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Father Kapaun Returns Home to Wichita



St. Peter students, along with hundreds of other middle school students from across the Diocese, kneel in quiet respect as the caisson carrying the remains of Fr. Kapaun passes by on the way to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

On Wednesday, September 29, Bishop Kemme celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Father Emil Kapaun at Hartman Arena in Wichita.

Fr. Kapaun was a United States Army Captain who served as a chaplain during the Korean War. He died in a prisoner of war camp in 1951.

Many years after his death, in March of this year, his remains were identified by DNA and finally brought back to the U.S. for burial.

Following his funeral Mass at the Hartman Arena, his casket, draped in an American flag, was loaded onto a horse-drawn caisson and carried through downtown Wichita, to his tomb at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Fr. Kapaun was named a Servant of God in 1993. We pray that he will someday be canonized a saint!

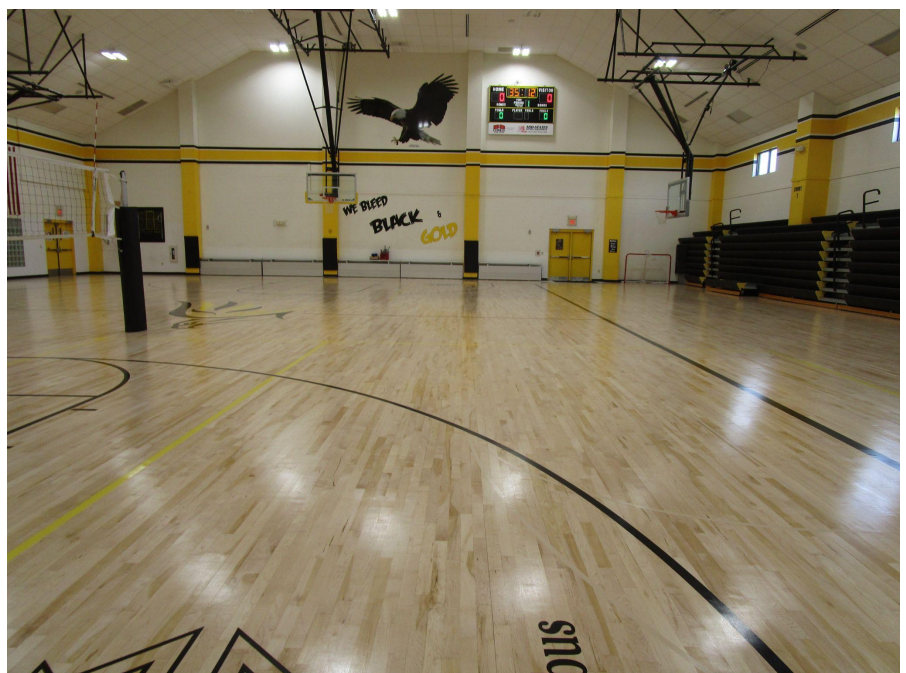
St. Peter Gym Boasts New Floor

--by Landon Englert

After 17 years, countless volleyball games, basketball games, and PE classes, the St. Peter gym floor was refinished.

Creative Floors Coating and Design refinished the floor at a cost of \$23,000. The project was completed in June.

The shiny new floor will be a source of Eagle pride for many years to come.



Cross Country Season Is Back!

--by Landon Englert

Fall is here again. That means the cross country season is underway. The runners and coaches of St. Peter have been working hard practicing and preparing themselves for the meets. The St. Peter Schulte team (also known as the Southwest Champions) is coached by Matt Fouts. He is in his second year of coaching this team and has had 27 years of experience running and coaching Cross Country. He said, "I believe that God gave me the gift of running and I love being able to share that with other people." About the season, Coach Fouts said, "I feel good. I think everyone's doing a good job. We focused on building a base."

Seventh grader Benedict Brandt said he prepares for the first meets by "running more in the summer and running at least a mile every day." Eighth grader Brody Wright is in his first year of cross country. He said his goals are to "get a better growth mindset and work hard at practice." Eighth grade runner Jocelyn Snetsinger has been running since sixth grade. She said, "I want to try to get 10th place and get a 16-minute 2-mile." Her current personal record is 16:25. She is working hard to achieve that goal. She said "I have been practicing starts and finishes... And running up hills also."

On this year's team there is one sixth grade girl, two sixth grade boys, four seventh grade girls, three seventh grade boys, one eighth grade girl, and five eighth grade boys. In most of the races, the sixth and seventh graders run one mile and the eighth graders run two miles. Brody Wright, "I think it will be challenging, but I'm going to pull through."

Some of the runners also shared their goals for this season. Seventh grader, Lucas Grant said he wants to "(run) a six-minute mile." Benedict Brandt said that his main goal was to get his time down into the five-minute range and to get better at running long distance. Brody Wright said he would like to "... get top ten (in a race)." His plan to achieve that goal is to "Work hard after practice...condition after practice and work on weekends."

Some of these runners also commented about why they joined the team. Benedict Brandt said, "...it

was kind of one of those things I feel I can do good at..." Lucas Grant said, "It's the only sport that's easy. And also, I like to run." The runners also stated what their fastest one-mile times were. Brody Wright's fastest one-mile time is an 8:30, Lucas Grant's fastest one-mile time is a 6:50, and Benedict Brandt's fastest one-mile time is a 6:20. According to Coach Fouts, the St. Peter Cross Country team's greatest rival is the Eastside Crusaders. The St. Peter Schulte Cross Country team seems really confident that they will succeed in their meets.

Volleyball Players Dig their Sport

St. Peter volleyball teams have worked hard this season.

The sixth grade teams set out to improve through the season. Some of the girls serve underhand and others serve overhand. Kate Gerstenkorn said, "Serving is a strength." Lucy Hanes said, "I want to get better at overhand serving." Lucy also said she liked to hit the ball. She said "I like spiking because I know I can make it over. I have a good arm." The sixth grade Gold team ended district play with a 6-4 record. The Black team had an 8-2 record, and won the post-season tournament.

The seventh grade team also challenged themselves this season. Emalie McMullen said, "We are doing a lot of serve/receives. We are also working a lot on our placement--our rotation." She said their serves improved throughout the season. Emalie thinks the hard work is worth it. "A lot of my family does volleyball--I like the sport a lot." Sofia Sandoval said she thinks "some

of the girls are good at passing, but overall our strength is hitting." She said she likes playing volleyball because "it's fun and exciting--it's fast." Her goal this season is to learn how to backset. The seventh grade team ended pre-tournament play with a 3-7 record.

The eighth grade volleyball teams also gave their best effort this season. According to the players, the strength of both teams was teamwork. Cecilia Lubbers said "We're good at teamwork and being aggressive." Isabelle Ristich agreed. She said, "We are good at calling the ball and being energetic." Josie Klausmeyer said, "...everyone is super positive."

Although it is a commitment, the players enjoy volleyball. Isabelle said "It is competitive and I love that I can work on my skills." Cecilia said, "It has really become a passion of mine these three years." The St. Peter (Sacred Heart division) team ended regular season with a 3-7 record, and St. Peter (Mt. Carmel) ended 5-5.

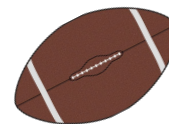
St. Peter Football is a Go!

--by **Evan Englert**

St. Peter football teams are looking to be dominant teams in the CSAL football league. They have teamed up with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to become two big football teams.

The seventh grade football team is going to try and steal away a winning record. They lost their first game against the Magdalen on September 11. They also played against St. Francis of Assisi and lost that game.

The eighth grade football season has started off with a bang. St. Peter players joined the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Dolphins. On September 11, they lost to Collegiate. Then, they won against Trinity on September 18. They also played the Cougars, who they beat on September 25. St. Peter 8th grader Gabe Weber said, "My favorite part of football is tackling because I get all of my energy out." He said their biggest rivals in the league are Collegiate and Andale, "because they are good."



CSAL Football Standings (10/17)

7th Grade

Team # & Name	Win	Loss	Tie	% Won	GP
1. SFA	4	1		80%	5
4. Andale	3	1	1	75%	4
3. Magdalen	2	2	1	50%	4
2. SEAS	0	5		0%	5

8th Grade

Team # & Name	Win	Loss	Tie	% Won	GP
11. Collegiate	5	0		100%	5
8. Andale	4	1		80%	5
6. SEAS	4	1		80%	5
7. Magdalen	3	3		50%	6
10. Trinity	2	3		40%	5
5. SFA	0	5		0%	5
9. Cougars	0	5		0%	5

Interactive Whiteboards on a Roll!

--by **Chloe Pelz**

New technology struck at St. Peter this fall, when all the classrooms received new interactive whiteboards.

St. Peter principal Mrs. Hickok and a group of teachers decided to get interactive white boards. Mrs. Hickok said the projectors needed to be replaced because they were old, and decided interactive white boards would be the best choice.

The whiteboards can do many things the projectors could not, such as pulling up different websites for learning, and playing videos. Teachers can even draw on it too! Student Kate Metzen said she was "excited and happy" about the new whiteboards. Teachers have also enjoyed having them in their classrooms. Second grade teacher Mrs. Debbie Neises said she was "nervous but excited" about using the new technology.



Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Jennifer Beevers uses the touch screen on the interactive whiteboard to draw on a map of the world.

The classroom wasn't the first place the teachers saw the new interactive whiteboards. They got their very first look when a demonstrator showed them how they work and all the tips and tricks on how to use them to teach.

Eighth grade teacher Mrs. Jacquie McLain thinks the whiteboards are a big improvement. She likes that there is no glare from the projector, and said they are "a lot more reliable than the old technology."

St. Peter Parishioners Enjoy Picnic

--by Benjamin Bigley

On Saturday, September 11, 2021, St. Peter the Apostle held their annual parish picnic. There were many fun activities and food planned under the direction of Larry Smith. There were many different food and drink options such as pulled pork, chicken drummies, potato salad, and coleslaw. The desserts were things such as lemon cake, chocolate cake, and funnel cakes.

Those at the picnic had a blast. This year they had a fun run as well as flag cross nets. They also had mini-games such as bean bag toss, and a game where you bounce a ball on a bouncy net.



The bounce houses are all prepared for the St. Peter parish picnic participants.

Eagle staff members asked St. Peter students and staff what they enjoyed most about the parish picnic:

Rosette Sponsel	K	All of it!
Timothy Myatt	K	Riding that bull that went around in circles.
Kate Metzen	1st	The bouncy houses.
Eli Durant	1st	The bouncy house with the balls.
Veronica Brandt	2nd	Probably the cow.
Logan Pauly	2nd	The bouncy houses.
Lucas Baalman	3rd	The bounce houses.
Blane Becker	4th	The wipeout bouncy house.
Sebastian Berger	5th	Being able to meet with friends and play some games.
Joseph Martin	6th	The slushies.
Ana Sandoval	6th	The mechanical bull.
Madalynn Fritschle	7th	The bull ride.
Gabriel Weber	8th	The bull ride.
Emma Whiteker	8th	The animals.
Jocelyn Snetsinger	8th	The petting zoo.

2021 Lord's Diner Project Begins

Every year St. Peter Catholic School gives gifts to the patrons of the Lord's Diner on Christmas Eve. Here are the items that each class will be collecting to put together the packages:

Kindergarten: Individual packages of "Grandma's" Cookies
1st & 2nd: Fuzzy Socks
3rd: "Hot Hands" Hand Warmers
4th: Packs of Gum (5 pcs/pack)
5th: Fruit cups & Little Debbie Snacks
6th: Individual packages of chips
7th: Granola bars & \$1 candy
8th: Bottles of water & candy canes

650 gift bags of goodies will be donated, and the deadline for donating items for the gifts is November 30.

St. Peter Welcomes New Teachers

--by Addison McDanel

One new teacher is Mr. Kenneth Blaschke. Mr. Blaschke taught religion at another school before he came to St. Peter. "I like it here," said Mr. Blaschke. He teaches middle school religion. Mr. Blaschke has been teaching for about three years.



Ms. Olivia Robben

Another new teacher is Ms. Olivia Robben. She is a para for fifth through eighth grades and was the substitute for fifth grade when Mrs. Garton was on maternity leave. Why did Ms. Olivia come here? She said, "Mrs. Hickok asked if I wanted to teach here and I said yes," Ms. Olivia said. "I also wanted to teach at a Catholic school. Everyone is so nice and it is a smaller school." Ms. Olivia teaches religion, math, and science but she really wants to teach art. This is her first year teaching.

Finally, we have Ms. Valen Sladek. Ms. Sladek is a para for kindergarten through fourth grades. Ms. Sladek was a para at a public school and she said she was ready for a change. Ms. Sladek said "I love it here. I feel more respected here...I am very excited to go to work." Ms. Sladek has been teaching for four years.



Mr. Kenneth Blaschke



Ms. Valen Sladek

Thank you, new teachers, for coming to St. Peter. We are happy you are here. We hope you like it at St. Peter!



Ms. Amy Suenram

Next, we have Ms. Amy Suenram. Ms. Suenram heard good things about St. Peter, so she came here. Ms. Suenram teaches kindergarten, and this is her first year teaching.

St. Peter Annual

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 23



*Dinner will be served beginning at 5 PM.
Trick-or-Treating from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM.
The event is held in the north parking lot
(north of the gym).*



ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Peter Welcomes New Parishioners!

Josh and Jessica Adams
Jeffrey and Katie Baker
Charles and Kristen Bina
Bob and Kathy Husband
Austin Lager
Theodore and Rachel Pauly
Marco and Tamar Sandoval
John and Kristi Schoen



Faithful Departed

Jo Ann Baalman (Aug 12, 2021)



Weddings

Kenneth and Madeline (Lubbers) Blaschke
July 24, 2021

Theodore and Rachel (Clark) Pauly
Oct 2, 2021

Baptisms

Aiden Gerber
Elena Martinez
Gianna Palmer
Elsie Alderman
Linus Oster
Madelyn Hock

Asher Seitz
Bryan Schoen
Tyler Dunham
Luke Dunham
Stella Rogers
Riley Hulett

Parish Office Gets Facelift



The entrance of the St. Peter parish office recently underwent some renovations. The old cracking stairs were replaced with a concrete ramp. The ramp not only improved the appearance, but also made the office wheelchair accessible, which is necessary for the safety of visitors. Other improvements were a new door and new landscaping. The new and improved entrance is ready to welcome visitors!