



# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Monthly Newsletter*



## In This Issue:

- 2** Reach One More  
*Learn How to Make Disciples*
- 3** A Letter from  
Our Pastor
- 4** Save the Date for Our  
Fourth Annual Trivia  
Night on Jan. 31  
*A Night of Fun in  
Support of the Happy  
Hour Ministry*
- 6** Celebrating Catholic  
Schools Week 2025  
*Growth in Faith,  
Family, and Education*
- 7** Highlights of Our 2024  
Discipleship Renewal  
*Abide in Christ*

**JANUARY 2025**



# St. Peter Catholic Church



## LEARN HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES



God invites every one of us to join him in his great mission to reach one more - - one more coworker, neighbor, family member, and friend. We know



it's not always an easy discussion to have. That's where Reach One More can help. We will spend six nights showing you how to make sharing your faith a natural part of your life as a disciple.



## Register



Every  
Wednesday from  
6:30-8:00PM,  
starting January 15.

## Questions



Blake Vajgrt  
402-641-3872



St. Paul Outside  
the Walls



Blake-Vajgrt@cdolinc.net

*A Letter from Our Pastor*

## A NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is a new year, and it is my prayer for all of you – and for me, as well – that we can take new steps on our faith journeys and seek new ways to live out discipleship.

Pope Francis once commented on his perspective of our modern approach to life. He said, “Certainly, possessions, money, and power can give a momentary thrill, the illusion of being happy, but they end up possessing us and making us always want more, never satisfied. I have learned that the most important thing is to put on Christ in your life, place your trust in Him, and you will never be disappointed.”

The pope has been called “the world’s parish priest.” As we pray for one another in this New Year, may we all ask the Lord to help us appreciate Pope Francis’ approach to life, his simple way of seeing things, and his very basic way of appreciating things. I would hope that we see this year as a time for opportunity, a time to deepen our relationship to Christ, and for that matter to one another.

If we wish to change our lives and the lives of others, there are two easy ways to do it. We are blessed with many opportunities in this parish to pray, but as much as we need to take advantage of those, we also need to develop a strong personal prayer life. Recall the young



Samuel, who was not quite sure what to do with his life, or what direction to go. When he finally settled on that one important prayer, “Speak, Lord, for I am listening,” Samuel gave us the hint as to what we need to do. Prayer is a two-way street, and part of that is taking the time to listen to God.

The second important way is to exude joy. Christ certainly called us to do that. Pope Francis has had much to say about joy, as well. The Holy Father says, “Joy cannot be held at heel; it must be let go. Joy is a pilgrim virtue. It is a gift that walks – walks on the path of life, that walks with Jesus... proclaiming joy, lengthens and widens that path.” We must seek that joy and then we need to share it. That is truly our call. Joy translates quite easily into “love your neighbor.”

Yes, there may be challenges ahead in 2025, but we must focus on the opportunities, and then exert the effort to benefit from those opportunities. Happy New Year!

In His Mercy,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Eric Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Eric Clark,  
Pastor



# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## SAVE THE DATE..... FOR OUR F A NIGHT OF

Who doesn't love a night of trivia? It is even better when you can enjoy it with your parish community, and there will be a chance to do just that at our fourth annual Trivia Night on Jan. 31. Ask anyone who has attended in the past – they'll tell you that you won't want to miss it! The categories can vary greatly, so be sure to come with your geography hat, tasting hat, music hat, and many more.

Zachary and Laura Kane work with a committed

group of volunteers to pull off this event that has grown in attendance each year.

"It's not super competitive, but we have fun with it," Zachary says. "The main goal is to have fun and build community."

The adults-only event includes a social hour at 6:30 p.m. with trivia beginning at 7 p.m. Teams dress in a theme, and the best-themed team wins a prize. Past team themes have included coffee baristas,



## FOURTH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT ON JAN. 31 FUN IN SUPPORT OF THE HAPPY HOUR MINISTRY

Where's Waldo, lumberjacks, and Husker fans, to name just a few.

The trivia is general themes with an interactive piece, like food tasting and music.

"I'd say this is one of the biggest non-sacramental events that happens at the parish for the year," Zachary says.

The Trivia Night is an offering of the Happy Hour Ministry, with the event benefiting the ministry. Zachary and Laura work hard on the questions, beginning the testing with non-attendees months before the event. They also mix in some engagement questions throughout the night, like finding out who drove the furthest or who has the most grandchildren.

"We make the whole night fun and engaging," Zachary says. "It's also a way to get to know others in the parish community."

Zachary is appreciative for the committed volunteers who help make this event happen. Each year, this event has attracted people of various ages, which is another reason it is so fun.

"We get a mix of people, from 21 to 75 years old, which is another reason this is so fun," Zachary says. "The attendance numbers each year speak for themselves. It's a unique opportunity to come together."

We aren't meant to just attend Mass for our weekly obligation and then leave — we are made for community with one another. The Trivia Night is one way to foster that community.

"This is an opportunity, after the holidays, in the winter, to be together with your parish family," Zachary says. "It is a night away that is pure delight and joy with healthy competition."

*"This is an opportunity, after the holidays, in the winter, to be together with your parish family. It is a night away that is pure delight and joy with healthy competition."*

*— Zachary Kane*



*Be sure to watch the parish bulletin for more information on this year's Trivia Night.*



## CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025 GROWTH IN FAITH, FAMILY, AND EDUCATION

Each year, St. Peter Catholic School celebrates Catholic Schools Week (CSW). This week-long celebration runs from the last Sunday in January through the following Saturday. It is an opportunity for the school to emphasize and highlight the valuable contributions of a Catholic education. It also recognizes the dedication of the teachers, staff, and parents who provide support to fostering academic excellence and faith development.

Principal Curt Feilmeier has enjoyed CSW over the years and finds deep significance each and every year.

“Catholic Schools Week provides an opportunity to reflect on the many blessings we have to offer the ministry of Catholic education in our parish,” Mr. Feilmeier says. “It also serves as a time to reach out to the larger community to share the mission of Catholic education and to invite them to attend our school, become involved in our parish, and to further their relationship with God.”

The week includes an 8:15 a.m. daily Mass and each day follows a theme celebrating various aspects of Catholic education. Some of the themes include celebrating the parish, sacraments, students, teachers, and school spirit. Some other events scheduled throughout the week include an open house, a Boy Scouts breakfast, bowling at Sun Valley Lanes, an elementary carnival, Grandparents and Parents Day, and a trivia night.

“All parish members are invited to join the celebration and by praying for our students as they continue to identify, develop and share their God-given talents and gifts,” Mr. Feilmeier says. “They can volunteer on any of the many activities during the week or ongoing activities that remain during the school year. Families that are interested in Catholic education are also encouraged to reach out to the school to learn more about the educational opportunities at St. Peter Catholic School, especially in the areas of faith, academics, and activities.

“During the entire month of January and February, including Catholic Schools Week, families can reach out to the school for personal or family tours and/or have their child(ren) conduct a ‘shadow day’ to see firsthand the great programs we have for the children entrusted to our care,” he adds.

The theme for this year’s Catholic Schools is “United in Faith and Community.” The National Catholic Education Association continues to host this tradition in helping schools to observe this week with Masses, assemblies, events, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Joining in the celebration builds an awareness of what makes Catholic schools stand out in an exceptional manner.



*Those interested in volunteering or meeting with Principal Curt Feilmeier may contact the school office at 402-421-6299 or [office@stpeterslincoln.com](mailto:office@stpeterslincoln.com)*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR 2024 DISCIPLESHIP RENEWAL

# *Abide in Christ*

This past August, our St. Peter parish leadership conducted the 2024 Discipleship Renewal. The Discipleship Renewal gave our parish community the opportunity to discern how we are using our gifts of time, talent, and treasure in service to the parish and in return to God.

This month, we are happy to share with you some of the highlights of the 2024 Discipleship Renewal.

✠ There were 608 commitment cards received from 62 percent of active households.

✠ There were 6,452 prayer commitments from 97 percent of participating households.

✠ There were 1,986 ministry commitments from 80 percent of participating households. Of these, 417 were new ministry commitments, while 1,569 were re-commitments to parish ministries.

✠ There were 487 offertory commitments from 80 percent of participating households. The average pledge was \$3,483.

We thank all those who participated in our 2024 Discipleship Renewal. If you did not have the opportunity to fill out and return a commitment card, we invite you to consider the ways you may share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with God and the parish community!

### 2024 DISCIPLESHIP RENEWAL



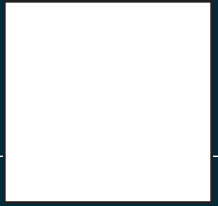
# *Abide in Christ*



ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH



# ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH



4500 Duxhall Dr. | Lincoln, NE 68516  
402-423-1239 | [www.saintpeterlincoln.com](http://www.saintpeterlincoln.com)

## MASS SCHEDULE:

*Saturday: 4:00 p.m.*

*Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.*

## DAILY MASS

*Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m.*

*Saturday: 8:15 a.m.*

## CONFESSION

*Monday: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.*

*Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

*Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.*

*Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

*Sunday 30 minutes before each Mass*

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**  
**6:30PM - SOCIAL | 7:00PM - TRIVIA**  
**ST. PETER GYM**

- Team Size 6-8 players
- BYOB and Food
- Dress your table in favorite theme to win more prizes!
- Raffle tickets: "Win a Priest for your table."
- \$10/player
- Cash Prizes



Reserve a table for your team now!  
Space is limited.