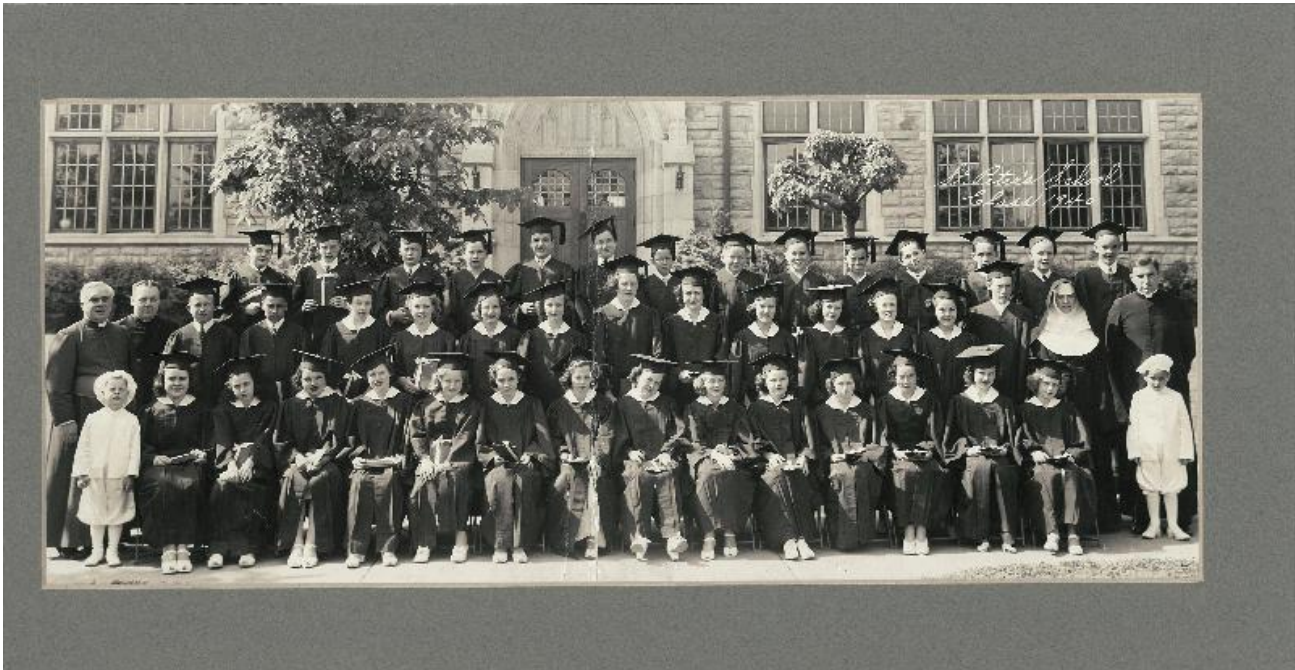


# St. Peter's Parish Alumni Newsletter



## Special Message From Cathy Holmes-McLane '80

Our annual PTA Auction is the biggest school fundraiser of the year. The PTA uses these funds for field trips, crossing guards, Spanish language curriculum, school maintenance projects, and much more. And, just as important, it's a ton of fun. School parents, former parents, parishioners of all shapes and sizes come together for a wonderful evening. This year our auction is headed by alumna Cathy Holmes-McLane ('80). Here is her letter to you all.

Dear Alumni,

Our annual St. Peter's Auction is approaching! The theme this year is **Superheroes** and will be held in the McKay Center on February 28th. We would love to have you attend the event if you can... OR just take a look at the St. Peter's Auction [Facebook Page](#)...OR you can follow along and bid from home by logging onto our [auction website](#). Bidding can start February 24th! There is still time to make a donation....goods, or services, gift certificates, sports memorabilia, mileage points, vacation rentals...the ideas are endless! [Click here](#) for the donor form.

Any of these family names look familiar? ....Allen, Banhart, Bauers, Beitling, Biritz, Blottman, Brooks, Crass, Clune, Concannon, Garcia, Geisel, Hair, Healy, Heili, Hoefler, Holmes, Johnson, Jones, Kennedy, Kornelius, LaTona, LeRoy, McGaughey, McShane, O'Meara, Rice, Saviano, Sunblad, Trozzolo, Walker, Warren, Ways, Weis .... bring up some fond school memories? All of these fellow alumni families have children currently enrolled at St. Peter's .... it's impressive and heartwarming to see the pride and tradition continue!! Go Patriots! We can all be HEROES for St. Peter's School!

Thank you for your time and consideration! Please [email](#) me directly OR call me at

(816) 213-4299 with any questions

Wishing you and your families a Happy New Year!

Cathy Holmes-McLane '80  
2015 Auction Co-Chair



## Alumni Updates

### Royals Baseball and STP Alumni

We hope you all were rooting for the Kansas City Royals in the fall during the run up to the World Series, and during the Series itself. We had an absolute blast. And, as it happened, a few of our alumni were front-and center during the festivities.

Mark Fitzpatrick ('70) had a [baseball blog](#) at Ingrams.com, the website for a fine local business magazine. Those of you who know Mark, know he's a huge sports fan, and a fine play-by-play announcer. His blog was a pleasure to read. Mark and his wife Nancy are active parishioners here at St. Peter's, and he's a senior vice president and Missouri Bank and Trust in Kansas City.

We had an alumni two-fer when Barb Haden, wife of alumnus Jon Haden ('71), and her daughter Annie Haden Tweedy (STP 2000) were prominently featured on national TV holding the sign you see in the photo below. Annie and her husband Patrick are also parishioners, so maybe this is really an alumni three-fer!



### Becky Haden '03

While we're talking about the Haden family...Becky Haden, daughter of Jay Haden ('70), and cousin of Annie above, was featured in a [terrific article](#) in the Kansas City Star. Becky is a

French teacher at Shawnee Mission South High School. The article was about the challenges of the first year of teaching.

### **Help for Neighborhoods In Need**

Kissick Construction, owned by alumnus Jim Kissick ('64) and co-owner Pete Browne, was recently featured in an [article](#) in the Kansas City Star. Kissick Construction is working with the City of Kansas City to tear down dilapidated and dangerous houses. Kissick Construction is offering this service for free. Their goals are to help neighborhoods by eliminating blighted houses, help the city by making progress on the backlog of tear-downs, and it helps them by keeping their crews and equipment busy during the slower winter months. There was also great coverage by [KCTV Channel 5](#). Jim graduated from St. Peter's, as did three of his sisters, Karen Rice '55, Connie O'Dwyer '56, and Susan Parker '63. Jim's sons Lloyd '95, and David '98, are also STP graduates. Congratulations to Kissick Construction on making a real difference in Kansas City.

### **Milestone Anniversaries Coming Up**

In 2015, St. Peter's Parish will turn 90 on November 8, the anniversary of our first mass in 1925. A few of our St. Peter's alumni groups have much to celebrate as well - Milestone Reunions! We'd love to help you with reunion plans, if you'd like to come back to your ol' stomping grounds.

**50th Reunion Year: Class of 1965**

**40th Reunion Year: Class of 1975**

**30th Reunion Year: Class of 1985 (composite below!)**

**25th Reunion Year: Class of 1990**





[Hey, Class of 1975: does anyone have a copy of your 8th grade composite? Would love to have a good scan of it for our archives.]

## **Best of the Bar**

In September of each year the Kansas City Business Journal publishes a special issue, featuring the Best of the Bar. These are lawyers selected by their peers as the area's top attorneys. Last fall four of our alumni were on the list! Congratulations to:

Matt Clune '90  
John Cruciani '83  
Andrew LeRoy '93  
Jim McManus '59

## **News of St. Peter's Alums**

We're always looking for news and updates on our alumni - do you know of someone who has an interesting story or has recently received some special recognition? Email [Karen Conley](#) and we'll include it in a future newsletter. Thanks!

## **What's Up At School?**

### **Expanded Pre-K Fills a Need**

Last summer St. Peter's added a much-needed third classroom to our ECLC and Pre-K program. These classrooms are located in the Legacy Center - once the neighboring Methodist Church building, purchased in 2004 - where we also have our parish offices. Where before we had one ECLC (ages 3 - 4) and one Pre-K (ages 4 and 5) classroom, we now have one ECLC classroom and two Pre-K classrooms. The additional Pre-K classroom will allow us to have one part time room where parents can choose to bring their children two or three days a week, and one full-time, five-day room. The new Pre-K curriculum will address increased readiness in language development, reading and math. Not only did this addition help with our long Pre-K waiting list, but an expanded ECLC and Pre-K helps St. Peter's make and build a strong K - 8 program in the school.



## What's Up At The Parish?

### **Meyer Fest and Safe To School**

Our first annual Meyer Fest was held on October 9 and 10 and was a great success. The event included Golf on Friday, along with a pig roast dinner. Saturday was busy from early morning until late in the evening with a bike parade, children's carnival, and then a block party with music by The Elders and The Zeros. The money raised by the event will help fund PTA projects, our Sister Parish in El Salvador, and \$15,000 was contributed to our Safe to School Fund.

We continue to work toward completion of funding for our a new, safer drop-off for our students. This renovated parking lot will provide increased safety, create a easy-to-find front door on the north side of our school, and beautify and visually unite our parish campus. We are very grateful to our PTA who will set aside this year's Auction Cash Call exclusively for Safe To School.





**Rendering of student drop off, and parking lot.**

### **Campus Signing**

In 2013 we received a generous bequest from the estate of long-time parishioner Jean Steinbacher Spengler. The money was designated specifically for a signing project developed through our Parish Campus Master Plan. Construction on this marquee sign, located at the northeast edge of our campus, on the corner of Rockhill Road and Meyer Boulevard, will be completed this winter. (The construction crew broke ground this week!)



### **St. Peter's Goes To Rome**

In October a group of 25 parishioners and friends went to Rome and Tuscany for 10 days. The group traveled to Florence, Siena, Assisi, and other Tuscan towns. Father Steve Cook, who studied in Rome for five years while in seminary, was a great guide to The Eternal City on their last day in Rome. The group celebrated Mass in the Presentation Chapel inside St. Peter's Basilica. All agree, it was the trip of a lifetime. (Alumnus Mark Flattery '68 was part of our group.)



St. Peter's Group In Rome.

### **Christmas E-Card**

If you somehow missed our 2014 Christmas E-Card, [click here](#) to see our year-end video. We just can't get enough of those Kindergartners dressed up for the Christmas Program!

### **You're Invited**

#### **St. Peter's Annual PTA Auction**

Cathy Holmes-McLane made an eloquent appeal above for help with our auction. But we would be remiss if we didn't take another opportunity to invite you *attend* our annual auction. As mentioned, it's a great time. We would love to see a great showing of alums there. For information about tickets, email [Cathy Holmes-McLane](mailto:Cathy.Holmes-McLane) directly.

Saturday, February 28  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Includes dinner, silent auction, and live auction  
Dancing and DJ follow in the gym

#### **St. Joseph Table**

Sunday, March 8  
School Cafeteria  
12:00 - 4:00 pm  
(Blessing of the table follows 11:00 a.m. Mass)





Our traditional St. Joseph Table has become a new tradition for St. Peter's. This will be our third annual event, and it promises to be better than ever. (We're hoping for better weather than last year!) Our event features a free-will spaghetti dinner, home made cookies, fresh cannoli, and more exuberant fellowship than you can imagine. All are welcome. All proceeds go to St. Peter's Social Services.



## In Memory

**We remember in our prayers those who have recently died:**

Tom Clabots, father of Joe '65, Susan DelCastillo '67, Michael '68, Jane '69 and Maryanne '72.

Reverend J. William Harmless, class of 1967. Father Bill's sister Jane Conway was in St. Peter's class of 1972. His obituary may be found [online](#).

Loretta Jenkins, mother of Leanna '96 and Tim '00. Loretta's obituary may be found [online](#).

Pat Orford, class of 1962. Pat's obituary may be found [online](#).

Ruth Pickett, long-time parish secretary. Ruth was 102 years old. Her obituary maybe found [online](#).

Frank Rauch, father of Anne '72, Janice Peurrung '74, and Joe '75. Frank was also grandfather of Elle Rauch '07. Frank's obituary may be found [online](#).

Reverend Norman Rotert, former pastor. Father Rotert's obituary may be found [online](#). A local community organizing group, CCO, also posted a [nice piece](#) about Fr. Rotert's long connection with social justice in (and beyond) Kansas City.

Robert "Mac" Wood, class of 1950. Mac's obituary may be found [online](#).

## Class Reps

We continue to build our ranks of Class Reps. Our goal is to have a rep for each class who can help us keep our information up to date, and let us know of recent alumni achievements and milestones. If you would like to be a rep for your class, please email us!

- 1951 - [Vince Soebbing](#)
- 1955 - [Fr. Terry Bruce](#)
- 1957 - [Margay Green Welch](#)
- 1958 - Kathy Wilborn Haug (mail only - [click here](#) to receive contact info)
- 1961 - [Katie McGonigle Daniels](#) and [Dave Anderson](#)
- 1962 - [Nancy Schieber Dannhauser](#)
- 1963 - [Jim Callahan](#)
- 1964 - [John McCarthy](#)
- 1965 - [Kathleen Fleming Barry](#)
- 1967 - [Mike Hoefler](#)
- 1968 - [Don Brain](#)
- 1970 - [Mark Fitzpatrick](#)
- 1971 - [Mary Hesion McCalla](#)
- 1972 - [Jay Reardon](#) and [Mark Tamasi](#)
- 1973 - [Dan Cosgrove](#)
- 1974 - [Maira Kelly Healy](#)
- 1975 - [Gina Tamasi](#)
- 1978 - [Shawn Hair](#)
- 1979 - [Mary Beth Rice Andersson](#)
- 1980 - [Ellen Kelly Daley](#)
- 1982 - [Karen McShane](#)
- 1983 - [BJ Hair](#)
- 1984 - [Bridget Heili Fitzgerald](#)
- 1986 - [Andrea Ways Newman](#)
- 1988 - [Mary O'Meara Hellings](#)
- 1990 - [Jennifer McAdam](#)
- 1994 - [Anna Saviano](#)
- 1995 - [Laura Sundblad Dold](#)
- 1998 - [Meaghan Healy Cisneros](#) and [Gwen McGaughey Hoefler](#)
- 2003 - [Tracy Haden](#)







### **Calling All Composites!**

Any local alumni who might have a composite - or maybe a First Communion photo - from your SPS class: we'd love to borrow it to scan and put in our digital archives. We're trying to get a complete file. Composites will be returned promptly after scanning. [Email Karen Conley](#) at the parish office or call at (816.363.7051, ext. 127).

### **Help Us Expand Our Reach**

We'd love to increase the number of alumni who receive our email newsletter. Please forward this to classmates you know who might enjoy it. They can join our mailing list to subscribe by using the link at the top of the newsletter, or call/email Karen to provide contact information. It's a great way to help us all stay in touch. Email represents a truly cost-effective way for us to communicate with our members and supporters.

### **Facebook Fan Page**

St. Peter's Parish has a Facebook fan page. [Like us!](#) It's not alumni-specific, but it's a great way to keep current on what's going on in the parish.

### **Parish Website**

Check it out our website for parish news between e-newsletter issues! We have a new, simpler web address, so change your bookmark to: [www.stpkc.org](http://www.stpkc.org)

### **St. Peter's YouTube Channel**

We now have a St. Peter's Parish YouTube channel. [Check it out!](#)

Sincerely,

Karen Conley, Mary Heshion McCalla, Bebe Geisel Harrington & Moira Kelly Healy  
St. Peter's School Alumni Team

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