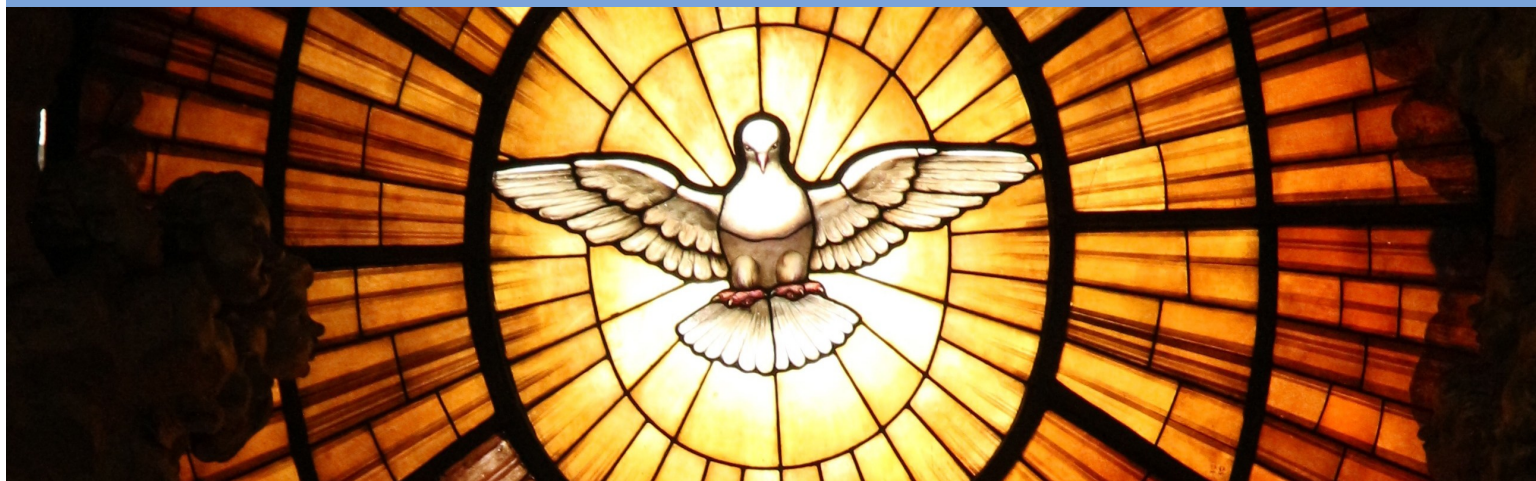




# St. Peter's Post

## St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School



October 2025

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***“By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.” – Proverbs 24:3-4***

Dear Families and Friends of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School,

Fall is a particularly “homey” time of year. There’s something about the crisp air, comforting aromas of apple- and pumpkin-based recipes, and autumnal colors that bring a sense of warmth, familiarity, and belonging. As we begin our third month of school, we both look back on the great accomplishments of the past six weeks and forward to exciting new traditions as we continue to build St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School into an intellectual and spiritual home for our students.

- At the end of August, we officially launched St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School’s **Parent Service Organization (PSO)** and hosted an open meeting outlining events and goals for the year.
- Our **Families of Faith Ministry** has launched and teams of families meet biweekly to grow in faith and fellowship.
- Our **Back-to-School Cookout** on September 19 was a huge success as our community gathered for an evening of food, fun activities, and the opportunity to grow in friendship. Many thanks to Jordan Reeh & family who coordinated and sponsored this fabulous evening!
- Students and parishioners alike have begun competing in **CYO athletics**.
- Our **Beam Signing** on September 24 marked the first time our school community gathered “inside” our future school building.

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Looking ahead, October promises many more special moments and new traditions in the life of our school:

- Each student will research and prepare to dress up as a specific saint for our **All Saints Day Celebration**.
- We will host our next family event, a **Game/Trivia Night**, on October 17 in the Cana Ballroom.
- On October 31, we will host our first annual **Field Day**, an opportunity for students to strive for excellence as they compete in a variety of athletic competitions.

As we study the lives of the saints, we are reminded that our true home is not of this world. As Jesus says, "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:2-4). May Jesus be with us always in our earthly homes, and may we one day live with Him forever in His heavenly home.



In Christ,

**Ms. Brintnall**, Principal  
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School  
[mbrintnall@stpetersboerneschool.org](mailto:mbrintnall@stpetersboerneschool.org)

## Important Upcoming Dates

- Friday, Oct 10** ..... Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, Oct 17** ..... Family Trivia Night. More information to come.
- Tuesday, Oct 28** ..... Special Mass in honor of the school celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., 9:00 am in Main Church. All are welcome to attend.
- Thursday, Oct 30** .... All Saints Day Celebration
- Friday, Oct 31** ..... All Saints Day Celebration & Athletic Field Day
- Thursday, Nov 6** ..... Curriculum Night



## PARENT INFORMATION

- **Uniform Purchases**  
Purchase in-store or online at [www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com).
- **Follow us on social media!**  
Follow **St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School** on Facebook at [facebook.com/61574173240445](https://facebook.com/61574173240445) and **stpaboerneschool** on Instagram at [instagram.com/stpaboerneschool](https://instagram.com/stpaboerneschool).
- **Parent Information Webpage**  
View our parent information webpage at [stpetersboerneschool.org/parent-information](http://stpetersboerneschool.org/parent-information) for updated information and current newsletters.
- **Art Class Wish List**  
Please go to [amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3MLP1OAA0L01Z](https://amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3MLP1OAA0L01Z), or scan the QR code, if you would like to bless our art class by donating from their list. Thank you for your generosity!





# October Family Faith Challenge: The Rosary

## Incorporate the Rosary into Family Prayer

The Rosary has been a beloved Catholic devotion for centuries. While legend tells us that the Blessed Virgin Mary gave the Rosary to St. Dominic, historical research shows that the habit of counting prayers with beads began long before his time as monks recited the 150 Psalms and used simple beads to keep track. To learn more about the history of this powerful prayer, go to [youtu.be/Clk2Gn9nvuQ](https://youtu.be/Clk2Gn9nvuQ) for an informative video from Fr. Mike Schmitz.



While the Rosary involves a repetition of specific prayers, the goal is for us to meditate more deeply upon the mysteries of Christ's life as we pray. This month's challenge is to incorporate the Rosary into your family's prayer routine. This could involve saying the Rosary on a walk around the neighborhood after dinner a few nights of the week, praying a decade on the drive

to school in the morning, or whatever else fits into your family's schedule. Bishop Robert Baron has recorded scriptural meditations with the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries, which can be viewed at [wordonfire.org/rosary](http://wordonfire.org/rosary), in case it is helpful to simply follow along. No matter how your family takes on this challenge, we would love to see photos and feature you in a future newsletter! Pictures can be sent to [bulletin@stpetersboerne.com](mailto:bulletin@stpetersboerne.com)!

## CYO Sports Program

Left: St. Peter's volleyball team won its first game. Way to go Lions!  
Right: Principal Brintnall with St. Peter's soccer team. Roar!



## September Virtue of the Month Awards: Orderliness

Congratulations to the following students who exemplified the virtue of industriousness throughout the month of September! We will honor them during our morning assembly prior to Mass on Wednesday, October 1.

Kindergarten: Hannah Lin  
1st Grade: Michael Koch  
2nd Grade: Lily Smith

3rd Grade: Andoni Gonzalez  
4th Grade: David Ramos  
5th/6th Grade: Sophia Burgos

## October Virtue of the Month: Obedience

*Obedience* means assenting to rightful authority without hesitation or resistance. Assenting means to accept something, to say yes and act on it. Rightful authority means those who have been given the job of taking care of us. Without hesitation means that we should do what they ask promptly, right away, and without arguing. Jesus himself modeled the virtue of obedience for us, for, “though he was in the form of God, [he] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men” (Phil 2:6-7).



### *Prayer for Obedience:\**

Dear Jesus, You are God, and yet You were obedient to Mary and Joseph. Help me to do all that my parents and teachers ask of me—promptly, joyfully, and completely.

### *Obedience Looks Like:\**

- Doing my chores
- Following classroom rules
- Lining up right away at the end of recess
- Following the 10 Commandments

### *Obedience Sounds Like:\**

- I did my chores.
- I followed the classroom rules.
- I lined up promptly at the end of recess.
- I attended Mass on Sunday/obeyed my parents/told the truth/etc.

\*Material that follows taken from Education in Virtue curriculum from OpenLight Media.



# St. Peter School Beam Signing





# Under Construction



## ST PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL (22157)

ST PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE: JULY 10, 2026

WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT: SEPTEMBER 19, 2025



Steel for Dining BLDG



Continue Retaining Wall



Over Head Rough-in for MEP



Continue Exterior Framing for Academic BLDG

### This Week's Activities:

- Steel for Dining BLDG
- Continue Retaining Wall
- Over Head Rough in for MEP
- Continue Exterior Framing for Academic BLDG

### Upcoming Activities:

- Continue Steel for Dining BLDG
- Continue Retaining Wall
- Continue Over Head Rough in for MEP
- Continue Exterior Framing for Academic BLDG



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 3, 2025  
6:30 pm in Main Church

### Veterans Day Celebration & Liturgical Prayer Service

Tuesday, November 11, 2025  
7:00 pm in Main Church

### Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 27 &  
Friday, November 28  
OFFICE & CAMPUS CLOSED

### Advent Mission

In English & Spanish

- Sunday, November 30, 2025
- Monday, December 1, 2025
- Tuesday, December 2, 2025  
(Reconciliation Service)

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

OFFICE & CAMPUS CLOSED

### Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG)

Friday, December 12, 2025

*Las Mañanitas & Gathering*

6:15 am in Main Church

Gathering follows in Cana

OLG Mass

6:30 pm in Main Church

OLG Dinner & Celebration

7:30 pm in Cana Ballroom

(immediately follows OLG Mass)

### Parish Las Posadas & Gathering

Monday, December 15, 2025

7:30 pm in Main Church

Gathering follows in Cana

### Advent Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, December 18, 2025

7:00 pm in Main Church

### Christmas

OFFICE & CAMPUS CLOSED

Christmas Eve (Dec 24)

Christmas (Dec 25)

Day after Christmas (Dec 26)

### New Year Day

OFFICE & CAMPUS CLOSED

Thursday, January 1, 2026

## Parish News



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### — Precious Gift Ministry Candlelight Service —

**October 23, 2025, 6:30 pm**  
in St. Peter's Main Church

All families who have experienced miscarriage, still birth or infant loss are invited to this beautiful service to remember our little ones. For more information on this ministry, visit [stpetersboerne.com/precious-gift](http://stpetersboerne.com/precious-gift).

#### — Mass of Remembrance —

**November 3, 2025, 6:30 pm**  
in St. Peter's Main Church

Join us as we remember those family members and friends who have passed away in the last year.

#### — Veterans Day Celebration & Liturgical Prayer Service —

**November 11, 2025, 7:00 pm**  
in St. Peter's Main Church

All are invited to be an active participant in prayer, song and praise in gratitude for all military personnel and their families. Uniform of the day is invited, but not required.

#### — Children's Mass —

**3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00 am Mass**

We need readers, ushers and choir members. For more information, or if your child would like to participate, please contact:

Laura Balderrama-Contreras at [laura@stpetersboerne.com](mailto:laura@stpetersboerne.com)  
Angela Spino at [goodshepherd@stpetersboerne.com](mailto:goodshepherd@stpetersboerne.com)



## Poem of the Month

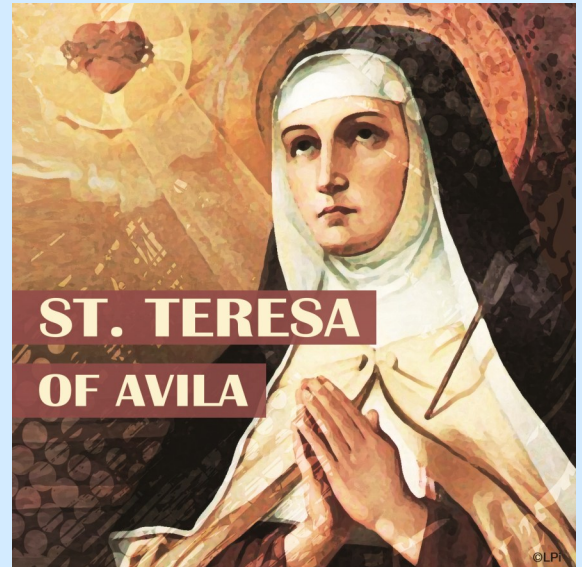
On October 7, 1571, the Holy League (a collation of Catholic political powers along the Mediterranean) defeated the Ottoman Empire in the naval Battle of Lepanto. Having ordered the Christian faithful to fast and pray the Rosary prior to battle, Pope Pius V attributed the victory to Mary's intercession and instituted the feast of Our Lady on October 7 in gratitude for the victory. October has been the month of the Rosary ever since.

In 1911, the British writer and philosopher G.K. Chesterton created a literary depiction of this battle in his poem, "Lepanto", the first stanza of which we are including below. The full poem can be read at The Poetry Foundation website at [poetryfoundation.org/poems/47917/lepanto](https://poetryfoundation.org/poems/47917/lepanto).

### Lepanto

by G.K. Chesterton

White founts falling in the courts of the sun,  
And the Soldan of Byzantium is smiling as they run;  
There is laughter like the fountains in that face of  
all men feared,  
It stirs the forest darkness, the darkness of his  
beard,  
It curls the blood-red crescent, the crescent of his  
lips,  
For the inmost sea of all the earth is shaken with  
his ships.  
They have dared the white republics up the capes  
of Italy,  
They have dashed the Adriatic round the Lion of  
the Sea,  
And the Pope has cast his arms abroad for agony  
and loss,  
And called the kings of Christendom for swords  
about the Cross,  
The cold queen of England is looking in the glass;  
The shadow of the Valois is yawning at the Mass;  
From evening isles fantastical rings faint the  
Spanish gun,  
And the Lord upon the Golden Horn is laughing in  
the sun.



St. Teresa of Ávila | Feast Day October 15

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.






The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.

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## LEGEND

	School Event Day
	No School
	Early Dismissal
	Inclement Weather Make-Up
	Teacher Work Day

### Regular Day:

PK-K 7:40 am-3:00 pm

1st-6th 7:40 am-3:15 pm

### Early Dismissal Day:

PK-K 7:40 am-11:45 am

1st-6th 7:40 am-12:00 pm noon

### August 2025

- New School Orientation & Meet the Teacher Night—Aug 7, 6:00-7:30 pm
- First Day of School—Aug 13
- The Assumption of Mary (HDO)—Aug 15

### September 2025

- Family Cookout—Sep 19

### October 2025

- Parent/Teacher Conferences—Oct 10
- Trivia Night—Oct 17
- Special Mass w/Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S.—Oct 28
- All Saints Day Celebration & Athletic Field Day—Oct 31

### November 2025

- Curriculum Night—Nov 6

### December 2025

- Family Movie Night—Dec 5, 5:00 pm
- Solemnity of Immaculate Conception (HDO)—Dec 8
- Christmas Concert—Dec 9, 7:00 pm
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Celebration—Dec 12
- Family Christmas Caroling—Dec 14, 6:00 pm

### January 2026

- Catholic Schools Week—Jan 25-31

### February 2026

- Grandparent's Day—Feb 6
- School Gala—Feb 13, Time TBD

### March 2026

- Prospective Parent Curriculum Night—Mar 25, Time TBD

### April 2026

- Heroic Games School Fundraiser—Apr 25

### May 2026

- The Ascension (HDO)—May 14
- Spring Concert—May 14, 7:00-8:00 pm
- End-of-Year Assembly—TBD
- Last Day of School—May 29

# St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School 2025-2026 Academic School Calendar

JULY 2025						
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28 - Teacher Retreat 29-31 - Teacher Planning Day						

AUGUST 2025						
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1-12 - Teacher Planning Days 13 - First Day of School						

SEPTEMBER 2025						
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1 - Labor Day 19 - Family Cookout						

OCTOBER 2025						
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10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 13 - Columbus Day 17 - Trivia Night 28 - Special Mass 31 - All Saints Athletic Day						

NOVEMBER 2025						
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24-28 - Thanksgiving Break						

DECEMBER 2025						
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22-26 - Christmas Holiday						

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1-2 - New Years Holiday 19 - Martin Luther King Jr., Day						

FEBRUARY 2026						
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16 - President's Day (Inclement Weather Make-Up Day)						

MARCH 2026						
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9-13 - Spring Break						

APRIL 2026						
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3 - Good Friday 4 - Easter Sunday 6 - Easter Monday (Inclement Weather Make-Up Day)						

MAY 2026						
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25 - Memorial Day 29 - Last Day of School						

JUNE 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa

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