



The first step of raising our families in the faith is simply living out the liturgical year of the church! In addition to our Sunday mass obligation (see the last page for tips!), use this calendar to connect and grow in faith and community as families of Saint Peter's Parish. Contact Stephanie Smedile (stephanie.smedile@gmail.com) or Laura Hudson (Gengler.Hudson@gmail.com) with questions or ideas! Contact Andrew DiPaola (dipaolaa@gmail.com) for CYO.

O R D I N A R Y	Sat-Sun August 22-23	All Masses: Back-to-School Blessing 9am and 11am Masses: Bring your 5 in a row bingo card to coffee and donuts for a surprise for the kids.
	August	Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Cross Country Registration
	September TBD	CYO Kick-Off Mass - Athletes needed for readers/gift bearing/ushering.
	Sat September 26	Family Fun & Formation Night! After 5pm Mass, BYOBeverage and dinner in the hall, Parents will split off for a talk on marriage and family life while kids do an activity with virtue-trained adults (older kids in need of service hours welcome too!). - Parent Topic: Communication - Kids Activity: Charades & Drawing
	Sat October 3	9:30 am Blessing of the Animals - Bring your furry or scaly family members for a special blessing on the eve of the feast of Saint Francis
	Sat October 24	CYO Cross Country Spaghetti Dinner
	Sat October 17	Oktoberfest in the hall after 5pm mass
	Sun November 1	Holy Day of Obligation: Solemnity of All Saints (Falls within normal Sunday Mass obligation)
	October	Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Basketball Registration (3rd grade and up)
	Sat November 21	Family Fun & Formation Night! After 5pm Mass, BYOBeverage and dinner in the hall, Parents will split off for a talk on marriage and family life while kids do an activity with virtue-trained adults (older kids in need of service hours welcome too!). - Parent Topic: Parenting Tweens, Teens, and Young Adults - Kids Activity: Prepare for Advent
A D V E N T	Sun November 29	First Sunday of Advent and 1 - 4pm Advent Wreath Making Workshop in the hall
	Tues December 8	Holy Day of Obligation: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patronal Feastday of the United States of America - Masses at 7:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:30 pm
	Sun December 13	Extra Confessions after all Masses

C H R I S T M A S	Sun December 20	12pm - 2pm Children's Christmas Pageant in the Hall 2pm - 4pm Cocoa & Cookies Open House at the Rectory (<i>especially for families</i>) 6pm - 8pm Christmas Open House at the Rectory (<i>adults only</i>)
	Thurs December 24	Christmas Eve Masses (Fulfills Christmas Holy Day of Obligation) 4pm especially for Children and Families 7:00 pm Vigil of Christmas 11:00 pm Mass During the Night (prelude of carols at 10:30 pm)
	Fri December 25	Holy Day of Obligation: The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ 10:00am Christmas Day Mass
	Sun December 27	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Do something special to reconnect with your family!
	Fri January 1	Holy Day of Obligation: The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - see website for mass times and visit the Mary garden next to the rectory to say a special prayer.
	Sun January 3	The Epiphany of the Lord - Pick up a Home Blessing Kit at Mass!
	Sun January 10	The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Share some memories about your own children's baptisms.
O R D I N A R Y	Thurs-Fri January 21-22	March for Life Hospitality in the Hall Contact marchforlife@saintpetersdc.org to volunteer
	Sat January 23	9am - 11:30am First Reconciliation (<i>for children preparing for First Holy Communion only</i>) Family Fun & Formation Night! After 5pm Mass, BYOBeverage and dinner in the hall, Parents will split off for a talk on marriage and family life while kids do an activity with virtue-trained adults (older kids in need of service hours welcome too!). - Parent Topic: How to talk about bodies - Kids Activity: TBD
	Thurs-Fri February 4 - 5	Confirmation Retreat (<i>for children preparing for Confirmation only</i>)
	Sat February 6	Saint Peter School Charity Auction - contact school for details, all are welcome!
L E N T	Weds February 10	Ash Wednesday: Making Lent Meaningful for Kids - Get ideas/share ideas!
	Sat February 13	6-9pm World Marriage Day Celebration (<i>adults only</i>)
	Fri February 19	5-9pm Boy Scouts Fish Fry - All are welcome!
	Sun February 28	2pm Confirmation Mass and Reception
	March	CYO Track and Field Registration

	Sat March 13	Saint Patrick's Celebration in the hall after 5pm mass	
	Fri March 19	Concerned Fathers (St. Peter School) Fish Fry - All are welcome!	
	Sun March 21	Palm Sunday	
Thurs - Sun March 25 - 28		<u>The Sacred Paschal Triduum</u> These three days are so important they are their own liturgical season! See website for mass and activity times closer to date.	Holy Thursday: Kids Washing of the Feet or Mass of the Lord's Supper Good Friday: Self-led Stations of the Cross or Passion of the Lord Easter Vigil Mass Easter Sunday Mass (Falls within normal Sunday Mass obligation)
E A S T E R	Sat April 3	Family Fun & Formation Night! After 5pm Mass, BYOBeverage and dinner in the hall, Parents will split off for a talk on marriage and family life while kids do an activity with virtue-trained adults (older kids in need of service hours welcome too!). - Parent Topic: How to Talk about Finances - Kids Activity: TBD	
	Sun April 18	1pm St. Peter School First Communion	
	Sun April 25	1pm St. Peter Sunday School First Communion	
	Sun May 9	Holy Day of Obligation: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Falls within normal Sunday Mass obligation)	
	Sun May 16	Pentecost Sunday - Wear something red to mass to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit or grill a meal!	
O R D I N A R Y	May TBD	CYO End of Year Mass & Celebration	
	June	Saint Peter's Parish Picnic - watch the website for details or contact rectory@saintpetersdc.org to help organize	
	July	Get your summer bingo card!	
	Sun August 15	Holy Day of Obligation: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Falls within normal Sunday Mass obligation)	



Welcome! We love the sound of kids in our church.

Here are some ideas to keep them engaged:

- **Relax:** It's OK for kids to be kids.
- **Sit Close:** Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see.
- **Explain:** Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.
- **Participate:** Kids learn by mimicking what you do. So sing, pray, respond, etc.-kids will follow your lead.
- **Wander:** It's OK to move around in the back of the church or downstairs. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids wander.
- **Need to Leave?:** No problem, but please come back! Sometimes kids just need a break.
- **Ask:** Questions or need help? Just ask our ushers.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

