ST. PETER'S PARISH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time **January 31, 2021**

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil……..…….5:00 p.m.
Sunday…….……..9:00 & 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses
Wednesday-Friday……....……....8:15 a.m.
Tuesday ……..……...……..6:00 p.m.

Confession
Saturday…….4:15-4:45 p.m.
Tuesdays……..…….5:15-5:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays……...….9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

OUR MISSION

We of St. Peter's Parish are a faith community who have as our model our Lord Jesus Christ and the fulfillment of his mission. We profess who we are by our shared belief and understanding of the Gospel. As people called to conversion, we come together to celebrate and bear witness to God's redemptive activity in our lives. We live out this mission of Christ through prayer and worship and through our baptismal call, which challenges us to minister to and with others.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	**February 1**
8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday	**February 2 - Presentation of the Lord**
8:15 a.m.	No Mass
6:00 p.m.	Priest's Intentions
Wednesday	**February 3 - St. Blaise; St. Ansgar (opt)**
8:15 a.m.	*In Thanksgiving*
Thursday	**February 4**
8:15 a.m.	Priest's Intentions
Friday	**February 5 - St. Agatha**
10:00 a.m.	† Msgr. Ralph LeRoy Kaiser
Saturday	**February 6 - St. Paul Miki & companions**
5:00 p.m.	† Father Michael Tierney
Sunday	**February 7 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m.	† Emily Nebel
11:00 a.m.	Our Parishioners
5:30 p.m.	Our Parishioners

Please remember in prayer those who have died.
Grant them eternal rest and peace, O Lord!
† Denotes Deceased

Prayers

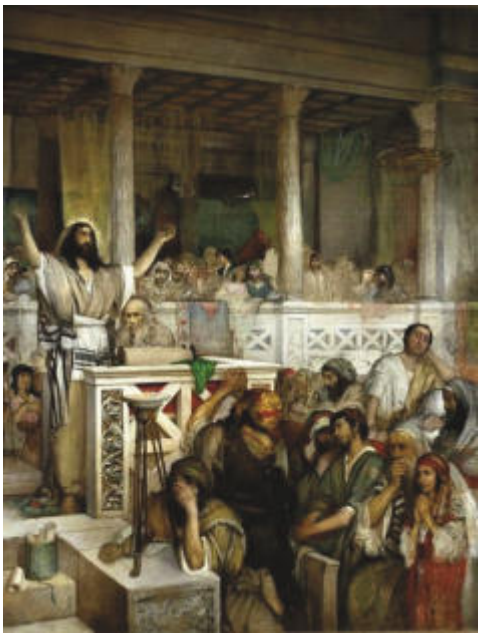
St. Peter's community prays for the following people: Marion Barackman, Angela Barbosa, Henry Barbosa, Janet Berger, Jerry Biritz, Jeanette Boeh, Mary Buren, Martin Carroll, Virginia Day, Mary Kay Heili, Jim Maenle, Michelle Melland, Flo Mundy, Maxine Pierron, Mandy Riemer, Barbara Schweiger, Mike Spaeth, Ivan Winfield, the elderly and infirm, the chronically ill and their caregivers. For those who attend to the dying and grieving; for medical professionals and first responders; for the homeless and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred and especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Special intentions for those suffering from Covid-19 and their families, for those in hospitals and nursing homes who cannot have visitors and families isolated from their loved ones. For all of God's people in this most difficult time.

For their safe return

St. Peter's community continues to pray for the members of our parish who are serving in the armed services:
Nicholas Bustamante, Jon Connelly, and Angelo Castillejo.

The Catholic Steward



Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Our readings today remind us of God's authority.

As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer that will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.

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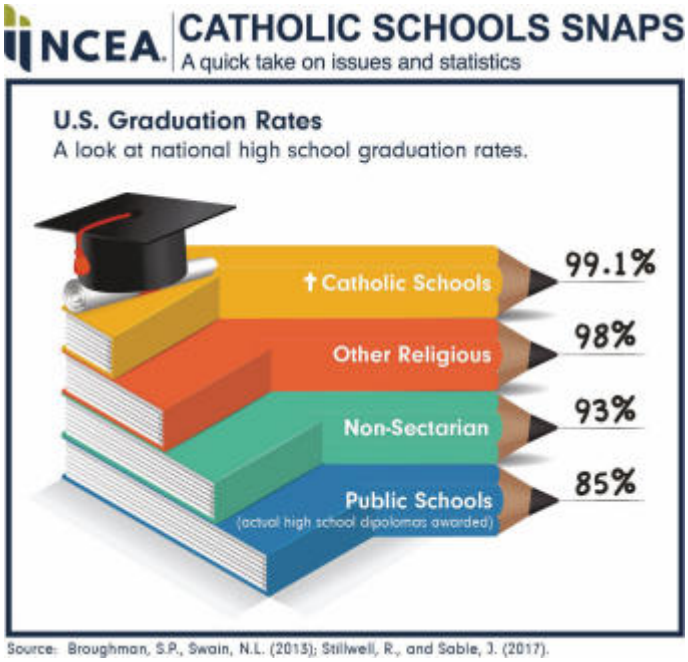

This Week at St. Peter

Monday	**February 1**	
8:15 a.m..	No Mass	
Tuesday	**February 2**	
8:15 a.m.	No Mass	
9:00 a.m.	Adoration	CH
5:15 p.m.	Confessions	CH
6:00 p.m.	Mass	CH
Wednesday	**February 3**	
8:15 a.m.	Mass	CH
Thursday	**February 4**	
8:15 a.m.	Mass	CH
Friday	**February 5**	
8:15 a.m.	Mass	CH
Saturday	**February 6**	
4:15 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation	CH
5:00 p.m.	Mass	CH
Sunday	**February 7**	
9:00 a.m.	Mass	CH
11:00 a.m.	Mass	CH
5:30 p.m.	Mass	CH

Virtual Open House for Kindergarten and ECLC

If you will have an incoming kindergarten student next fall or are interested in enrolling your child in our Early Childhood Learning Center, please join us for a virtual Open House on Wednesday, February 3, at either 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m., whichever time suits your schedule. You will meet our school leaders and learn more about the enrollment process, our great school community, and our approach to early childhood learning. Please RSVP to school@stpeterskc.org and we will send you the Zoom link.

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Jelly/Jam
Canned Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Mixed Fruit, Pineapple)
Mac-N-Cheese
Pasta Sauce
Dry Pasta and Rice
Saltines/Snack Crackers
Graham Crackers
Corn Bread Mix and Muffin Mix
Canned Meats (Tuna/Chicken/Ham/Beef)
Cereal
Cake Mix

Parishioners wanting to make food pantry donations as part of the Catholic Schools Week Food Drive can leave donations in the church vestibule or during curbside drop off dates at the Social Services entry. Drop off days and times are Wednesday through Friday, February 3-5 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

Women of St. Peter

Altar Cleaning Schedule

January Purificator
Marilyn Tromans

February Purificators
B Haden & MK VandenBoom

Jan 31	L Shevlin
Feb 7	S Robertson, S Biritz
Feb 14	P Arkell, E Ong
Feb 21	C Gajewski, J Miller
Feb 28	M Buren, K Campbell

I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us "no!" This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life-dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just "re-collect" ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.

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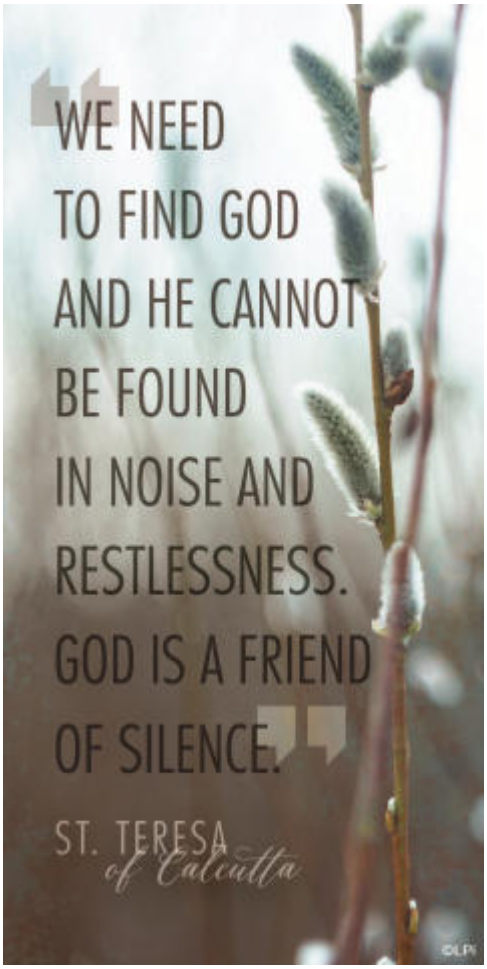

Stewardship Corner — Parish Support

It's difficult to give God any percentage of our time, talent, and treasure if we do not first give him all our heart.

Stewardship renewal is a time for conversion… a time to make God our first priority and express our conversion through our commitment.

Stewardship renewal

As of 1/19/2021, 348 families have pledged
$1,533,619 of our $2,500,000 goal — representing 62%.

Please turn in your pledge, regardless of whether you would like to keep it the same. We converted from a fiscal year to a calendar year January 1. Pledges will now go from January 1 to December 31.

Contribution Update

January 1 – 17 Contributions	$148,304
January Budgeted	$187,000
Difference	**($38,696)**
July 1 – January 17 Contributions	$1,153,943
7 months Budgeted	$1,315,000
Difference	**($161,066)**

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:
I will raise up for them a prophet like you
from among their kin,
and will put my words into his mouth;
he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)

PSALM:
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

SECOND READING:
An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord,
so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

GOSPEL:
The people were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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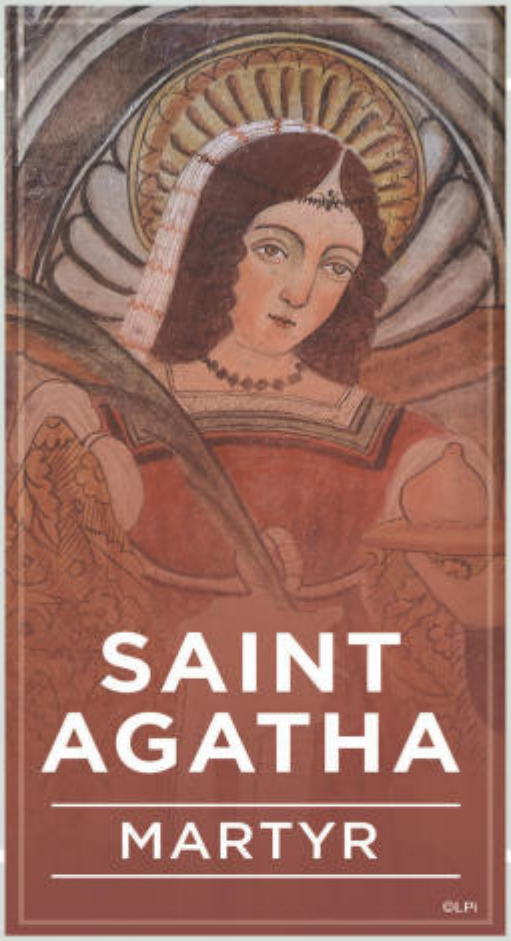
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday:	The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
Wednesday:	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Friday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING
Moses taught the Israelites that God would send prophets to assist them in knowing His will. Why do you think people so often reject the prophetic message?

SECOND READING
Paul speaks of the inevitability of anxiety in life. How does your faith assist you in handling what makes you anxious?

GOSPEL READING
In the story of the healing of a demon-possessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus' true identity as "the Holy One of God." What does this reveal about the unseen order?

St. Peter's School News

St. Peter's Catholic Schools Week – January 31 – February 5 – Faith. Excellence. Service.

In the days leading up to Catholic Schools Week 2021, STP students wrote letters of gratitude to our school neighbors, parishioners, clients of our Social Services, and neighbors in area nursing homes.

To celebrate the CSW theme, all classes are participating in a door decorating contest — two prizes will be awarded for best use of theme and most creative. Also, students will be helping with the morning announcements all week — we hope you will check us out on our social media platforms!

Sunday – Celebrating Our Parish – students will share their letters at Mass and in bulletins. We appreciate the support of our parish!

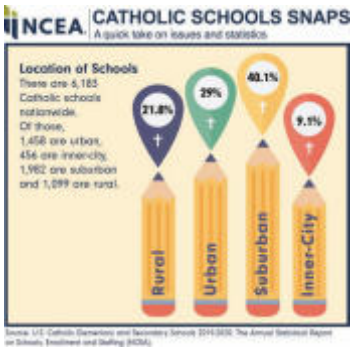
Monday – Celebrating Our Community – Students will wear KC/Brookside/Missouri gear with jeans today to show spirit for our community. We begin collections for our neighbors, both for the STP Food Pantry, as well as our Knights of Brush Creek group. Homerooms will deliver notes to neighbors throughout the day, and we will have fun with a trivia game – "Play 10 at 10"!

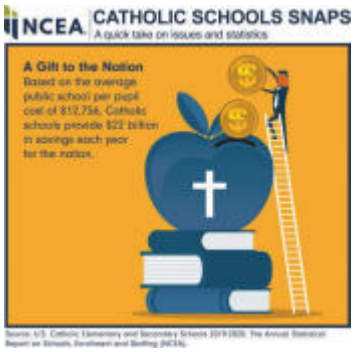
Tuesday – Celebrating Our Students – All students will get to dress in comfy clothing/pjs today. Teachers will share some special surprises with their students and all will enjoy 30 minutes of extra "D.E.A.R. – Drop Everything And Read" time. The school community will play Kahoot!, a game all about STP and Catholic Schools.

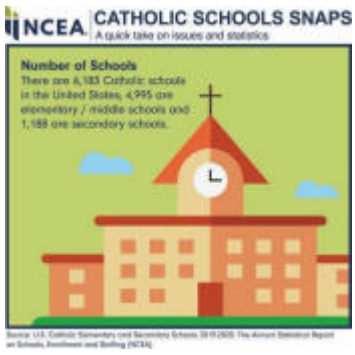
Wednesday – Celebrating Our Nation/World – Our school community will dress in clothing that represents peace, kindness, positivity, nationality, and/or culture. We will all play Kahoot! again today, with the theme of peace and kindness. Fr. Matt will bless throats, visiting classrooms, for the Feast of St. Blaise.

Thursday – Celebrating Vocations – Today we will dress in our STP Spirit Wear OR up as your favorite Saint! Parishioners and friends of St. Peter's have shared their vocations with us via Flipgrid, which teachers will share during religion classes. Our seventh and eighth graders will attend the school Mass in the morning. Our Concession Stand will be open for business, so students can buy treats today, a popular option we introduced during last year's CSW. Today we will play "Which Saint," another fun trivia game.

Friday – Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers – Teachers will dress as students and students as teachers today! We will play a Jeopardy game in homerooms with some special guests from the school building, and there will be special surprises for our hard-working faculty and staff!







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Celebrating The Sacraments

Baptism: The sacrament joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic community. Please call the parish office to schedule.

Confirmation: Confirmation is offered to adults through the RCIA process, and annually for students. As with other sacraments of initiation, preparation is involved.

Matrimony: Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible or at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for preparation.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: For those interested in finding out more information about the Catholic faith, and/or interested in becoming Catholic. Please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick: Our parish continues Christ's ministry of making whole the members of our community who suffer physical or emotional ills with Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized:
Contact Fr. Matt.

Safe Environment

All volunteers working with minors or vulnerable adults are required to:

- Complete an application (if new in ministry)
- Attend a Protecting God's Children workshop
- Submit to a background check
- Read the online Policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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, Joe Crayon, at **816.812.2500** or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org 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 Kathleen Chastain at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

For more information, contact:

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School Safe Environment Coordinator:
Angie Meyer: 816.523.7051

Bulletin Announcements — The bulletin deadline is Tuesday at noon to appear in the following weekend's bulletin. St. Peter's announcements are given first priority and other announcements will appear if room permits. Please send announcements by email to bulletin@stpeterskc.org. **Bulletin online at stpkc.org.**

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