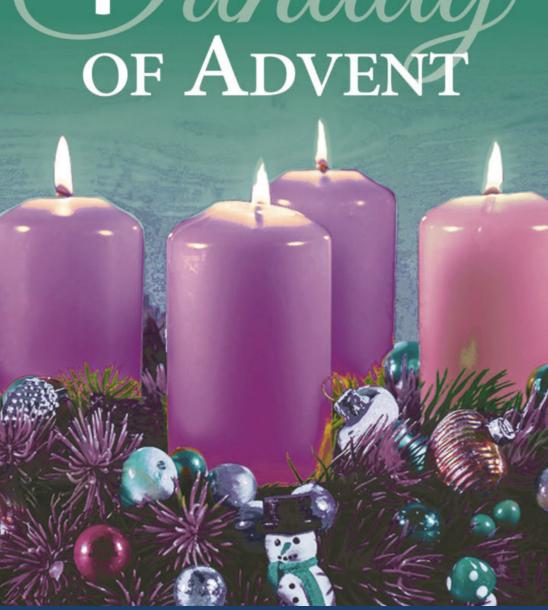


4th Sunday of Advent

**December 18, 2022** 

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# St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

#### Mission

We are an ACTIVE, GROWING, WELCOMING, SPIRIT-FILLED Roman Catholic community nourished by the Liturgy to serve God and others.

#### Nuestra Misión

Somos una comunidad Católica Romana, ACTIVA, CRECIENTE, ACOGEDORA Y LLENA DEL ESPIRITU alimentada por la liturgia para servir a Dios y al prójimo.

#### **MASSES / MISAS**

(\*also live streamed online) (\*también transmisión en vivo en línea)

Domingo ......1:00 pm\*

#### **Daily Masses**

(\*in English, also live streamed online)

Monday......6:30 pm\* Tuesday-Thursday....8:00 am\* Friday.....10:00 am\*

#### **RECONCILIATION**

(confession)

Tuesday......6:00-7:00 pm Saturday......10:00-11:00 am

#### **RECONCILIACIÓN**

(confesión)

Martes......6:00-7:00 pm Sábado......10:00-11:00 am

#### **Live Streams**

St. Peter's Facebook page facebook.com/stpetersboerne

St. Peter's YouTube channel youtube.com/stpetersboerne





**St. Peter the Apostle**Catholic Church of Boerne, Texas

#### Main Campus Campus principal

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#### **Upon this Rock Campus**

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(830) 816-2233 Fax (830) 249-6175

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#### Office hours • Horas de oficina

Monday through Friday Lunes a Viernes 9:00 am-5:00 pm Open during lunch Abierto durante el almuerzo

Deacon Del Office Hours Wednesdays 11:30 am to 4:00 pm

#### Live Streaming

St. Peter's will continue to live stream Daily Masses, Sunday 9:00 am Mass (English) and Sunday 1:00 pm Mass (Spanish).

#### Transmisión en vivo

La iglesia de San Pedro seguirá transmitiendo en vivo las misas diarias, la misa del domingo a las 9:00 am (en inglés) y la misa del domingo a la 1:00 pm (en español).

# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays 3:00 pm—6:30 pm in Day Chapel Fridays 11:00 am - 5:00 pm in Day Chapel

#### Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

Los miércoles 3:00 pm—6:30 pm en la capilla Los viernes 11:00 am - 5:00 pm en la capilla



#### **Update on: SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The School Feasibility Study is ongoing and highly active---all behind the scenes! Mr. Clarence & Tina Kahlig, the "seed money" donors, and their team, Fr. Norman, Pastor, Marti West, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Meitler, the company leading the formal Feasibility Study, and Ruotolo Associates, the fundraising company, are all working on the major elements to establish findings and data to make a final determination to build the school or not. Fr. Norman has kept the Parish Finance Council, Pastoral Council and Stewardship Councils all informed as things develop. Within the next few weeks and months, we will be having more to report to all parishioners as information and data is developed. Please continue to pray for the guidance of God's Spirit on all of us as we continue the study, and research to discern a major possibility for the expansion of our parish mission in the area of education and formation of the children and youth of our community. The Catholic Church has held a foundational place in American Society since the founding of our country in education, governance, health care, etc. We want to build on that tradition here in Boerne and the surrounding Texas Hill Country!

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#### **Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)**

#### The Mission of the CYO Athletics is:

To offer to all youth sports and recreation programs emphasizing friendly competition through good sportsmanship modeled by adult participants. To invite all participants, Catholic and otherwise, youth and adults, to share in the life of their faith community.

Our parish is in the process of reorganizing and re-starting our C.Y.O. program for children/youth sports. We are seeking parents who have young ones and are interested in being adult leaders as your children play in the various sports offered. **Phillip & Meghan Hunter** have stepped forward to offer their services in getting this vital program going again for the good of all our young families. Fr. Norman is thankful for their taking on this incredibly important organizational role. If you are interested, we need you to identify yourselves by calling and offering your services.

Please be aware that we will be running the C.Y.O. program as presented in the Archdiocesan Manual. We will also be recruiting children/youth for each sports season through open-registrations after Masses and through our office, giving everyone equal access to joining teams and playing, no matter their level of competence (play-skills), knowledge of the sports, and experience. C.Y.O. focuses on our Catholic environment to provide a teaching and learning environment for children/youth to learn the rules of the games, to improve their level of skills and play, and sportsmanship.

We need former and new volunteers: St. Peter's Parish needs more volunteers to lead the organization, coach, and children/youth to participate in the sports programs. We are currently planning and recruiting for the 2023-2024 C.Y.O. program. If you are interested in joining our team, please call the parish office at (830) 816-2233 or email pastoraloffice@stpetersboerne.com. You can also talk to Phillip & Meghan Hunter in person.

The Archdiocesan C.Y.O. Manual describes essential leadership roles and titles that must be filled for the structure of the organization for each parish. Without these positions being filled with capable leaders, we cannot get restarted. If you are interested in serving in one of these roles, indicate that and Fr. Norman will discern from all the volunteers who will take on these positions. Then we want the leadership to take charge and re-start with reciprocal accountability between these leaders, the pastor and the Archdiocesan office and leaders. Be aware that all potential leaders must take the online Virtus Safety Training required by the Archdiocese, and pass Background Checks that must be renewed on a regular basis. Thank you for your interest!

Fr. Norman A. Ermis, Pastor Phillip & Meghan Hunter, Volunteer Leaders



# Welcome!

Whether you are just visiting or looking for a permanent church home, we are happy you stopped by. We are a family friendly parish and have something for people of all ages. No matter what your background, there is a place for you here. We invite you to join us for one of our Liturgies. When you decide to make St. Peter's your church home, please consider making it official by filling out a New Parishioner Registration form, which can be downloaded from our website. You may also pick up a form in our parish office. Registering helps us know how we can best serve your family's needs. Please have a look at our Faith Formation and Ministries pages to see the different ways you can be nourished and get involved. We are so glad you visited and hope to see you again!

# ¡Bienvenidos!

Ya sea que esté de visita o esté buscando una iglesia permanente, nos complace que haya venido. Somos una parroquia familiar y tenemos algo para personas de todas las edades. No importa cuál sea su origen, aquí hay un lugar para usted. Lo invitamos a unirse a nosotros en una de nuestras liturgias. Cuando decida hacer de St. Peter's su hogar en la iglesia, considere hacerlo oficial llenando un formulario de Registro de Nuevos Parroquianos, que puede descargar de nuestro sitio web. También puede recoger un formulario en nuestra oficina parroquial. El registro nos ayuda a saber cómo podemos atender mejor las necesidades de su familia. Por favor, consulte a nuestras páginas de Ministerios y Formación de Fe para ver las diferentes formas en que puede nutrirse e involucrarse. Estamos muy contentos de que nos haya visitado y esperamos volver a verlo.



# Readings for the week of December 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38 Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39 -45 Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1 4-

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29/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

# Las lecturas de la semana del 18 de diciembre de 2022

Domingo: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [7. 10]/Rom 1, 1-7/Mt 1, 18-24 Lunes: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 70, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17/Lc 1, 5-25 Martes: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5

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Miércoles: Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/Lc 1, 39-45

Jueves: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Lc 1, 46-56

Viernes: Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/Lc 1, 57-66

Sábado: Mañana: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29/Lc 1, 67-79

Domingo siguiente: Vigilia: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2)/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25 Noche: Is 9, 1-6/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14 Matutina: Is 62, 11-12/Sal 96, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20 Día: Is 52, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 [3]/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14

#### **Upcoming Second Collections**

December 25—Assumption Seminary



From the

# Pastor's Desk

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\*Please see the full-page ad featuring the winners of our Raffle that was completed Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Our three Raffle Co-Leaders were a great team: Brett Haas, Greg Jaeger, and Phillip Hunter. Thanks also to our Staff members, Christina Galvez, Marilyn Belcher and Deacon Brad who supported them in every way respective to their staff roles. The Raffle was an amazing success and the proceeds will allow us to pursue further developments toward ministries and services fulfilling our mission as a Catholic parish. Once the financial report is reconciled and completed, we will print it in a future bulletin.

\*Please see another ad in this bulletin summarizing how previous fundraiser proceeds have been used in the parish to maintain our buildings and entire campus and to further our ministries and services within our parish and for the larger Boerne/Hill Country community.

\*Our reinstatement of reception of Holy Communion under both species, with the Precious Cup, has been going very well overall. So many parishioners have expressed appreciation for this great gift after the long effects of the pandemic.

On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Boerne** held its Weihnachts Parade (Christmas Parade), which dates back more than 30 years. As you may recall, in the beginning of September, St. Peter's parishioners and volunteers participated in the **Kendall County** 

Fair Parade. It was a wonderful experience and St. Peter's won two ribbons. Immediately afterwards, we received requests to participate in the Weilhnachts Parade, which we did. Thank you to Richard Mecke for providing the trailer for the float and driving with Fr. Tony greeting the crowd from the front seat. Thanks to Larry Caldwell for building the support structure for the trailer for safety and decorations. Thanks to all the parish children who represented St. Peter's on the float. Thanks to the Catholic Daughters of America for once again providing and assembling the handouts, and all the Knights of Columbus and other parish leaders who made the float possible. Thank you to all who participated, as well as everyone who showed up to the parade to cheer us on! Special thanks to Laura Balderrama-Contreras, Director of Elementary Faith Formation and Catechesis and Angela Spino, Director of Catechesis of the Good Shepherds, for helping coordinate and for always promoting these events through their formation programs.

\*Congratulations to the Boerne
Greyhounds, who won the Region
IV 4A Division Championship and
then went on to play in the State
football semi-finals on Friday,
December 9<sup>th</sup> (at the time of going to
print for this bulletin). Such a win takes
team effort among the Greyhounds
and coaching staff, the students,
parents, cheerleaders, band members,
etc. We are proud of everyone
involved, including and especially all
the youth and parents of our St.
Peter's Community!

\*This time of year is replete with many fundraisers to make

Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas special for others, especially those in need. Our parishioners are always so incredibly generous in all of these efforts making people's Christmas experience so special. For example, we have fundraised for the Knights of Columbus Turkey Fry & Hill Country Daily Bread Ministry Thanksgiving meals, our regular monthly parish food drive, Angel Gift Basket project for those in assisted living/nursing facilities (495 individual gifts solicited), Adopt-a-Family (35 family gifts solicited), etc. Thanks to all of our generous donors and all the parish organizations and volunteers who work so hard to organize and pull-off each of these special projects!! God knows who you are!







\*Our Las Posadas started with the parish Posadas on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary with approximately 80 people participating. It was followed with a reception in the Family Life Center. Thanks to everyone who organized it and led it, including Maria Morales who organized the decorations and hospitality afterwards. The Posadas is a beautiful reenactment of Mary and Joseph looking for shelter at the inns.

\*The traditional **community Posadas** returned this year, which consists of an evening visit to a different house every night for 9 days, beginning Friday, December 16, 2022. There is still time to attend some of the evenings. The schedule is listed later in this bulletin. I encourage you to attend one or two, especially the final evening. This

traditional Posadas is a great inspirational event to experience.

\*Our Children's Mass held each first Sunday of the month at 9:00 am is very popular and appreciated. As previously announced, we have children serving in all the ministries of the Mass: Ministers of Hospitality, Proclaimers of the Word of God. Choir Members, Collection Takers, Leaders of the Prayers of the Faithful, etc. Special thanks to Deacon Mike Matteson who was the homilist for the Children's Mass on Sunday, December , sitting under the Jesse Tree placed in front of the Altar. Thanks to Tony Peña, who practiced with and led the Children's Choir for the December 4th Mass, and to Angela Spino and Laura Balderrama-Contreras who organize, lead and practice with the children.

\*I ask all of our parishioners to invite their extended family members and neighbors to attend Masses with us throughout the year, but especially during this sacred time of the year. A personal invitation is a powerful thing. You have the opportunity to make people feel your hospitality and then the welcome of our entire community. It can be a means of getting the families further involved in our very active parish life. You can be a true disciple of Jesus and evangelizer in this very basic and simple way!

\*Our "Journey Together" book reading group has approximately 60 members who meet regularly to discuss a book of choice. The members are very committed and engaged in the topics and the friendships developed. Each year they sponsor a Christmas celebration which was held Thursday, December 1st, to everyone's enjoyment. Special thanks to Deacon Del Eulberg who provided answers during this Christmas gathering to a long list of questions raised by the group's members. Many of them addressed challenging, thought-provoking theological and spiritual topics. Deacon Del loves a challenge, and he responded with full commitment and vigor! Special thanks to Beth Dewey, the leader of the group. The group will begin reading and discussing a new book on January 12. This will be a good time for new. additional women to consider joining the group! Call Beth to see if she has any more space available!

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#### **Sanctuary Light Memorial**

December 18—December 24, 2022 LLOYD HOOD, SR.

Note: There was a mistake in the spelling in the December 4th bulletin, which was supposed to be **Eileen Shepard**. Our apologies.

#### In Sympathy / Con dolor

Condolences to families who have recently lost loved ones. May the Lord comfort the family in their time of need and welcome the deceased into heaven.

Brenda Allen, Richard DuVon, Janet Nabb. Ofelia Ruiz

Condolencias a las familias que han perdido recientemente a sus seres queridos. Que el Señor consuele a la familia en su momento de necesidad y acoja al difunto en el paraíso.

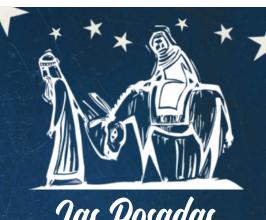
# In Our Prayers En nuestras oraciones

Please pray for the sick of our parish—Por favor oren por los enfermos de nuestra parroquia

Brian Arnspirger, Ramon Baez, Stephanie Cross, John Daly, June Dieser, Kevin Durio, Hugh Exton, Daniel Fogarty, Christine Hanna, Sebastian Hernandez, Corianna Jordan, Sara Justice, Aaron King, Agnes Leopold, Rosario, Josué & Raquel Martinez, Rudy Molleda, Blane Parker, John Peterson, Eva Soto, Betty Stewart, Patrick Weakland, Kamren White, Dylan Wild, Landon Zeiner

Please contact pastoral office at (830) 816-2233 for family requests for Sanctuary Light and In Sympathy and In Our Prayers—Por favor, llame a la oficina pastoral a (830) 816-2233 para y las solicitudes de la familia a Monumento a la luz del santuario y Con dolor y En nuestras oraciones.

**Need a prayer?** (210) 912-3432 • (830) 816-5657



de la comunidad / in the community

Todos son bienvenidos a nuestros Las Posadas de la comunidad, comenzando a las 7:00 pm cada noche. Para más información, favor de llamar a:

All are welcome to join us at the community Las Posadas, beginning at 7:00 pm each evening. For inquiries, please call:

Rosa (830) 331-2893

Friday, December 16, 2022 Guillermo y Andrea Perez 116 Highway 46 W, Boerne, TX 78006

Saturday, December 17, 2022 Esteban y Emiteria Hernandez 118 Skylight, Boerne, TX 78006

Sunday, December 18, 2022 Francisco y Soledad Arellano 515 Graham St., Boerne, TX 78006

Monday, December 19, 2022 Arturo y Cecilia Ibarra 105 April Lane, Boerne, TX 78006

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 Javier v Maria Cervantez 1010 River Rd. #2B, Boerne, TX, 78006

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 28848 Waterview, Boerne, TX 78006

Thursday, December 22, 2022 Julio y Maritza Esquivel 705 Walnut Way, Walnut Hills, TX

Friday, December 23, 2022 Santos y Rosa Muñoz 623 O'Grady St., Boerne, TX 78006

Saturday, December 24, 2022 Maria Morales 414 July Lane, Boerne, TX 78006 continued from page 4...

\*In the past, we received requests for more organ music and Judith Calhoun has certainly delivered. She even held an organ recital back in May. Judith once again performed for St. Peter's Parish, this time, a Christmas Organ Recital, in the Sanctuary, on Thursday, December 15th. Thank you, Judith for sharing your wonderful talent with us.

\*Friday's Adult Bible & Faith Studies' Gospel of Mark Bible **Study** received high reviews. Thank you to Ed and Paula Hoeppner for pouring out their hearts in preparing and facilitating" this study. Ed's presentation was wonderful and included slides from their trip to the Holy Land and a handout that summarized each of the 13 lessons in clear bullet-style points. Job well done! Blessings to you both. If you are interested in the Friday morning Bible Study, or any other Bible Study, go to stpetersboerne.com/ abfs for more information. You can also email abfs@stpetersboerne.com.

\*Our Pastoral Assistant, Jeanna **Moravits**, recently announced that she will be resigning her position after more than four years on our Parish Staff. Jeanna brought her many years of experience as a Nurse to her pastoral position here and made great contributions to the various dimensions of her job/ ministry. Jeanna's position is multifaceted and Fr. Norman regrets losing her. Jeanna looks forward to spending more time with her family and exploring other things she is passionate about. She will continue to be active in our parish, along with her husband, Allan Moravits. We are greatly appreciative for Jeanna's wholehearted commitment and dedicated service to the parishioners and staff members. Our goal is to hire Jeanna's replacement soon and have Jeanna train him or her before the end of the year. Jeanna will continue on the staff through December 2022.

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\*Once again, the next few bulletins will include a few pages on the many different methods you can donate to St. Peter's Parish as your **End-of-Year and Christmas Giving**. Please review this material carefully and prayerfully. We appreciate your consideration, and thank everyone for their continued generosity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our Finance Manager, Marilyn Belcher, at (830) 816-5659.

\*Our condolences to families of our parish who have lost loved ones:

†Janet Nabb, the mother of Sloan Nabb and sister of Patricia Finke, our parishioner, passed away recently. Fr. Norman celebrated the Anointing of the Sick, Litany of the Saints and Final Commendation soon before her death. Her services were held on Thursday, December 1st with Visitation at 9:00 am, followed by Rosary at 10:00 am, and Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am. with Fr. Norman as Celebrant. Burial was at the Benedictine Sisters Monastery Cemetery. A reception and meal followed in the Cana Ballroom. Our sentiments to Sloan and Pat, their extended family and friends.

**†Richard DuVon**, husband of Bama DuVon, passed away recently at his home in Fair Oaks Ranch, Fr. Norman celebrated the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with Richard, Bama, and their son, in their home shortly before his passing. Richard will be cremated and funeral plans are pending. Our condolences to Bama, her extended family and friends. Blessings to you

Sincerely, FR. NORMAN A. ERMIS Pastor

St. Peter's Parish

# RAFFLE FUNDRAISER WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the Raffle winners as annotated below! Special thanks to our Raffle co-leaders, Brett Haas, Phillip Hunter and Greg Jaeger, who made the raffle fundraiser such a grand success. A full report on the proceeds will be printed in a future bulletin once the account is fully reconciled. We will also announce where the proceeds will be designated for parish projects. We thank all of our parishioners and outside supporters who purchased tickets for the raffle. If you would like to see the livestream of the raffle drawing, please go to our St. Peter's Facebook page at facebook.com/StPetersBoerne. Our gratitude to Mr. Clarence Kahlig and Dusty Clayton of the Kahlig Auto Group, who so generously worked with us on this fundraiser. Blessings to everyone during this Advent Season and coming Christmas festivities! —Fr. Norman, Pastor



Pictured above, from left to right: Phillip Hunter, Dusty Clayton (Kahlig Auto Group representative & St. Peter's parishioner), Fr. Norman Ermis, Lisa Byrd (truck raffle winner& parishioner), Cary Byrd, Brett Haas.

#### **GRAND PRIZE (1st ticket drawn)**

New 2022 Ford F150 STX 4x2 Supercrew, 2.7L V6 Ecoboost Sticker MSRP: \$45.725

WINNER — LISA BYRD

#### Additional Prize Winners:

2nd ticket drawn: \$2,500 Americus Diamond Pendant—WINNER: **Perry Bush** 3rd ticket drawn: Callaway Mavrik Max Golf Clubs—WINNER: **Mary Callahan** 

4th ticket drawn: 2 Night Stay at The Kendall Hill Country Inn—WINNER: Margaret Eck

5th ticket drawn: Razor Electric Scooter—WINNER: Gil Siller

Thank you to all our sponsors and anonymous donors!









#### Parish Calendar

Please contact the lead of your ministry or event to make sure it is still meeting. Please contact Christina at bulletin@stpetersboerne.com or (830) 816-5660 for modifications or to report errors.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

| 8:30 am - 11:30 am  | RCIA in FLC                               |
|---------------------|---|
| 9:00 am - 10:00 am  | MASS—intention: Doug & Barbara Vogt       |
| 9:00 am - 10:30 am  | Baptism Class (in English) in FLC         |
| 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | MASS—intention: David Belter              |
| 11:30 am - 2:30 pm  | RICA in FLC                               |
| 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm   | MISA (en español)—intention: Miguel Salas |
| 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm   | Choir Practice (Teen) in Bride's Room     |
| 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm   | Texas Magic Basketball in Gym             |
| 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm   | Life Teen MASS—intention: Louis Lutz      |

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

| 4:30 pm | - 6:30 pm | CYO Basketball in Gym                     |
|---------|-----------|---|
| 6:30 pm | - 7:30 pm | Daily MASS—intention: Amy Nakhleh         |
| 6:30 pm | - 8:30 pm | ABFS Bible Timeline in FLC                |
| 6:30 pm | - 8:30 pm | Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia in FLC |
| 7:00 pm | - 9:00 pm | ACTS Core in FLC                          |
| 7:30 pm | - 9:00 pm | Youth Ministry Follow Up Meeting in FLC   |

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022**

|         | <b>- 9:00 am</b><br>- 9:00 pm | MASS—intention: Jimmy Mahler<br>Crestmont Prep Basketball in Gym |
|---------|-------------------------------|--|
| 6:00 pm | - 7:00 pm                     | Reconciliation in Day Chapel                                     |
| 7:00 pm | - 9:00 pm                     | Safety & Security Committee at UTRC                              |
| 7:00 pm | - 9:00 pm                     | St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Party in FLC                       |

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022

| 8:00 am | - 9:00 am              | Daily MASS—intention: Leonilo Gonzales                                   |
|---------|------------------------|--|
| 9:30 am | - 12:00 pm             | Archives Committee in FLC  |
| 3:00 pm | - 6:30 pm              | Adoration in Day Chapel  |
| 4:30 pm | - 6:30 pm              | CYO Basketball in Gym  |
| 6:00 pm | - 7:00 pm              | Choir Practice (9:00 am, 11:00 am Masses) in Bride's Room                |
| 7:00 pm | - 8:00 pm              | Choir Practice (Spanish Mass) in Bride's Room                            |
|         | - 8:30 pm<br>- 9:00 pm | Family Grace Support Group in FLC<br>Estudio Biblico para Hombres en FLC |

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022

| 10:00 am - 11:00 am | MASS—intention: Joaquin Anthony Mecke-<br>Lozano |
|---------------------|--|
| 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm   | CYO Basketball in Gym                            |
| 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm   | Coro de Ultreya at UTRC                          |

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022

OFFICE & CAMPUS CLOSED

10:00 am - 11:00 am Daily MASS—intention: George Giddings

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022**

CHRISTMAS EVE — CAMPUS CLOSED No 5:30 pm Mass; No reconciliation

| 4:00 pm | - 5:00 pm  | MASS—Christmas Eve           |
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| 4:10 pm | - 5:20 pm  | MASS (in Cana)—Christmas Eve |
| 6:00 pm | - 7:00 pm  | MASS—Christmas Eve           |
| 9:00 pm | - 10:00 pm | MASS—Christmas Eve           |

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022**

CHRISTMAS — CAMPUS CLOSED — SPECIAL MASS TIMES

9:00 am - 10:00 am MASS—Christmas 11:00 am - 12:00 pm MISA (en español)-Navidad

#### ROOM ASSIGNMENTS ARE POSTED IN THE BUILDING.

FLC = Family Life Center UTRC = Upon this Rock Campus

## Advent Schedule

Friday, December 23, 2022 — Christmas Break The office and campus will be closed for Christmas Break.

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| t | urday, December 24, 2022 — Christmas Eve    |
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|   | 4:00 pm Mass in English                     |
|   | 4:10 pm Mass in English, (in Cana Ballroom) |
|   | 6:00 pm Mass in English                     |
|   | 9:00 pm Mass in English                     |
|   | Note: There will be no Reconciliation       |
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#### Sunday, December 25, 2022 — Christmas Day

9:00 am ..... Mass in English 11:00 am ... Mass in Spanish

#### Monday, December 26, 2022 — Christmas Break 8:00 am Mass in English (no 6:30 pm Mass) Note: The office and campus will be closed for Christmas Break.

#### **LOST & FOUND**

Over the last year many lost items have been collected and have not been claimed. Beginning January 7th through January 15th, there will be a table in the Narthex with these items. Please take a moment to look for any missing items. On January 16th we will donate the remaining items to a local organization.

Durante el último año se han recogido muchos artículos perdidos y no se han reclamado. Desde el 7 de enero hasta el 15 de enero, habrá una mesa en el Narthax con estos artículos. Tómese un momento para buscar cualquier artículo que falte. El 16 de enero donaremos los artículos restantes a una organización local.

#### ALTAR OF THE DEAD / ALTAR DE LOS MUERTOS

If you provided a picture or a nicho for the Altar of the Dead, please stop by the office to pick it up.

Si trajo un cuadro o un nicho para el Altar de Muertos, favor de recogerlo a la oficina.

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT AVAILABLE AS A MEMORIAL

Just a reminder that St. Peter's offers the ability to dedicate the Sanctuary Light to memorialize or honor a loved one. The Sanctuary Light is located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and is visible from the Main Sanctuary. There are many dates open in 2023. Each name is published in the bulletin and honored for a one-week period. The recommended donation is \$20. Please call the Pastoral Office at (830) 816-2233 to secure your date.







## Family Ministries



#### **Moms Ministry**

Welcoming and spiritually enriching ministry for mothers

to gather in prayer and fellowship. All moms with kids 0-18, scan the QR code to register for 2022-2023, or email

stpetermomsministry@gmail.com for the link. Find us on Facebook under St. Peter Moms Ministry.

#### Children's Storytime

First Friday of the month at 11:00 am in the Elizabeth Anne Dashiell Library, located in the Family Life Center.

#### Friday Cookie Day

Note: Friday Cookie Day is taking a break for the holidays and will restart in the Spring. Stay tuned! Celebrate the end of the week with cookies on St. Peter's playground, 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm.

Family Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Day Chapel.

#### Children's Mass

1st Sunday of the month at 9:00 am Mass. Monitor bulletin for practice dates and times. For more information: Laura at laura@stpetersboerne.com or Angela at goodshepherd@stpetersboerne.com.



#### **Precious Gift**

Provides love, support and comfort for those who have

suffered a miscarriage or infant loss by providing prayers, a care package, and a meal train. If you or someone you know in the Boerne area has experienced a miscarriage or infant loss, please scan the QR code so that we may serve them during this difficult time. You may contact us at preciousgiftstpeters@gmail.com if you want more information, or would like to help this ministry.



Congratulations to all who are celebrating anniversaries. Felicidades a todos los que están celebrando aniversarios

#### **November 12**

Congratulations to **Jeanette & George Vacek** who are celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary with a special blessing by Fr.
Norman at the Saturday, November 12th, 5:30 pm Mass.

#### November 18

Karen & Bill Walsh (55)

#### November 21

David & Maricela Nasis (24)
Debbie & Bubba Simnacher
Gloria Villanueva & Eloy Saenz
(35)

#### November 30

Rick & Vicky Zapf (54)

#### December 2

Michele & Bob Weiss (55)

#### December 13

Joyce & Daniel (Dan) Pedrotti, Jr (36)

#### December 16

Gil and Melissa Siller (22)

#### December 22

Maria & Richard Garansuay (56)

#### December 23

Albert & Lily Obregon (30)

#### January 13

Susan & Vernon

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary and would like to be included in the bulletin, please email bulletin@stpetersboerne.com or call (830) 816-5660. Si está celebrando un aniversario de boda y desea ser incluido en el boletín, mande su información a bulletin@stpetersboerne.com o llame a (830) 816-5660.

# AWAKEN

Blessed Woman

## Saturday, February 18, 2023

A day retreat featuring Emily Wilson Hussem, Catholic speaker & author

Registration coming soon!



Presented by The Women's Faith Council of St. Peter's Boerne

#### ABFS ADULT BIBLE AND FAITH STUDIES

Thursday Evenings 7- 8:30 PM ~ \*December 1, 2022-April 6, 2023

Zoom Online Study for parishioners who are homebound or it's easier for their schedule to stay home and yet study together with others.

#### Preparation for



#### Sunday Mass Readings From the Comfort of Home!

#### Cycle "A" Year

Our study timeline is to cover the Sunday readings within the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Our preparation goal is to get the most from each Sunday's Word of the Lord at Mass; be more receptive to the Word of God; and experience the Sacrifice of the Mass to its full purpose.

Each Thursday evening we will prepare for the lectionary Bible readings for the weekend Masses so that our hearts and minds may grow in knowing what it means to have Jesus in our lives.

Together, we will follow Jesus in His earthly journey as we explore the context of the Old and New Testaments, the history of those times, the people, the theme of the combined weekly readings, and more.

In our Zoom study group we will view a brief video presentation from our individual electronic devices followed by a group discussion and sharing our personal insights.

The video presenter each Thursday is Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo founder of the Institute of Catholic Culture along with a guest on occasion, a staff member, a Biblical Scholar and/or Theologian. As a resource, the Facilitator will use Dr. John

Bergsma's Lectionary book for "Cycle A."

If you enjoy diving deeper, an option, we recommend you buy the above-mentioned resource book of commentary reflections, The Word of the Lord Sunday Mass Readings Year "A" the lectionary book written by John Bergsma, PhD., Theologian, Biblical Scholar, and Professor at Franciscan University at Steubenville.

If interested in buying Dr. Bergma's Lectionary book for the entire Cycle "A" Year these are two links: St. Paul Center Books or amazon.com, Available in hard bound \$34.95 or eBook \$22.95

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To Join this Zoom study or if you have any questions, please contact:
Facilitator, Ree Laughlin reelaughlin@gmail.com or call/text:
210-273-3015.

\*Revised start date.







#### **UPDATE / ACTUALIZACIÓN**

December 6, 2022

#### Goal

25% household participation

St. Peter's Parish 9.5%

\$174,835 • 250 donors *Archdiocese:* \$4,382,766

Thank you to all who have participated in this year's Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries. The numbers listed above represent gifts made or pledged through the end of the year, and are based on all outstanding pledges committed and expected to be fulfilled by December 31, 2022. Please continue to make your pledge payments on a timely basis. Our goal this year is to encourage everyone to give something, no matter how small, to support the wonderful ministries of our archdiocese. In that spirit, we invite all who've not yet had an opportunity to participate to do so today. This yearly Appeal for Ministries speaks to our strength and unity as Catholics ready to serve those in our archdiocese. The Appeal supports the training of seminarians and deacons. Our parish has been blessed deacons Marty Lee and Del Eulberg, as a result. The Appeal also supports college campus evangelization, and the sharing of Christ's love through caring for retired clergy, and protecting God's most vulnerable — the hungry, homeless, elderly, unborn, sick, imprisoned, and lonely. Please pray and discern in your heart how you and your loved ones may participate, offering a gift of love.

You may offer your gift via Text-To-Give at (210) 750-6712, keyword APPEAL, online at www.archsa.org/appeal or call (210) 734-1910. Please make sure to designate **St. Peter Church-Boerne (3716)** as the parish.

Thank you and May God bless you.

Our parish thanks Greg Frey, Dr. Jerry Muehlberger and Gregg

Muenster for leading our AAA process this year.



#### **Stephen Ministries**

**Stephen Ministers: The After People** 

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

#### Stephen Ministers are there:

...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

... after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

...after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.

...after the doctors says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."

... after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

... after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.

... after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

... after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

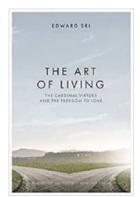
... after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

... after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Do you need a Stephen Minister in your life? Know of someone who could benefit from the support of a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to walk alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

Patti Jetter, Referrals Coordinator, (361) 293-8643

Stephen Ministry is one-to-one lay caring that provides high-quality, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. stephenministries.org



#### **Journey Together Book Study**

Spring Session 2023

Thursdays, January 12 — May 11, 2023 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, noon, in FLC

Reading: The Art of Living by Edward Sri

For more information or to register, contact Susan Markworth at smarkworth@yahoo.com.

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Visit St. Peter's Journey Together webpage at stpetersboerne.com/journey-together.







Spiritual Direction is setting aside time to explore the actions of God in your life. During hard times and good times, we need to see where God is in our lives. The more we see Him in our everyday lives, the better we grow in our relationship with Him.

When we see a Spiritual Director, it is one Christian to another Christian, sharing personal experiences about God in our lives. We discern what God is saying to us, what He wants us to do. We start with a prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to be with us. The Holy Spirit is present, and He guides us as we speak. He is the one in charge. He is the true Spiritual Director.

A Spiritual Director listens with sacred presence and attends to the entire person. A Spiritual Director offers a gentle, confidential and nonjudgmental place of welcome.

We have several Spiritual Directors at St. Peter's. You can find a list of approved Spiritual Directors from the Archdiocese in the parish office or on the St. Peter Upon the Water website at stpeteruponthewater.org. Spiritual Direction brochures are located in the Narthex and contain contact information. You can also view St. Peter's Spiritual Direction Ministry webpage at stpetersboerne.com/spiritual-direction.



The Oldest Ancient Relic in the World

#### The Shroud of Turin

The Shroud of Turin is the most studied relic in the history of Christianity. Mysteriously imprinted on the cloth is an image of a man who has been severely beaten and crucified in the manner described in the Gospels.

Pilgrim Center of Hope (PCH), a Catholic Evangelization Ministry, led pilgrimages to Turin, Italy to view this remarkable relic during its rare public exhibition in 2010 & 2015.

The "Who is the Man of the Shroud?" partial Exhibit will be visiting St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church from Sunday, February 5, 2023 to Wednesday, February, 8, 2023, in the Cana Ballroom. Mary Jane Fox, PCH Co-Director, & representatives will provide presentations on the Shroud. Come on this intriguing journey leading us to wonder: Who is the Man of the Shroud? Watch for details coming soon!

St. Peter's Parish Contact: Judy Gleason; (830) 816-2233

Pilgrim Center of Hope 7680 Joe Newton, San Antonio, TX 78251 (210) 521-3377 dtmfjox@pilgrimcenterofhope.org PilgrimCenterofHope.org

## Blood Drive Ministry



The Blood Drive Ministry would like to announce our annual FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS for ALL PARISHIONERS during the month of January!! You don't have to donate or have an ID to be eligible. The free screenings for cholesterol, diabetes and prostate will be available only on Thursdays at the Boerne Donation Center next to the UPS STORE. To make an appointment call (210) 731-5590 and ask for Shirley. Please take advantage of these FREE medical screenings, not only for you, but for your family as well.

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT is another opportunity to use your donation to not only save lives but also help those in need. Donating your points from past donations will help buy gifts this Christmas for pediatric cancer and blood disease children or provide meals through the SA FOOD BANK (100 points = 25 meals). To donate points call (210) 831-5590 and ask for Sara Tully or Beth Lowrie.

¡El Ministerio de Donación de Sangre desea anunciar nuestras REVISIONES DE SALUD GRATUITAS anuales para TODOS LOS feligreses durante el mes de enero! No tiene que donar o tener una identificación para ser elegible. Las revisiones gratuitas para colesterol, diabetes y próstata estarán disponibles solo los jueves en el Centro de Donación Boerne al lado de la TIENDA UPS. Para hacer una cita llame al (210) 731-5590 y pregunte por Shirley. Aproveche estas revisiones médicas GRATUITAS, no solo para usted, sino también para su familia.

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT (Duplica tu impacto) es otra oportunidad de usar tu donación no solo para salvar vidas sino también para ayudar a los necesitados. Donar sus puntos de donaciones anteriores ayudará a comprar regalos esta Navidad para niños pediátricos con cáncer y enfermedades de la sangre o proporcionar comidas a través del SA FOOD BANK (100 puntos = 25 comidas). Para donar puntos llame al (210) 831-5590 y pregunte por Sara Tully o Beth Lowrie.

## END OF YEAR AND CHRISTMAS GIVING

At this time of year many families are reviewing their financial situations and making decisions for charitable giving in light of possible tax advantages. A statistic published recently states that for many nonprofit organizations, including churches, up to one-third of their yearly income for budgeting comes from charitable donations given between November and December. St. Peter's Parish experiences a significant amount of its yearly income donated at this time of year as well, through the incredible generosity of our membership.

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church is a missiondriven parish following the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We share in a very transparent way how your generous contributions are used responsibly, fulfilling that mission while also preparing for our future growth. Our bulletin is a major vehicle of direct communication with the parish about the specific ways in which our organizations, ministries and services reach deep into the parish and larger Boerne community, serving people's needs in light of Bible

teaching.
Catholic parishioner
donations are made in light
of the fact that, in the
Christian Tradition, we
believe that everything we

have is a blessing and gift from God. Our charitable giving throughout the year is instructed by the biblicallybased, long-held tenets of Stewardship - giving of Time, Talent and Treasurer.

We are now celebrating Advent and Christmas, marking the preparation for and celebration of the greatest gift in history - God's gift of His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. The story of the Three Kings or wise men seeking and finding the Christ-Child is the backdrop of the tradition of gift-bearing and giving at this time of the year. As stewards of God's abundant blessings and gifts to us throughout this year, let all our families consider and pre-plan for how you may include St. Peter's Parish in your charitable giving before vear's end.

Your donations can be made to our parish general fund, our newly established St. Peter Endowment Fund or specifically to an organization or ministry of the parish. You should designate your intentions at the time of your donation. Below we have reprinted the "Methods of Giving" pages we developed for uses in parish life. We trust it will be helpful in summarizing possible ways of giving from your resources. Thank you!

FR. NORMAN, PASTOR

#### **METHODS OF GIVING**

Selecting the best way of giving for you depends on your personal financial situation and goals. As tax laws are always changing, and each individual's financial situation is different, donors are encouraged to consult a professional advisor (See "Note 1"). Consider the following suggested ways of donating:

#### WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

You can donate cash, check, money order or electronic money transfer in any amount and increment you decide. You may also make payments using credit cards, automatic withdrawal through online banking from your checking or savings account or through our online platform, *WeGather* (see "How to Donate).

You can donate stocks, bonds, mutual funds, EFTs, CDs, gold, free-and-clear owned real estate, art, life insurance policies, etc.

Real Estate. Current tax law allows donors of real property, which have been held for at least 12 months, to take an income tax deduction equal to the full market value with no capital gains tax.



Life Insurance. You may donate to the campaign by making St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church owner and beneficiary of your fully paid policy. The parish office will assist you with the correct wording.

**Corporate Matching Gifts.** 

A matching gift program provided through your employer or board membership may allow you to increase the value of your gift. Many companies match charitable gifts of their employees, retirees or board members. Consult your employer's human resources director or community outreach director to see if your company has a matching gift program.

Family Foundations and Community Funds. While we conduct research to discover foundations whose mission aligns with St. Peter's projects, there are many family foundations not listed in publications, especially those managed by a community fund. If you have a family foundation or contribute to a donor-advised community fund and you



would like to invest in the future of St. Peter's and the archdiocese, please contact Marilyn Belcher or Debra Martini at (830) 816-2233.

Donor Advised Funds (charitable accounts), once legally set-up and active, allow holders to receive deductions for donations immediately while spreading payments over the next several years. Grants from these funds can be made to qualified charities, such as

your parish.

**Required Minimum** Distributions from Retirement Accounts. If you are at the age 72, when you must make a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your retirement account, that distribution is usually taxable at your ordinary income tax rate. However, by making a qualified charitable contribution directly from your retirement account to St. Peter's, you can fulfill your RMD requirement without paying any taxes on it. The parish office can provide more information about this method of fulfilling your pledge.

Qualified Charitable
Distribution (QCD), also
called charitable IRA rollover.
The requirements for QCDs
are summarized at https://
www.irs.gov/retirementplans/retirement-plans-faqsregarding-iras-distributionswithdrawals:

- Donor must be 70<sup>1/2</sup> or older.
- QCD is limited to \$100,000 per taxpayer per year.

- Donation must be from a traditional IRA (not SEP, SIMPLE, or beneficiary IRA).
- Donor-advised funds are not eligible to receive QCDs.
- Direct your IRA trustee to send funds directly to a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization (churches qualify). The charity you donate to will not have to pay taxes on your donation, maximizing the benefit of your charitable contribution.
- Distributions will be reported as "Normal Distribution" on your IRS Form 1099-R. You will need to keep track of your donations in order to exclude them from income.
- Follow instructions for QCD on line 15 of your IRS Form 1040, or notify your tax preparer.
- If you itemize deductions, remember that you cannot deduct the charitable contribution if you have already excluded it from income. You are allowed just one tax break, not two.

Note 1: There are many types of qualified accounts including 401(k), 403(b), 457 plans and others in addition to IRAs, and they are all subject to the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). However, under current rules, you can only do the QCD from a traditional IRA. If you want to apply this strategy to another type of qualified account, such as a 401(k) or a 403(b), you would need to roll that account over into an IRA.

You would want to discuss such a move with your financial advisor or tax professional.

Note 2: You can also use your QCD to meet all or part of your IRA's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). This RMD is usually taxable at your ordinary income tax rate. However, by making a qualified charitable contribution directly from your retirement account to St. Peter's, you can fulfill your RMD requirement without paying any taxes on it. Traditional IRA owners must start taking RMDs at age  $70^{1/2}$  or face tax penalties. The charity must receive your donation by December 31st for you to apply it to that year's tax return. Roth IRAs do not require distributions while the account holder is alive. It has been said that the QCD/RMD is one of the best remaining tax reduction incentives and means of charitable contributions one can make today.

Tip: With the 202 tax law changes, there's 1 additional factor to consider: you may take advantage of the higher standard deduction (\$12,400 for single filers, \$24,800 if married and filing jointly). This means that if you claim the standard deduction, you won't be allowed to itemize things like charitable donations. However since QCDs are not includable in income the QCD is also not deductible. As such, the QCD can remain an option for your charitable giving, even if you

claim the standard deduction in a given year.

Donate through your Last Will and overall Estate Plan. Such gifts are a lasting memorial and expand our parish's ability to continue its growth and be a strong Catholic presence in Boerne and surrounding Texas Hill Country.

#### **HOW TO DONATE**

We strongly encourage online electronic giving through WeGather, used in our parish for your convenience. Go to our parish website and click on "Give Now" at the top right of the screen and follow instructions. It allows you to donate using specific approved credit cards. Call Marilyn Belcher, our Finance Manager, if you have any specific questions or difficulties in setting up a donor account.

**Disclosure 1**: Any of the foregoing type donations should be executed only with

the professional consultation and specific advice of your banker, broker, financial/investment advisor, accountant, tax professional, tax attorney, etc. There can be significant tax advantages to your donations, but all IRS laws must be followed for such purposes with full professional advice.

Disclosure 2: St. Peter's Parish has a brokerage account with Frost Bank to facilitate direct transfer of publicly traded securities (without your selling them) to meet IRS rules and for maximum tax benefit. After professional advice, you must instruct your financial/ investment advisor/IRA trustee to transfer any assets you wish to donate. It cannot be done by our parish staff on your behalf. Please contact Marilyn Belcher, our Finance Manager, at (830) 816-2233 to receive instructions on how to transfer such donations to our parish through the Frost Bank account.



#### ENDOWMENT FUND

Another Recommended Focus for End-Year and Christmas Giving

Our Senior Advisory Group (SAG), now called the Stewardship Council. continues to work on reenvisioning parish governance, overseeing our Stewardship Giving, and other aspects of charitable giving in the parish. The Council has been discussing two important things: 1.) The wisdom of establishing a long -term investment for future normal and emergency maintenance of the parish campus as it grows, develops, ages, (not for capital improvement projects), and 2.) how to encourage parishioners to remember the parish in their general donations but specifically in their Last Wills, Estate Plans and Bequests by establishing an endowment fund for the parish.

A couple of the parish who wish to remain anonymous donated \$5,000 of "seed money" and on August 28, 2020 established the "St. Peter the Apostle Catholic **Church Endowment Fund"** with the Catholic **Community Foundation** (CCF). The CCF was established by Archbishop Gomez many years ago for Archdiocesan parishes, organizations and agencies to pool their investments under professional financial management. Our present Archbishop Gustavo hopes that every parish of the

Archdiocese sets up an endowment fund for specific parish purposes. As an incentive for parishes to set-up an endowment with a \$5K deposit, the CCF adds another \$2,500 to the account. That means we started the Endowment with an automatic \$7,500.00 deposit, thanks to the generosity and vision of this anonymous couple.

The Endowment Fund Agreement states the Purposes of the Fund in the following way: "The purpose of the St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Endowment Fund is specifically limited to providing annual distributions to St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church currently located at 202 W. Kronkosky, Boerne, TX 78006, with said distributions only (1) to be used for the purposes of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Parish, its operations, buildings, grounds, ministries, schools and programs as directed by the pastor; or (2) to be donated by St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church to the Catholic Community Foundation for the Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of San Antonio to be returned to the corpus of the St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Endowment Fund." We thank Deacon John Benage, the Vice President of Planned & Estate Gifts of the CCF, for helping establish this Endowment.

Our Stewardship Council will be further discussing this Endowment Fund and developing an information sharing ("marketing") plan for

it. Announcements will be made later regarding the results of their deliberations. This anonymous gift to the parish will be a blessing for generations to come. The donor couple are an inspiration for other parishioners to be as generous. This Endowment will assure further financial stability as our parish grows with age and grace, meeting the needs of Catholics in Boerne and the Texas Hill Country. We assure you that this Endowment is not and will not become another capital campaign. It will be advertised and made available as a means of parishioners giving donations toward it while alive or at the time of their death. Should you be interested in donating toward this Endowment Fund, please call either Fr. Norman, Deacon Brad Wakely, our Parish Operations Director, or Marilyn Belcher, our Finance Manager. Again, thanks to the donors!



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#### **Featured**

# St. Peter's **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Join our team! The following positions are available:

Hispanic Ministry Liaison Maintenance Technician

Youth Minister Coordinator

Please see job postings on our website at stpetersboerne.com/ employment-opportunities, or view all listing and apply at archsa.org/ employment.

#### **NEEDED**

Youth Programs Special Needs Volunteer

Our Youth Ministry Faith Formation programs are in need of someone with special need training to help with high school aged special needs students. If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Mary Ann Matteson at maryann@stpetersboerne.com.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE MINISTRY**

St. Peter's Blood Drive Ministry is partnering with the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center (STBTC) to help buy gifts for pediatric blood and cancer patients and the San Antonio Food Bank (100 pts = 25 meals). The program is called "DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT." We are asking donors past and present to donate points accumulated by your generous donations of the gift of life!! You can access your points by calling (210) 731-5590 and ask for Sarah Tully or Beth Lowrie. Also, you can call the Bloodline with questions at (830) 816-5661.

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Cook for the Omega Retreat Center The Cook is responsible for various aspects of meal preparation, cleanliness of the food service areas, and service for up to 85 guests at the Omega Retreat Center. Schedule for the position is as needed, based on the Retreat Center booking schedule. For more information call (830) 816-8470 or email

omegaretreatcenter@gmail.com.

#### **SCOUT NEWS**

On November 11, 12, & 13, Troop 18 (boys) and Troop 180 (girls) welcomed the Webelos from Pack 18, who joined them at their monthly campout, which was held at Schreiner Park in Kerrville. Troop 18 was 8 Webelos attending and they were helped by 13 Scouts. Troop 180 had 4 Webelos attending and they were assisted by 9 Scouts. The Scouts showed the Webelos how to set up tents, knife safety, chuck box set up, three pot dish washing method, and the flag ceremony. They also went on a short hike. They all earned the Polar Bear patch as it dropped below 32 degrees on Saturday night. All of the Webelos and Scouts had a great time. The Scouts are looking forward to all the Webelos joining the Troops early next year. Our thanks to all the Leaders that made this campout possible.

#### **SEASONS OF HOPE**

Bereavement Support Group

The Seasons of Hope Adult Bereavement Support Group offers a safe and understanding environment for those whose loved one has died. This program, rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God's consolation through scripture, prayer, reflection and sharing our faith. Each session is offered for six consecutive weeks. Group members may continue in additional sessions as needed. The program is open to anyone age 18+ who experienced the death of a loved one

Saturdays—9:30 am - 11:00 am St. Peter's Upon this Rock Campus 416 W. Highland Drive Boerne, TX 78006

**Session II—**Nov 19, Dec 3, 10, 17, 2022, Jan 7, 14, 2023

**Session III—**Feb 18, 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023

**Session IV**—Apr 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, Jun 3, 2023

Pre-register to: Jeanna Moravits (830) 816-5657

seasonsofhope@stpetersboerne.com

# POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:

# Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

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#### RESPECT FOR LIFE

Nonprofit organizations are the frontline of respect for all life. Pregnancy/family care, food banks. women's & children's shelters, homeless shelters and many more. We are blessed in Boerne with many such organizations. Through Christian hearts and philanthropy, these organizations reach out to those that are most vulnerable. With the New Year approaching, let us pray for God's grace to inspire us to fulfill spiritual works of mercy by researching, volunteering and supporting those issues which may be close to our hearts.

#### **ANNULMENTS**

If you, or any one you know, is in need of an annulment, please contact Deacon Del Eulberg or Lacey Sorrell in the Pastoral Office, to answer any questions, or to begin the process.

Deacon Del Eulberg (210) 850-5590 deacondel@stpetersboerne.com

Lacey Sorrell (830) 816-5663 lacey@stpetersboerne.com

#### **SPANISH BAPTISM CLASS**

Upcoming classes (usually the 1st Monday of the month): Jan 9, 2023, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in FLC

For more information, please call: Leobardo Lopez—(210) 844-5345 Maria Lopez—(210) 844-5347

#### NURSERY

The Nursery is open for Sunday Masses at 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. For more information or to request the nursery for your ministry, please contact:

Laura Balderrama Contreras (830) 816-5668 laura@stpetersboerne.com

#### **Faith Formation**

# FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Due to the fact that we will be changing our online parish platform, we will not offer online registration for the 2022-2023 Faith Formation year. Printed forms are available online and in the parish office.

#### HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

Mary Ann Matteson (830) 816-5662 maryann@stpetersboerne.com

#### **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

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#### **Ministries**



# **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Boerne noon AA group meets Monday through

Friday, 12:00 pm—1:00 pm at St. Peter's Upon this Rock Campus, 416 W. Highland. Please contact AA Central Service Office at (210) 821-6325 for more information.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY**

#### Support Groups

#### Family Grace

Faith-based support for family and friends of an adult(s) living with mental health issues. Let's listen, share, learn, grow, pray, & recover together.

Every Wednesday in FLC 7:00 pm—8:30 pm

Facilitators: Don & Mary O'Connor (830) 368-4112

Living Grace (new, in-person offering) Faith-based support for adult individuals living with, & often struggling silently with, a mental health condition. You do NOT have to be diagnosed. Group participants can share their struggles, hopes, successes & strategies for dealing with mental health issues. Sharing is optional and voluntary. Let's listen, share, learn, grow, pray, and recover together. You are NOT alone! Day and time of day to be determined by participants. Call/text Mary O'Connor (parishioner) H: (830) 368-4112; Text (210) 639-0919.



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#### PASTORAL COUNCIL / CONSEJO PASTORAL

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**Alberto Garcia** (210) 577-9098

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#### **Communications**

#### **Bulletin Advertising**

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#### **Bulletin Submissions**

Regular bulletin submissions are due by 8:00 am on Monday. Send to bulletin@stpetersboerne.com.

Upcoming submissions due dates, due by 8:00 am:

Wed, Dec 21 (EARLY)—for Jan 1, 2023 bulletin

Mon, Jan 2, 2023—for Jan 8 bulletin Mon, Jan 9—for Jan 15 bulletin Mon, Jan 16—for Jan 22 bulletin Mon, Jan 23—for Jan 29 bulletin

#### **Flocknote**

Flocknote is a method of communicating via email and texts, and allows participants to subscribe to threads on specific topics such as funeral notifications. Log into your account to join threads.

New parishioners will automatically be entered into Flocknote. If you do not wish to receive Flocknotes, simply unsubscribe by responding STOP. You can sign up by going to https://StPeterBoerne.flocknote.com. If you need assistance, please call the parish office.

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#### **Parish Ministry Formation**

# The Art of Forming Those Called to Ministry

Are you involved in a ministry or would like to be involved? Do you want to learn more about your Catholic Faith?

The Archdiocesan Parish Ministry Formation program provides comprehensive ongoing pastoral formation for those who currently serve or seek to be involved in ministries and services in the Church. These courses seek to ensure that parish ministers have a foundational knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Parish Ministry Formation program builds upon our previous rich program.

The program consists of one oneday seminar, titled "Called and Sent," and the following four-session classes: Sacred Scripture, Profession of Faith: Creed, Liturgy & Sacraments, and Life in Christ. The last session is a one-day seminar specific to your ministry. For more information, a comprehensive schedule of offerings, to download a blank Pastor's Authorization form and to find the registration link, go to www.ArchSA.org/Institute. You can also contact Laura Balderrama Contreras at laura@stpetersboerne.com or (830) 816-5668.

#### **Permanent Diaconate**

We need more good, faith-filled, spiritually strong, service-oriented men of St. Peter's Parish, committed to the Catholic faith and Church who may be interested in studying for and being formed for the Permanent Diaconate. It is a five year program/ process requiring a vetting process. To become a deacon candidate requires the full consent of the wife who will be required to participate in all classes and formation sessions. Also, it is advisable that any man applying should have already raised his children. If you are interested, consult with one of the deacons or Fr. Norman. If you want to recommend someone as a potential deacon, please let Fr. Norman know.

We are blessed with an extremely large parish, offering parishioners 100+ ministries in addition to services. All these wonderful ministries and resources are funded by the generous donations you make. To help you make your decision as to where to donate, please refer to the list below. When you give a donation, please designate how and where you want it to be used. Find these opportunities to donate at https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stpetersboerne.

#### **GENERAL OFFERTORY**

These donations are used for the day-to-day operation of the parish and its programs, which includes staff salaries, utilities, supplies, etc, - basically anything that is required to run the parish and office. The bulk of all donations can best be used in this general fund that keeps our very busy parish operational. You can donate to this offertory in collection baskets at Masses, in the offertory envelopes collected in the offertory baskets or in the office, or by going online and making a one-time or recurring donation.

#### **ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL**

Donations for the Annual Archbishop's Appeal go to St. Peter's obligation to the Archdiocese of San Antonio, which funds ministries at the Archdiocesan level. You may donate to this fund online by going to

www.archsa.org/ appeal —in the parish option, make sure to select St. Peter Church-Boerne (3716) to ensure it is



recorded under our parish. For additional methods of donating to this fund, please call our parish office at (830) 816-2233.

#### **CATHOLIC ENDOWMENT FUND**

A Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) where funds grow through Catholic, socially responsible investments managed by financial experts, and are reinvested for the good of the Catholic Community. Go to https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp5d2cb0ccd5da1 and under Gift Setup, make sure to check Catholic Endowment Fund and then under "Choose your fund," select St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church (Boerne) Endowment Fund (CCF074).

#### **MAINTENANCE FUND**

St. Peter's is blessed to have so many facilities to offer our many ministries, parishioners and guests. Your generous donations to the Maintenance Fund will be dedicated to building maintenance, landscaping and repairs of both campuses of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

#### **ACTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The ACTS Scholarship Fund helps those retreatants who cannot afford the full fees. This money will be held in escrow until it is needed in the 4 retreats held yearly. We want to have a corpus of \$10k to \$15k. To donate to this fund you can send in a donation and designate it as ACTS Scholarship or donate online.

#### **AMAZON**

Amazon will donate a % of your purchases to St. Peter's! Go to smile.amazon.com, designate St. Peter's as recipient and shop as you normally would. Make sure to bookmark Amazon Smile otherwise your purchases will not count toward St. Peter's!

#### OTHER

There are many other opportunities to donate to a specific fund, ministry or organization. Go to https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stpetersboerne to donate or call the parish office at (830) 816-2233 for more information.

For giving opportunities such as real estate, life insurance, corporate matching gifts, family foundations and community funds, donor advised funds, required minimum distributions from retirement accounts, qualified charitable distributions and estate planning, please call to make an appointment with St. Peter's Finance Manager, Marilyn Belcher, at (830) 816-5659.

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For more information, contact Debra Martini. For a list of upcoming Baptism class dates, visit our website.

Para más información en español, llame a (830) 816-2233. Para una lista de las próximas fechas de clases de bautismo, visite nuestro sitio web.

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Laura Balderrama-Contreras (830) 816-5668 laura@stpetersboerne.com

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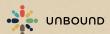
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