

# The Eagle News

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## St. Peter Staff Visits Fr. Kapaun's Home Parish

--by Ben Bigley

Normally students get to go on field trips, but this year the St. Peter teachers and staff got to experience it. On Monday, November 22, 2021, St. Peter teachers and staff got to go on their own field trip to Pilsen, Kansas, home parish of Father Emil Kapaun. They took a charter bus. They left at about 8:00 a.m. and arrived at Pilsen at 9:30 a.m. While in Pilsen, the teachers and staff toured around the church, St. John Nepomucene. They learned about the stained glass windows and the background history of the statues of saints. Teachers said they enjoyed a little break from teaching. First grade teacher, Mr. Rausch said, "I enjoyed the break, especially from the crazy



little children."

The staff also visited the museum next to the church and learned much more about the early life and priesthood of Fr. Emil Kapaun.

Paraprofessional Mrs. Anna Harter said her favorite part was "listening to them talking about Fr. Kapaun, visiting the church, and looking at the saint statues."

## Fr. Bernie Promotes Pro-Life Amendment

--by Ben Bigley

On August 2, 2022, the citizens of Kansas will get to vote on an amendment to the state constitution which would allow limits on abortion rights. In April 2019, the supreme court in Kansas said that everyone has the right to abortion, and that the abortion industry should not be regulated. Government funds, or taxes, could also be used to fund abortions.

Father Bernie, pastor of St. Peter parish, said that religious leaders in the state of Kansas, including the bishop of the Diocese of Wichita, Most Reverend Carl A. Kemme, said that is not right, so they formed a

coalition to fight against the Kansas Supreme Court's ruling. The coalition wrote a proposed amendment to the Kansas constitution (the Kansas constitution was written in 1859 and signed in 1861). The proposal was presented to the Kansas legislators, both houses of representatives and senators. Father Bernie said, "The legislators in both houses voted by 'supermajority' to place the proposed amendment on the ballot for we the people of Kansas to vote. Kansas, in August 2022, will have the opportunity to vote to amend the Kansas constitution to basically state that Kansans do not have a "right" to

abortion, that our legislators can regulate the industry, and there should be no tax payer funds for the abortions." Bishop Kemme chose Fr. Bernie to travel around the state and educate Catholics about the upcoming vote. The Bishop chose Fr. Bernie because he is the state captain of the Kansas State Knights of Columbus. The Kansas Knights of Columbus are very organized.

So far this year, Father has visited over 50 parishes. His presentation usually takes around 45 minutes to an hour. He will finish his talks in July of 2022, before the amendment vote.

# Fun with Friday Guest Readers

--by *Chloe Pelz*

Everybody loves Fridays, but first grade students in Mrs. Jenna Boswell's class look forward to it even more than most!

On Friday mornings, students get to listen to guest readers, usually parents, read fun books. One special reader was middle school math teacher, Mrs. McLain. Mrs. McLain's daughter Ashlyn is in first grade. She read two books to the students. One was "Nibbles the Book Monster," and the other was "I Say Ooh, You Say Ahh." She said "They really enjoyed "I Say Ooh, You Say Ahh" and there was a lot of laughs of enjoyment."

Mrs. Boswell said she had Friday special readers when she taught kindergarten, but had to stop because of Covid. When she started Friday readers up again she said "It would be a good thing to do on Fridays because it fits in with all the other activities they do on Fridays." She also wanted it to be a way for students to fall in love with reading.

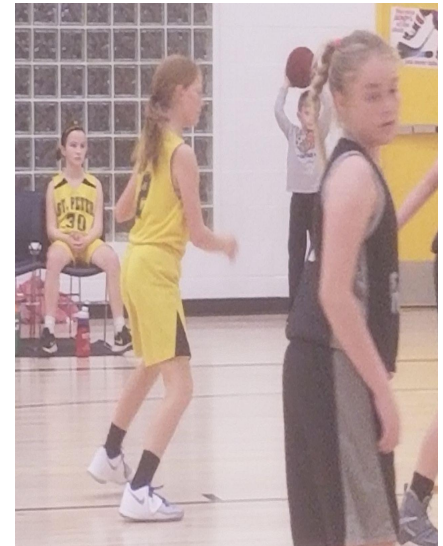
The readers sit on a fluffy chair in the classroom and the students get to sit on the floor. First grade student Jaesa Hill said her favorite part of Friday readers was "when we got surprised on who the reader was."



# Girls Finish BB Season



*Eighth grader Josie Klausmeyer attempts a steal.*



*Sixth grader Lucy Brandt helps on defense.*

## 6th Grade Girls Final BB Standings

Team # / Team Name	Win	Loss	% Won	Games Played
5. St Francis	10	0	100%	10
3. Magdalen	7	3	70%	10
4. SEAS	7	3	70%	10
12. St Catherine				
6. St Peter	3	7	30%	10
2. St Mary Derby	2	8	20%	10
1. Blessed Sacrament	1	9	10%	10

## 8th Grade Girls Final BB Standings

Team # / Team Name	Win	Loss	% Won	Games Played
10. St Joe Ost	10	0	100%	10
12. St Catherine	8	2	80%	10
13. St Francis	7	3	70%	10
9. St Margaret Mary	6	4	60%	10
11. SEAS	6	4	60%	10
2. Collegiate	0	10	0%	10
14. St Peter	5	5	50%	10
8. Holy Savior	2	8	20%	10
7. Holy Cross Lutheran	1	9	10%	10
15. St Patrick	0	10	0%	10

# Future Freshman get a Sneak Peek at High School!

--by *Landon Englert*

On Friday, November 12, 2021, eighth grade students from Catholic schools on the west side of Wichita visited Bishop Carroll to get a preview of what high school would be like next fall. The curriculum fair consisted of going to Mass in the Carroll gym, learning about different classes, learning about electives, and learning about and signing up for extracurricular activities. Elena Montes, one of the eighth graders that

participated in the curriculum fair, said she learned about the classes offered. She said, "There are honors classes that you can take... and I learned about the foreign languages that they offer at Bishop Carroll." Luke Bigley, another eighth grader, said, "I learned that there are honors classes and you can get scholarships." Montes said, "There was a lot of good stuff, but I liked the art room and all of the stuff they offered,

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*St. Peter cheerleaders show their Eagle spirit at the girls home basketball game.*



## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!



*First grade students sing "O Come Little Children" at their Christmas concert on December 14.*



*The second grade students perform "Little Drummer Boy" at the Christmas concert.*

## Field Trips are for Fun and Learning

--by Addison McDanel & Chloe Pelz

Field trips are always fun and exciting and several St. Peter classes have had field trips this year.

Kindergarten went to the Cedar Creek Farm pumpkin patch. Timothy Myatt said, "I liked picking the pumpkins, and going to the corn pit." The kindergarten also went to Exploration Place on Friday, December 3, 2021. They visited the Dome theater and saw a lot of other really fun things.

The first grade class enjoyed a trip to Applejack Pumpkin Patch on October 21, 2021. Some things they did were the corn maze, train rides, giant slide, a hayride, and, of course, picking pumpkins! First grade student Riggs St. John said, "My favorite part was the corn maze." Jaesa Hill said, "I liked the tire swings." Mary Hegarty said that picking pumpkins was one of her favorite things that they did.

The second graders went to the movie theater on Friday, December 10, and watched "Clifford the Big Red Dog." There they got snacks, drinks, and a box of candy. Second grade

student Caroline Munn said that she learned that "you should never give up and believe in yourself."

The third grade class took a field trip to Sedgwick County History Museum on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

St. Peter's sixth grade class visited the Museum of World Treasures on November 12. After lunch, they went to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. There they had a tour of the Cathedral, and learned all about the church and statues. They then had a short presentation about Fr. Emil Kapaun, and prayed at his tomb.

Also on November 12, the seventh grade traveled to Hutchinson where they visited the Cosmosphere. On the way there, they were able to stop at Carriage Crossing for a delicious breakfast!

Thank you parents, teachers and Mrs. Hickok for helping us have field trips! Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year St. Peter!

### *Future Freshmen... (cont. from p. 2)*

and the engineering station and the medical station were really cool."

These eighth graders seem like they really value Catholic schools that take their religion seriously. Lillian Newell, said, "I think that it's awesome that we get the opportunity to go to Catholic school with other Catholics." Evelyn Blanding said, "(Bishop Carroll) They're very nice and assembled."

High school is also an enormous change from middle school and the students are excited about taking another step to becoming an adult. Gabe Weber said, "I feel very good about going to high school." Newell agreed. She said, "I'm ready for high school and the responsibility and I think it will be really fun."

Finally, the eighth graders of St. Peter look like they are ready to take on challenges and enjoyment of high school. Jocelyn Snetsinger said, "I'm excited for seeing all of my friends from other schools..." Weber agreed. He said, "I'm very much indeed excited to meet new people and learn new things." These students will miss St. Peter, but they look forward to a new beginning.

# St. Peter Loves their Elective Classes

--by *Evan Englert*

St. Peter students and staff really enjoyed their first semester electives. Students from sixth through eighth grade participate in electives at the end of each school day. Electives are classes which last from 2:35 to 3:20 Tuesday through Friday, in which students have the opportunity to learn new skills and hobbies. Electives can be a quarter or semester long. Students can learn new things and have fun at the same time.

Before the school year starts, each student rates a list from favorite to least favorite electives. Then, the staff select the electives they will teach.

Mrs. Jacque McLain teaches Science Olympiad. She has been teaching this for a few years. Her favorite part of teaching Science Olympiad is the competition in February.

Last year, St. Peter received an award



*Students learn how to play “Egyptian Rat Slap” in the card games elective taught by St. Peter youth director Mr. Austin Lager.*

from the diocese. Mrs. Hickok said, “The diocesan award replaced the banner award. We applied for innovative initiative last year and won.” She said this is the sixth year St. Peter has offered electives.

Seventh grader Adelia Wright was an office assistant. Her favorite thing about the elective was filling the copying machine. She said, “It wasn’t very hard. We just had a series of tasks.” She said she learned what really goes on in the office, and said, “I would like to do this elective again because we just had a list to complete.”

Ms. Mary Alumbaugh has taught creative writing for three years. She said, “I love seeing the creativity.” Mrs. Gerstenkorn, school secretary, manages the office assistants. She said her favorite part is “getting to know the students.” Mr. Charles Wolke teaches piano, and has taught this elective for two quarters. He said his favorite part is watching the kids develop.

Sixth grader Keigan Hulsey was a maintenance assistant. He said, “It takes a bit of time to learn the process.” However, he said he wanted to do the maintenance assistant elective again.



*Students in the choir elective, taught by Mr. Wolke, perform the National Anthem at the Wichita Thunder hockey game on December 10.*



*In 3-D Design, Jayden Wyss watches as Mr. Green drops an egg to see if its package will protect it from breaking.*



*Mrs. Lois Linnebur gives Sarah Voges some sewing tips.*

# Carnival Strikes St. Peter School!

--by Landon Englert

On October 12 and 14, 2021, Mrs. Jacque McLain's Math Enrichment class hosted a carnival for the third grade through fifth grade students in the cafeteria. The class started planning this carnival at the beginning of the first quarter, and worked on planning the carnival every Tuesday and Thursday.. Mrs. McLain said, "Those eighth grade boys worked so hard to make sure that the games were the right fit for the students. They had to measure out the distances for each of the games, they had to make the point system..."

Brody Wright, one of the eighth grade students, said, "Mrs. McLain didn't want us to do boring worksheets, so she made us do a project and we all chose the carnival."

Unlike other carnivals, the students had to make the carnival out of few resources that were available to them. Alek Gamboa, another eighth grader, said they used "cardboard, cups, hula hoops, and different sports balls." The students also used mathematics. Wright said, "I did what the possibilities would be and I would see how much bags, how much, points, and tickets." Gamboa said he used math "by measuring and adding up all of the correct calculations." Mrs. McLain said, "I think it was somewhat challenging. I think the boys were smart and worked well together."

The students in Math Enrichment had only forty-five minutes to set up and run the carnival. Daisy Barrera, one of the fifth grade students, said, "...I thought it was fun and it looked pretty." Ari Burleigh, a third grade student, said, "...You could do all sorts of games and stuff...they're fun."

It seemed like most of the students loved the carnival. In fact, Mrs. McLain said, "They were so much fun. The third through fifth graders really enjoyed it and were disappointed that they didn't have enough time to play all of them." Daisy Barrera said her favorite part of the carnival was "that you got to win prizes." She said, "...I think it's a fun way to take a brain break from school." Gamboa agreed.



*Blaise Montes prepares to toss the ball.*



*Alex Hernandez works one of the carnival games.*

He said, "It was exquisitely fun." Wright said his favorite memory of the carnival is "The boys working together and having fun." Mrs. McLain said she was proud of the students, she said, "So proud, beyond proud--those boys did beyond my expectations." This carnival was obviously a very good way of using education for students in school to have fun.



*Kateri Haynes waits for her turn to knock the hat off the Eagle, while Mrs. McLain offers encouragement.*



## ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



### Weddings

Loren Wormington & Kaitlyn Finney

11.20.2021

John Mullen and Lisa Kelly

11.27.2021

Cale Bontrager and Mary Meyers

12.17.21

### Baptisms

Joseph Bina 11.5.2021

Morgan Grube 10.14.2021

Jaxton Frederking 11.21.2021

Leo Gray 11.27.2021

Scarlett Pauls 11.28.2021

Thatcher Myatt 12.12.2021

Noah Schroeder 12.19.2021



### Faithful Departed

Kaleb Kean 11.11.2021



## Parish News

It's a busy time of year at the Parish Office right now. Father Bernie is kicking off a Capital Campaign. It is also time for stewardship renewal, Christmas planning and preparations, as well as auction planning and all the normal day-to-day tasks.

Since the last newsletter, more renovations to the parish hall have been completed. The landscaping is now finished. The new front door and window have been installed and the door has been painted. The parish would like to extend a big thank you to Chris Conover for sharing his talents with us.

## *St. Peter the Apostle Christmas Mass Schedule:*

*December 24: 4:00 pm*

*December 25 : Midnight , 9:00 am, 4:00 pm*

