

PARISH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Feast Day Potlucks

Twice a year, the Church community of St. Peter's gathers after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for a family-style potluck. Taking place on the Epiphany of our Lord Sunday, and the third Sunday in June for the feast of St. Peter, these fun fellowship dinners are open to all members and visitors of our Parish for the low cost of a dish to pass.

Families in Faith Fall Pig Roast

On the 2nd Saturday in October, our Families in Faith ministry hosts a day of family fun and food open to all families of St. Peter Parish. From the horseshoes to the hayrides, there's something for everyone. This free event is a great time of fellowship with other Parishioners.



Welcome to our Parish!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for visiting with us today! Founded in 1891, St. Peter Catholic Church has a vibrant history full of faith and discipleship, and today we strive to continue the tradition of both personal and Church growth. By blending spiritual direction and teaching, the Liturgy and worship, and fellowship, we work continually to create a true Parish Family.

If you are here on vacation or visiting family, let us be your 'home away from home'. If you are joining us in search of a new Parish, please prayerfully consider making St. Peter your Church home. And if you are here exploring the Catholic faith, we would be honored to guide you on your spiritual journey.

If you are in need of spiritual direction or assistance of any kind, please do not hesitate to contact anyone listed on these pages. We pray that the ministries we provide will be a blessing in your life.

St. Peter Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m.

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:55 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

First Saturday
8:30 a.m.

Holy Days
8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter is a Catholic Community in the Diocese of Lansing, consecrated to Jesus Christ, serving the spiritual and corporal needs of our brothers and sisters. We commit ourselves to celebrating the Liturgy together, living the Sacraments, in a life of prayer in communion with the saints. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will preach the Gospel and serve the community.

Charismatic Praise & Worship Service

Tuesday
7:00 p.m.

with Healing Service every
2nd Tuesday of the month

Adoration

Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
(September - May)

with Benediction 4:50 p.m.

Reconciliations

Saturday
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Weekdays
by appointment



WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

Masses

Weekends - At 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, everyone is able to Celebrate Mass.

Weekdays - 8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday, we offer the opportunity to begin your day experiencing the Celebration of the Eucharist with us.

Holy Day Masses - 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses allow all to join us in Celebration.

Reconciliation

Fr. Ben is here every Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m., as well as by appointment Monday - Friday.

Rosary

Held every Tuesday at 6:45 p.m., preceding Prayer Group.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Meeting every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. with a Eucharistic Holy Hour, this is a time of prayer, praise, and worship. Every second Tuesday of the month is dedicated to healing using Padre Pio Oil for anointing.

Holy Week and Easter

In celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection:

Palm Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Liturgy begins with the Blessing of Palms in Fr. Ben Fellowship Hall

Holy Tuesday & Wednesday - Reconciliations begin at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday - No a.m. Mass; Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.; Adoration from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight (Holy Hour with Fr. Ben from 11:00 p.m. to Midnight).

Good Friday - Adoration from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Liturgy of the Word at 1:00 p.m.; Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.; Potato Soup Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Tenebrae Service at 9:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday - Blessing of the Food from 10:00 a.m. - Noon; Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - Mass of Easter Celebration at 7:55 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Exemplifying Christ's words of "Let the little children come onto me" (Mark 10:14b), the Christmas Eve Mass is celebrated with a portrayal of Christ's birth by the children of St. Peter's. With song and in word, our sons and daughters retell the miracle of Jesus becoming man in a beautifully simple and moving way.

REJOICE



MEETING NEEDS

St. Vincent de Paul Society

A committee of volunteers providing emergency financial relief, basic household necessities and food baskets for those in need, as well as a free clothing bank open every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. SVDP is run completely on the selfless donations of others.

Contact the Church Office at 517-663-4735 for more information.

Senior Ministry

Providing encouragement and support for senior parishioners and shut-ins through fellowship and special event opportunities.

Contact Paul Albright at 517-663-1118 for more information.

Knights of Columbus

A group of men dedicated to serving the greater good of the Church family and surrounding community. Open for initiation to all men who are members of the Parish in good standing, meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Jim Cole, Grand Knight, at 517-775-2222 for more information.

Altar Society

Open to all adult female members of the Parish, with a mission to serve the social needs of the Parish and surrounding community. Meetings are every second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. from September - June.

Contact Cathy Cowles, President, at 517-663-3225 for more information.

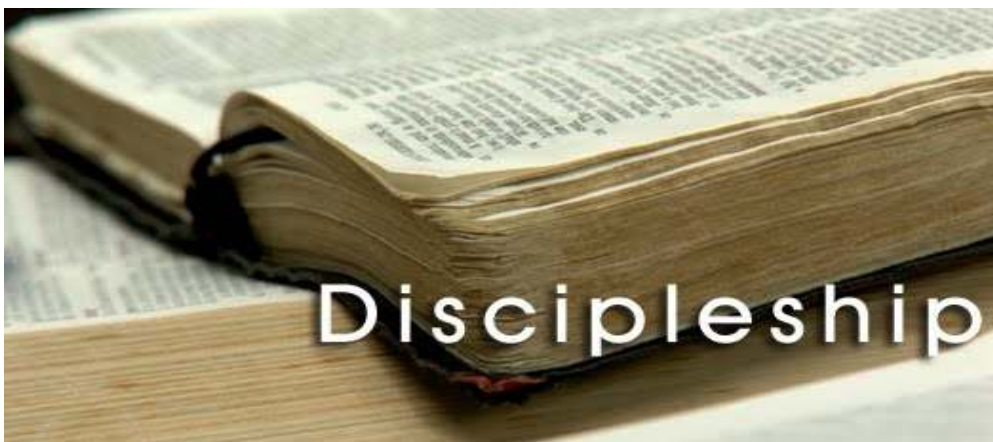
Knight's Daughters

An official girls' youth organization of the Michigan State Council of Knights of Columbus. Their mission is to train girls ages 10 - 17 for Parish service in adulthood while creating a fun peer group. Meetings are every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Renae Davidson, Counselor, at 517-663-5240 for more information.

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Discipleship

REACHING OUT

Living Last Supper

Twelve men at a table in fellowship with our Lord, in what, unbeknownst to most of them, will be the last time together. This poignant event in Scripture is brought to life before our very eyes through the talents of men of St. Peter's and surrounding Parishes. Taking place the two weeks before Easter at St. Peter's and St. James in Mason, these moving performances are a highlight of the Lenten season.

Giving Tree

Fulfilling the needs of struggling families in the Parish and local community in the spirit of Christmas, St. Peter's parishioners donate items requested by families we 'adopt'. God's love and charity in action is shown through the generous giving of our parishioners.

Holiday Auction

Each year on the third Sunday of November, this fun Auction event takes place in Fr. Ben Fellowship Hall. As a dedicated fundraiser for St. Peter Parish, all proceeds from both the live and silent auctions go to benefit building upkeep and maintenance.

Spring Festival

The Annual Church Festival & Carnival is celebrated every spring. Our amazing parishioners go above and beyond in volunteer efforts to make this four day event possible for the Parish and the community. This is a great time of fellowship and family fun with live bands every night, food, a beer tent, carnival rides and tons of free activities for all ages!

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Nothing completes Thanksgiving like a home cooked turkey and all the sides. Unfortunately, many in our community are not able to provide this for their families. For these and many others who have no one to share Thanksgiving Day with, St. Peter's provides a warm, welcoming place and a delicious, home cooked traditional meal. With everything donated by Parishioners, we are able to keep this free of charge.

Volunteering

Special events require much work and effort. From the planning stages through to the clean up, bodies are essential for success. Several times a year, parishioners are asked to donate of their physical time and talents. Donations of materials and items for various fundraisers and events are also requested. Needs are published in the bulletin and Gathering Space, as well as announced in Masses.



FORMATION

FAITH

CCD, RCYA and RCIA classes on Sundays from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m., September - June.

Our teachers are knowledgeable, Spirit-filled and excited to share God's love and what it means to be a Catholic with Parishioners of all ages!

CCD is a faith-based and fun filled time for kids from Kindergarten through 8th grade where they are taught the Sacraments and the basics of our Catholic faith.

RCYA begins in 8th/9th grade and runs for 2 years. This is an informative time for our youth where they dive deeper into every aspect of our Catholic faith. At the end of 2 years, they are received into the Church through the Rite of Confirmation.

RCIA includes formation, faith sharing, prayer and community building to help UN-confirmed older youth and young adults determine whether they want to become Catholic. This is also a wonderful time for those who are Confirmed to 'brush up' on their faith, as well as re-integrate those who have fallen away in their faith.

Please contact Colette in the Religious Ed. Office at 517-663-2088 for more information.

VBS is the 3rd week of June from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Using a Catholic faith based program, each summer youngsters from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade learn the love God has for them. From the Spirit-charged music center to the creative arts and crafts area, a special emphasis is placed on the Sacraments. Kids will also learn about Saints, Catholic faith history and how to live out their faith and God's love to others!

Please contact Mari-Jo Crow at 517-663-1670 for more information.

Stump the Pastor

This fun bi-weekly session takes place during all three Masses from September - June. Ask Fr. Ben your most difficult spiritual or theological questions and see if you can stump him! Questions can be submitted anytime into the box in the Gathering Space.

Pre - Marriage Preparation

Together with the FOCCUS program, trained married couples from St. Peter's assist Fr. Ben in preparing engaged Catholic couples for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Please call the Church Office at 517-663-4735 at least 9 months prior to your wedding.

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is crucial to the formation of our Catholic faith. Proper education of parents on the significance and importance of Baptism is provided through the leadership of Fr. Ben.

Please call the Church Office at 517-663-4735 for more information.

FORGING RELATIONSHIPS

High School Youth Group

Meetings take place on Sundays from September - June directly following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Spiritual formation mixed with fun and fellowship is the theme. Teens also have opportunities throughout the year for community service, concerts and other youth geared events. The highlight of the year is a weekend retreat to the Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH.

Please contact Kay Bumstead at 517-881-9555 for more information.

Middle School Youth Group

Meetings are once - twice per month for youth from 6th - 8th grades. With an emphasis on learning to live their faith out loud and unashamed, games and activities are mixed with formation to create a fun time of fellowship with their peers. Leadership, discipleship and servant hood are instilled through service projects, volunteer opportunities, and mentorship nights with the High School Youth Group.

Please contact Kurt Crandell at 517-719-1677 for more information.

“Saint Peter Small Church Communities

are a community of God's people living out the mission of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are committed to meeting regularly for prayer, study, fellowship and serving one another in the love of Christ.” Groups meet regularly to dive into, discuss and discern the Word of God.

Please contact Marge Patterson at 517-646-9128 for more information.

Families in Faith

A ministry devoted to strengthening the Church Community as a whole by addressing the spiritual needs of individual families and their members through faith and family based outreach, fellowship and service opportunities.

Please contact IvyLynn Olson at 517-667-4912 for more information.



FELLOWSHIP



MINISTRY

IN
SERVICE
TO
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OUR
PARISH

Altar Servers

In service to our Lord and our Parish, trained individuals assist in the preparation of vessels and books during Mass, as well as assisting the Presider during Mass and with cleaning up afterward. Anyone from second grade to adulthood is eligible for this ministry.

Contact Doug Marsh at 517-663-3273 for more information.

Sacristy

Maintenance of the Sacristy, Church-nave, Chapel and Confessional all require a dedication to providing for all the physical needs of the Celebration of the Mass as well as the Church. This includes the Chapel decorations for both daily and weekly Masses, upkeep of the pew books and cards used for worship and dressing the Church for holidays and holy days.

Please contact Rose Marsh at 517-663-3273 for information on serving.

Eucharistic Ministers

A symbol of our daily call to be a Eucharist for others, EOM's distribute Communion during Mass.

Contact Marge Patterson at 517-646-9128 for information on serving.

Communion to Shut-Ins

EOM's distribute Communion to the sick and shut-in Catholics of the surrounding communities on the First Friday of each month, as well as pray with those unable to receive the Eucharist any longer.

Contact Colette Frederick at 517-663-2088 for information on serving.

Lectors

An opportunity to actively participate in the Liturgy while enriching one's understanding of the Scripture, Lectors convey God's Word each week to the Parish community through prayerful preparation and proclamation.

Contact Jean Klee at 517-663-6352 for information on serving.

Music Ministry

Choir members, instrumentalists and cantors are a dynamic part of the Liturgy. With different Choirs for Christmas, Easter, Funerals and Weddings, as well as a fantastic Contemporary Youth Choir and the Children's Holiday Choir, opportunities exist year round.

Contact Laurel LaPorte at 517-882-0739 for more information.

RCIA and RCYA Sponsors

Practicing Catholic Parishioners in good standing are invited to be sponsor's for the adults participating in RCIA and the youth participating in RCYA. Share your faith and grow together in Christ's love as you help to nurture them in their faith journey.

Please contact the Church Office at 517-663-4735 for more information.