries. Here are several convenient ways to purchase your cards:

- 1) Stop by the back of church after Masses this weekend, November 17 & 18 and November 24 & 25
- 2) Stop by the school office
- 3) Go online to order and pay when you pick them up
- 4) Go online to both order and pay

Need help or have a question about setting up your online account? Call Jennifer Lombardi (816) 822-2741 or Lisa Alvarez at patriotscrip@yahoo.com.

## New Parishioner Inquiries

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

## Fight Poverty in America

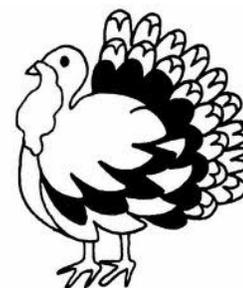
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an instrument of the Catholic Church working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ. CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops and works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out. CCHD provides the Catholic faithful with concrete opportunities to live out the love of God and neighbor in ways that express our baptismal call and continuing Eucharistic transformation. CCHD is made possible by the generous support of Catholics in the United States, especially through an annual parish collection. CCHD's grants to local anti-poverty efforts are screened, awarded and monitored in close partnership with local Catholic dioceses. There will be a second collection next weekend to support this worthy cause. Please be generous.

## Social Services

### Thanksgiving Food Pantry Drive

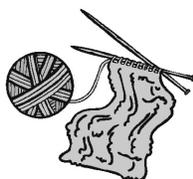
St. Peter's: your response has been swift and overwhelming...thank you for allowing this ministry to not only survive, but graciously flourish. We appreciate both the parish at large as well as the St. Peter's students for generously supporting the food pantry ministry. Each grade in our school set a goal to bring in a specific item. Most of the goals were not only met, but exceeded! Here are some of the numbers from your homes to our neighbors in need:

- 320 boxes of Jell-O
- 78 boxes of crackers
- 228 cans of fruit
- 125 breakfast cereals
- 145 jars of pasta sauce
- 400 lbs. of rice
- 447 canned veggies
- 330 cans of soup
- 230 canned meats
- 285 jars of peanut butter and jelly



### 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! **About Wednesday, Dec. 5:** This date has been cancelled for St. Peter's Volunteers. Thank you and please re-commit to another date. Committed for Wednesday, January 2: Patti Owsley, Carolyn Biritz, Rosie Super, Pat Morrissey, Judy Whalen, Katherine Cashman and Eden. To volunteer please contact Ray at (816) 877-0300 or rhain@stpeterskc.org.

# Our Parish

## Join Gaudete Children's Choir for Advent Vespers

Sunday, December 16 at 5 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church, 2 East 75<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Do you enjoy baking?** We need help making treats for the Advent Vespers reception that have symbolic meaning to the Christmas season. For more information, please contact Erin Schmidt, erinanddave@yahoo.com or (816) 822-9417.



## Linked in.

Did you know that St. Peter's has a Linked In group? Its membership is limited to parishioners, staff and current suppliers. Our only goal is to provide our members with the opportunity to connect and network. Search on LinkedIn for "St. Peter's Parish, KCMO" and join us.

## Grounds Clean Up Thank You

The St. Peter's Landscape Maintenance Committee would like to thank all those who came to help us with the Fall Parish Grounds Clean Up on the chilly morning of November. This year's Confirmation Class volunteers were especially helpful raking and hauling leaves and brush - enough to fill a large compost dumpster! Your many hands (and leaf blowers) and energy made the work needing to get done much lighter and fun, and the campus proudly shows it!

# Youth News

## High School Youth Group

This weekend, Sunday, November 18, join us for faith, fellowship and food at 6:30 p.m. in the Legacy Center basement, immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

## High School Youth Mission Trip

If you're interested in serving those in need, meeting new friends and enjoying old ones, all while growing closer to God, join us this coming summer for Young Neighbors in Action, a mission trip that will take us to St. Louis, MO, July 7-13. If next school year you will be a sophomore, junior or senior in high school or a freshman in college, we hope you'll participate in this worthwhile, fun experience. Why choose YNIA?

- Encounter Christ in those in need
- Discover the connection between service and justice
- Engage in prayer, Scripture, and celebrations of the Eucharist
- Experience Catholic social teaching challenges
- Celebrate community and culture

Enjoy recreation night

We currently have only 8 spots left for St. Louis, but can book a second trip if needed. The other YNIA site trip is June 16-22 in Chicago, IL. If you are interested in signing up, but please do so soon! We need your commitment and \$50 deposit by Monday, November 26. The total cost is \$375, and the remaining two payments of \$162.50 each will be due in February and May. Contact Toni Mitchum at tmitchum@stpeterskc.org or (816) 363-2320 Ext. 171.



Here's some of our freshman youth who gave up their Saturday morning recently to help clean up the parish grounds. Fresh air, friends and service hours!

## Our Parish

### Benefit Concert November 24

Look for the insert in today's bulletin, with more details on the benefit concert to be held at Miego High School on Saturday, November 24. This is a family friendly event featuring Celtic Rock band "She's a Keeper." Proceeds will establish a scholarship for a deserving Miego student in memory of Connor Schaible. We hope to see you there!

### St. Peter's Artwork for Sale

Painter and former St. Peter's parishioner and parent, Peter Cole has donated his beautiful, original painting entitled "St. Peter's In Winter" to the church. A limited number of signed, 10" x 14" prints are available for \$100 with all proceeds going to the *Raise Us UP* elevator campaign to make St. Peter's School accessible to all. Contact Karen Conley in the parish office at (816) 363-2320 #127 or e-mail her at [kconley@stpeterskc.org](mailto:kconley@stpeterskc.org) to reserve your copy. Display your love and support of St. Peter's Parish in your home while also contributing to this worthy project!

## Senior News

### Senior Holiday Happenings

We are very grateful for our seniors and their generosity to St. Peter's with their time, talent, and treasure! Once again, THANKS to Dan Needham for sharing his gourmand talents for the Thanksgiving senior 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 the seating will be reserved. Please bring a white elephant gift to share.

### Financial Update

#### Last Weekend's Contributions:

Weekly tithing budget: \$47,585  
 Amount contributed: \$29,916  
 Difference: (\$17,669)

#### Year to Date Contributions:

Week 20: \$951,700  
 Amount Contributed: \$914,180  
 Difference: (\$37,520)

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving, and I hope that it is a wonderful day for you and all of your loved ones. I would like to say "Thanks" to all of you for the help and support you have given me over this past year. We are blest with wonderful parishioners who make a difference everyday here at St. Peter's. One person comes to mind for me, and that is Dennis Ryan. I want to recognize Dennis for his tireless help and support of everything that goes on in the parish. He's the best. May God bless him and each of you that give so generously to make our St. Peter's community so special.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Tom Nickel  
 Business Manager

### School News

St. Peter's students raked leaves with their school families in the school/parish neighborhood last Fri., Nov. 16, as a school-wide service project and soon will be raising and donating funds to purchase Christmas gifts for at least 116 children through the Seton Center as part of our school's stewardship to social services. As you'll note in the bulletin, the students held a very successful Food Pantry drive last week. To be in solidarity with those in need, as well as promote connectedness among one another, the sixth graders will be breaking bread together next Tuesday in the church hall (with a soup luncheon). The beautiful songs and sounds of Advent and Christmas fill the hallways outside Mrs. Jessica Horner's music classroom, as students prepare for their annual Christmas program, which will be Wed., Dec. 19, at both 1:30 and 7 p.m. The school continues to accept Box Tops for Education (little pink boxes) as well as Campbell's Soup Labels, and we encourage all parishioners to utilize SCRIP cards for gift giving during the holidays, as all proceeds benefit not only the school but also social services.



### St. Peter's Advent Prayer Workshop

On Monday, December 10 from 7 - 9 p.m., 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.



## Around Town

### Venue Visitation Concert Series

The Glory Collective, a keyboard, guitar, and vocal duo from Nashville, will be performing at Venue Visitation, located at 5141 Main St., KCMO, 64113, this Sunday, November 18, from 2 – 4 p.m. The Glory Collective formed out of a four day conference by a similar name. As a community of artists believing in the legitimate cross-section of faith, art, and culture in today's society, their music stretches from the true and beautiful into the depths of the sacred. Their music has topped iTunes charts and their live concerts have been heard by thousands of people across the country. The concert at Visitation will feature Kevin Heider, Maria Price, Shawn Williams and Jimmy Mitchell. For more information or to sample their music, visit [MysteriumOnline.com](http://MysteriumOnline.com). Cost is \$5 at the door.



### Tom Jacobs & Ensemble Annual Advent Into Christmas Concert

Tom Jacobs and his 10 piece ensemble will perform their 24th annual concert on Saturday, December 1 at Unity Temple on the Plaza in KCMO, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come enjoy the perfect music to prepare your heart for one of our most special seasons. Tickets can be purchased at [www.tomjacobs.com](http://www.tomjacobs.com) or by emailing Tom at [tjacobs@earthlink.net](mailto:tjacobs@earthlink.net) or by phone at (816) 619-3499. Early bird November tickets are \$20. At the door they are \$25.

### Catholic Charities Help to Prevent Home Foreclosures

If you are a homeowner in Northwest Missouri or Southeast Kansas who is falling behind in your mortgage payments or you are currently going through foreclosure, our HUD Housing Counselor may be able to help with no charge to you. Financial hardships do not discriminate. Don't wait. Call Richard Phillips at (816) 232-2885 (St. Joseph) and (816) 659-8264 (Kansas City).

### 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.

### Taizé Prayer

You are invited to participate in Taizé prayer on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in Annunciation Chapel on the campus of the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, 4200 S. 4th St., Leavenworth, Kan. For more information about this meditative, candlelit service open to all Christian traditions, visit [www.marillacenter.org](http://www.marillacenter.org) or call (913) 758-6572.