



St. Peter's Post

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School



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"Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the peoples his deeds! Sing praise to him, play music; proclaim all his wondrous deeds! Glory in his holy name; let hearts that seek the LORD rejoice!"

– Psalm 105:1-3

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

Happy New Year! As 2025 came to a close, I could not help but look back on what an incredible journey the Lord has led us through this past year. In January 2025, we were still very much in the planning process. Construction on our new building had hardly begun. We had no teachers and were just about to open enrollment. What a different picture from our school today! Our founding faculty came on board in July. On August 13, we celebrated our first day of school, and we currently have 111 students from over 80 families cheerfully walking through our doors each morning. From our Back to School Cookout to Family Game Night to All Saints Day, Field Day, our Christmas concert, and multiple student performances, traditions are being formed through the dedication of our teachers, parents, and volunteers. We've received our accreditation from the TCCB ED and reached our capital campaign goal thanks to the great generosity of so many in our community. And all this has been accomplished in only half of a school year – what an incredible gift!

As we begin the new year, we have both upcoming events to celebrate our school and are promoting efforts to grow our community for the 2026-2027 school year.

- Catholic Schools Week will take place from January 25–January 31. Our students will wear their uniforms to Mass the weekend of January 24–25

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to kick off the week, and a variety of events and traditions will follow in the school days to come.

- Classical Education Night is an evening for all interested in learning more about what Catholic classical education is all about. Parents, parishioners, friends, and anyone excited about this project is welcome to this FREE event featuring our fabulous keynote speaker, Professor James Greenaway (St. Mary's University). See the flyer in this newsletter for more information and to RSVP.
- Our application for the 2026-2027 school year is live. Please share with others who may be interested in joining us! [CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)
- We are excited to share that we will be participating in the Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) program this coming year! See attached flyer and the TEFA website for more details on this state funding program for families. We are also excited to launch our New Family Referral Program in which currently enrolled families can earn \$1,000 in tuition credit for referring a new family who enrolls (see details in pages to follow).

Again, thank you for a fantastic first half of the school year, and cheers to all the great things 2026 will bring!



Joyfully in Christ,
Ms. Brintnall, Principal
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School
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Tuition Rates & New Family Referral Program

In December, our School Board voted to increase tuition by 4%. This tuition increase will help cover substantially increased operating expenses in our new building. We are also looking to substantially grow enrollment and are launching a New Family Referral Program where currently enrolled families can earn a \$1,000 tuition credit for each new family they refer who enrolls and attends St. Peter's in the coming school year. See below for details on tuition rates and the New Family Referral Program.



PARENT INFORMATION

- **Uniform Purchases**
Purchase in-store or online at www.flynnohara.com.
- **Follow us on social media!**
Follow **St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School** on Facebook at facebook.com/61574173240445 and **stpaboerneschool** on Instagram at instagram.com/stpaboerneschool.
- **Parent Information Webpage**
View our parent information webpage at stpetersboerneschool.org/parent-information for updated information and current newsletters.
- **Scouts BSA Programs**
Did you know there are several Scouts troops that meet on St. Peter's campuses? If you are interested in joining a Scouts program, please contact Regis Mackrell at rmackrell@gmail.com.



Interested in the new
Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) program?
Find out more at Classical Education Night

CLASSICAL EDUCATION NIGHT



Monday, January 26, 2026

6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm)

St. Peter's Cana Ballroom
202 W. Kronkosky St., Boerne, TX 78006

*We are excited to announce our 2nd annual Classical Education Night
here at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School!*

- What exactly is a classical, liberal arts education and what does it offer young people in today's world?
- Why is it fitting for a Catholic school to embrace this approach?

Come hear from keynote speaker Professor James Greenaway on the beauty and importance of Catholic liberal arts education in the 21st century. Professor Greenaway is a teacher, author, and philosopher who currently holds the San José-Lonergan Chair in Catholic Philosophy at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.
Light refreshments will be served.



Scan QR code
to register





TEFA

TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS (TEFA) CUENTAS DE LIBERTAD EDUCATIVA DE TEXAS (TEFA)

Dear Families,

We are thrilled to announce that St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School is approved to accept tuition funds through the Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) program for the 2026-2027 school year. TEFA is a program established by Senate Bill 2 in 2025 to provide funds to families choosing private education for their children (\$10,474 per student for families awarded funding). Funds will be awarded via lottery according to designated tiers established by the program based on factors such as family income level. For more information, visit the Texas Education Freedom Account website by scanning the QR code or [CLICKING HERE](#).



The application window for TEFA will open on February 4 and close on March 17. All current and prospective St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School families are encouraged to apply!

Want to learn more about how your family can benefit from TEFA?

- Attend **Classical Education Night** on **Monday, January 26 @ 6:30 pm in the Cana Ballroom** – we are adding a session specifically on TEFA after the already-scheduled programming. **RSVP at the QR code to the right!** (or [CLICK HERE!](#))
- Spring Curriculum Night has been moved from Wednesday, March 25 to **Wednesday, March 4**. While this event will prioritize highlighting our students' learning in the classroom, information about TEFA will be incorporated.



This is truly an exciting opportunity for our school community, and we look forward to the ways this program will bless our families next year and into the future!

Questions?

Call (830) 816-5670 or email mbrintnall@stpetersboerneschool.org.

January Virtue of the Month: Courtesy*

Also known as: Politeness

Definition of Courtesy: Treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness.

Prayer for Courtesy:

Dear Jesus, please help me act with courtesy toward every person I encounter today. In all the little acts of holding doors, being polite, and offering help, help me to love them and to love You in them. Amen.

Courtesy Looks Like:

- Thinking about others and their needs, rather than just focusing on my own
- Letting others go first in a game or speak first in class
- Making eye contact and paying attention to what others say
- Holding the door for another
- Picking up a dropped item for someone

- Cleaning up after myself

- Practicing good manners

Courtesy Sounds Like:

- You can go ahead of me.
- You can ask your question first.
- Silence
- Let me hold the door for you.
- Let me get this for you.

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

Advent Service Projects

The 3rd Grade designed care packages for the homeless and then formed an assembly line to put together 50 packages in 25 minutes! Well done everyone! Not pictured: Kindergarten made snowmen sun catchers for residents of a local nursing home community. These decorations will brighten their day and let them know someone is thinking about them! 2nd Grade raised money through their "Chores for Charity" project. Thanks to their hard work, they will be giving our St. Vincent de Paul Society \$321.90 to further their efforts to help those in need.



January Family Faith Challenge: Pray the Weekly Gospel Each Evening

This month's challenge is to read and pray with the weekly gospel reading before going to church on Sunday! You might decide to read the gospel Saturday morning at breakfast. Perhaps there are a few particular nights when the family will be together and can read and discuss in the living room. Or, maybe you try to read it before dinner or bedtime each night of the week!

The gospels for the coming month are:

Sunday	Date	Gospel Reading
The Baptism of the Lord	Sunday, January 11	Matthew 3:13-17
2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday, January 18	John 1:29-34
3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday, January 25	Matthew 4:12-23
The Presentation of the Lord	Sunday, February 1	Luke 2:22-40

If you read the gospel once during the week prior to Mass, that's fantastic! If you try to read it multiple evenings, consider the following prompts for conversation:

- After the first read-through, ask, "What happened? What else did you notice?" See how many details the children can remember and if they can narrate the passage including those details.
- The second day you're reading the gospel, ask again for a summary. Then ask why. Why did John Baptize Jesus? Why did Peter and Andrew leave their nets behind? What did these actions mean?
- On the third day, ask children to pay attention to what word or phrase stands out to them, what part of the passage they feel the Lord is highlighting. Ask them what word or phrase jumps out and how it connects to their life. Feel free to share what jumped out at you!

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!

December Virtue of the Month Awards: Respect



Congratulations to the following students who exemplified the virtue of respect throughout the month of December! They were honored during our morning assembly prior to Mass on Wednesday, January 14.

Kindergarten: Liam Smith
1st Grade: Clark Dunn
2nd Grade: Sofia Ramos

3rd Grade: Emma Suinaga
4th Grade: Bridger Durden
5th/6th Grade: Anna de Hoyos

Important Upcoming Events & Announcements



Friday, Jan 16 Early Release

Monday, Jan 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)

Jan 25 – 31, 2026..... Catholic Schools Week

Monday, Jan 26 Classical Education Night. RSVP and more information at <https://forms.gle/tbGQahiVG3ktehW89>.

Friday, Feb 6 Grandparent's Day (Early Release)

Friday, Feb 13 Mardi Gras Gala at 6:00 pm (See Flyer)

Monday, Feb 16 No School (unless inclement weather make-up needed)

Monday, Feb 23 Parent Service Organization Open Meeting at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Feb 24 Parent Service Organization Open Meeting at 9:00 am

Wednesday, Feb 18 School Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

Parent Service Organization: The next open Parent Service Organization meeting will be Monday, February 23 at 7:00 pm or February 24 at 9:00 am in Rm. 151/153. Come learn about what the PSO has accomplished so far this year and how you can become a part of the exciting new traditions being planned for Spring 2026!

School Board: With the permission of Archbishop Gustavo, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School is piloting a new school governance model in the Archdiocese of San Antonio called a Board of Shared Responsibility. On November 19, the board convened for its first official meeting together. From this point forward, meetings will take place approximately monthly through May, with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00pm in Rm. 151/153. Our School Board members are as follows:

Ex Officio Members: Fr. Norman A. Ermis, Pastor; Melanie Brintnall, Principal; Lysa Termeer, PSO President

Voting Members: Thomas Mengler, President; Thomas Price, Vice President; Clarence Kahlig, Secretary; Mark Batis; Dusty Clayton; Mynette Drawe; Bob Elizondo; Deacon Del Eulberg; David Hoyer; Gloria Palomo; Julie Seguin; Melissa Siller



New Family Referral Program

Help us grow our school community!

You, our current families, are our best recruiters, as many inquiring families initially hear about St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School from our current families. As we begin our application and enrollment processes for the 2026-2027 school year, we want to reward you for promoting our school among your family and friends. How does it work? Refer a family to St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School. If they enroll, receive a **\$1,000 tuition credit** as our way of saying thank you for helping us spread the word about the success, excellence, and traditions of SPTA!

Program Details:

- The tuition credit will be applied to the referring family's FACTS Tuition Account in January 2027 after the newly enrolled family has completed the first half of the year and is continuing enrollment in January.
- Current families may refer multiple families and receive \$1,000 tuition credit per family who enrolls.
- The tuition credit is \$1,000 *per family* regardless of the number of students enrolled by that family.
- The referring family must have a student enrolled at SPTA at time of payment (January 2027) to be eligible to receive the tuition credit through FACTS.
- Referred families must be new to the school (children cannot have been enrolled at SPTA previously).

Process:

- The new family must include referring family's name on the FACTS enrollment form.
- The referring family will be notified of the new family's enrollment and eligibility for referral tuition credit once the new family has been accepted and completed the enrollment process.

Thank you for being a part of St. Peter the Apostle School!



St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School Investment and Affordability 2026-2027

BASE TUITION

At St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School, students receive a Catholic classical education rooted in the liberal arts tradition and anchored in our Catholic faith.

Every tuition dollar supports not only high-quality instruction but also a vibrant community centered on faith, virtue, and service.

Our students have the privilege of attending Mass and faith formation programs including sacramental preparation.

BASE TUITION

\$10,900



REQUIRED FEES

COMMITMENT FEE

This fee covers costs incurred immediately upon enrollment and is required to reserve your student's spot for the upcoming year.

**\$380 new/
\$280
returning**

ADDITIONAL FEES

Fees associated with field trips and other incidentals are not included and may be assessed periodically.

PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS

Payment plans are estimated off of base tuition and do not reflect sibling rates or additional charges.

12 MONTH

\$908
per month

11 MONTH

\$990
per month

10 MONTH

\$1,090
per month

12-month tuition plans begin in June 2026, 11-month in July, and 10-month in August. Textbooks and curriculum materials are included in the price of tuition. School supplies, after-school care, extracurricular activities, and uniforms are *not* included.

SIBLING RATES

Year Tuition (PK3-7th)		12 Monthly Installments	11 Monthly Installments	10 Monthly Installments
1st Child	\$10,900	\$908	\$990	\$1,090
2nd Child	\$10,600	\$883	\$964	\$1,060
3rd Child	\$10,300	\$858	\$936	\$1,030
4th Child	\$10,000	\$833	\$909	\$1,000
5th Child	Free	\$0	\$0	\$0

APPLY NOW! [CLICK HERE](#)



TUITION ASSISTANCE

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School recognizes that finances play a significant role in your decision to enroll your child in a Catholic school. The Jim & Lea Perlitz Scholarship Fund at SPTA and the Archdiocesan Hope for the Future program exist to provide need-based financial aid to offset the cost of tuition. Families may [CLICK HERE](#) to apply via FACTS for consideration in both tuition assistance programs. The priority deadline for St. Peter's Jim & Lea Perlitz Scholarship Fund is Friday, March 6.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Scan QR code for upcoming events & announcements



Lumen Gentium Award Doug & Barbara Vogt

Congratulations to Doug & Barbara Vogt, this year's nominees for the Archdiocese of San Antonio's Lumen Gentium Award.

The Vogts have lived their faith by serving in many ministerial capacities over the years.

Barbara has served as a member and former regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and volunteers with Angel Gift Baskets providing Christmas gifts to nursing facilities, Communion to the Homebound, Eucharistic Ministers, Bible Studies, and more.

Doug assists with many of Barbara's ministry activities and faithfully serves as an usher at Mass.

Their contributions to this faith community are sincere and tireless. They are genuinely deserving of this recognition given by the Archbishop.

Doug & Barbara will be honored on behalf of our parish with representatives of all other parishes and missions of the Archdiocese at St. Mark's Parish in San Antonio on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 5:45 pm.

Parish News



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UPCOMING EVENTS

— Lenten Pancake Meal —

February 15, 2026,

Join us in the Cana Ballroom for a Lenten Pancake Meal after each Mass on Sunday. Everyone is welcome. No RSVP required. Scan the QR code for more information.



— Blessing of the Baby Jesus —

February 1, 2026, 1:00 pm Mass

Bring your baby Jesus to the 1:00 pm Spanish Mass to be blessed.

— Knights of Columbus Scholarships —

February 1, 2026

The information for high school scholarships applications will be posted February 1. Please continue to monitor the website and social media for updates.

— President's Day —

February 16, 2026

This year, the parish office will be closed on President's Day.

— 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
Angela Spino at goodshepherd@stpetersboerne.com

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Poem of the Month

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

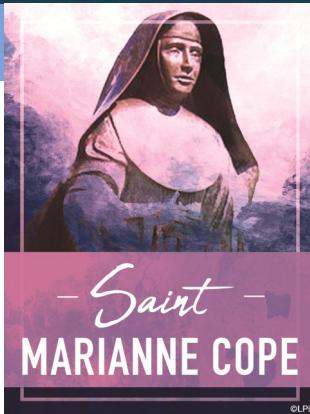
by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think
I know.

His house is in the village
though;
He will not see me stopping
here
To watch his woods fill up with
snow.

My little horse must think it
queer
To stop without a farmhouse
near
Between the woods and frozen
lake
The darkest evening of the
year.

He gives his harness bells a
shake
To ask if there is some
mistake.
The only other sound's the
sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.
The woods are lovely, dark and
deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.



St. Marianne Cope

December 23. Barbara Koop, later Mother Marianne Cope, was born in Germany on January 23, 1838, and immigrated with her parents to New York when she was 2 years old. In August of 1862 she went to the sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York and took her vows the next year. Her early religious life saw her working as a teacher

and administrator for local Catholic schools until she was called upon by the bishop to use her administrative skills as superior of St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York. She devoted herself to the care of the sick and infirm and the hospital flourished under her leadership. As the Provincial Mother of her order in Syracuse, Cope, along with six other sisters, she answered a call made by the Hawaiian government to run the Kaka'ako Branch Hospital on Oahu that served as a receiving station for people suspected of having leprosy.

Of the more than 50 religious communities in the United States and Canada who were asked by the government to help the suffering communities and hospitals for those with leprosy (Hansen's disease) in Hawaii, Mother Marianne and her sisters were the only ones to answer the call. They immediately got to work transforming the hospital environment for those with leprosy and their families. Of this mission, she said –

"I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones, whose privilege it will be to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders.... I am not afraid of any disease, hence, it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned 'lepers'."

In 1888, Mother Marianne and two sisters took on an even more challenging assignment and went to the Hawaiian island of Moloka'i, a leper colony, to open a new home devoted to the protection of girls and women with leprosy as well as to take charge of the home that her friend, Saint Damien de Veuster, had established for men and boys. She helped improve life on the island by introducing pride, cleanliness, and a little fun to the colony. She often provided bright scarves and dresses for the women she served and cheerfully carried out her mission until she died on August 9, 1918. While in service, she was awarded the Royal Order of Kapiolani by the Hawaiian government for her selfless love and care of those in need and never contracted leprosy. She was canonized in 2012.

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MARDI GRAS GALA

2ND ANNUAL

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026
CANA BALLROOM ~ 6:00 PM

A Jazzy Evening of
Food, Music, Auctions, and Community
Supporting Catholic Education



All proceeds from the Gala will benefit
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School,
directly impacting the lives of our students and
ensuring a brighter future for our school.

School Parking

Please remember to only park in designated areas. For those who walk their students in, please only park in the area designated "WALK IN PARKING." This is to ensure the safety of all and to reserve a parking area for the parish staff. Thank you!

