

# *St. Peter Catholic Church*

## *Est. 1843*

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great joy that I invite you to look through our St. Peter Parish Ministry Handbook for information about OUR ministries available because of the generosity of many of our parishioners. As we open our doors wide and build on our 175 years of tradition of prayer, love and service, we invite all to be active in our ministries. God is calling each of us, clergy and parishioners, to share our gifts and talents unconditionally just as He shares His graces and love unconditionally with us.

It is my prayer that as a parish family we ask for God's help to increase our generosity in serving. By His grace, we can be a parish family that is "all in...100%" committed, and ready to say YES to our Lord to serve in ministries! As stated in our parish's mission statement, "in doing this, we glorify God and help realize His reign on earth."

I thank the many who serve in our parish ministries. Your generosity is beyond measure. To all who are joining us in service, thank you and please let us know if we can assist you.

May our care for one another through our generous service reflect God's unending love for His people at St. Peter Parish and beyond. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta (now St. Teresa of Calcutta) once said "What you are doing I can not do but together we are doing something beautiful for God."

Yours in Christ,

Father Otis Young, Jr.

*We, the community of St. Peter Parish, are continuing the tradition, passed down from generations before us that has served for 175 years and beyond.*

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# *St. Peter Catholic Church*

## **HISTORY**

The first Catholic Church on the Northshore was established in 1843 by Fr. Victor Jouanneault at the request of the Bishop of New Orleans, Bishop Antoine Blanc. Fr. Jouanneault's request was granted that he name the new church, St. Peter. This wooden church was located on the west bluff of the Bogue Falaya River. In 1892, Fr. Joseph Koegerl, pastor, who was also a canon of St Louis Cathedral, built a new church and rectory on the corner of Rutland and Massachusetts Streets. The third and present church was built in 1940 under the pastorate of Fr. Aemillian Egler, O.S.B. From 1916-1992, Benedictine priests were assigned to the parish from the local monastery, St Joseph Abbey. In 1992, Fr. William McGough was appointed pastor by Archbishop Schulte and was the first diocesan assignment to the parish in 76 years. Fr. Otis Young, Jr. is our current pastor and he is the 28<sup>th</sup> pastor of St Peter Parish. In the spirit of Fr. Jouanneault's original vision, St Peter Parish continues to provide Catholic ministry through strong leadership and unyielding dedication from its parishioners.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the believers of Saint Peter Parish, having our beginnings as the earliest Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans on the Northshore, in response to God's call, come together-

to love God and one another,  
to worship as a faith community,  
to be God's hands, heart, and mind  
and to provide for our community's  
spiritual and physical needs.

In doing this, we glorify God and help realize His reign on earth.

While rejoicing in the experience of our pilgrimage, we must ever keep in mind our ultimate destination through our faithful stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Called to be a prayerful and hospitable Catholic family of living faith, we welcome and invite all people to share in our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit.

## **PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL**

St. Peter Parish has a Perpetual Adoration Chapel located on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue across from the rectory. All are invited to come spend time with Jesus. To sign-up to be a committed adorer, see the Sign-Up Sheet in the Adoration Chapel or call the parish office at (985) 892-2422.

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For more information or to sign-up for one or more ministries, please go to our parish website at [www.stpeterparish.com](http://www.stpeterparish.com) or call the parish office at 985-892-2422.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Covington, Louisiana 70433  
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Website: [www.stpeterparish.com](http://www.stpeterparish.com)

The St. Peter Parish App is available for iOS and Android platforms. The App provides audio prayers and homily podcasts, parish news, calendar items, musical selections from our choirs and links to various Catholic resources. You can download the St. Peter Parish App at <https://subsplash.com/stpeterparish/app>

## *St. Peter Catholic School*

### **HISTORY**

St. Peter Parish was established in 1843, the oldest church on the Northshore. A school was tried and abandoned that same year. Not until 1878 was another attempt recorded. Nine Benedictine sisters from Kentucky had come to New Orleans in 1869, and on Feb. 29, 1878, three of them, Sister Justina, Sister Lawrence and Sister Lioba from St. Benedict Convent in New Orleans, arrived in Covington. Under the supervision of Father Bernadine Dolwick, a Benedictine monk who was pastor of St. Peter Parish, they established a school and convent across the street from the parish church.

In September 1890, upon the arrival of Fr. Joseph Koergel, Sister Justina and Sister Lawrence, and later Sister Lioba, returned and reopened the school. Since a new church was being built where the AT&T building near SSA is today, the old church on the river housed the school from 1890 until 1910. A new three-room school was built at that time. The influence of the Benedictine sisters expanded when they built a convent and founded St. Scholastica Academy in 1903. In 1910, there were approximately 50 students attending St. Peter Catholic School. In 1915, a hurricane destroyed the old church building, but it was immediately rebuilt. In the meantime, classes were held in St. Scholastica Academy's recreation hall. In 1922, a two-story frame school was built on the present day school property on Theard Street to accommodate the growing enrollment of 140 students.

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In 1949-1950, fund raising was started to build a school which would accommodate the enrollment of 223. The main campus of St. Peter School was dedicated in 1956. The main brick building is still in use today as Elementary Building. Since that time, the facilities have been expanded to accommodate our increasing enrollment. Since the mid-1950's, St. Peter Catholic School has continued to grow and thrive. Our enrollment has more than tripled and today over 770 pre-kindergarten through seventh grade students attend our school. They are served by a faculty and staff of over 60 professionals.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

In fidelity to the apostolate of Catholic education, we, the leadership of St. Peter School, fully mindful of the primary role of parents, will strive to create an environment where students will be led to grow physically, mentally, and spiritually, according to Gospel principles, as enshrined in our Catholic tradition, thereby glorifying God and giving living witness to the presence of Christ in the world.

*St. Peter Catholic School offers enrollment in Pre-K through Seventh Grade. If you are interested or need further information, please contact the school.*

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

St. Peter Catholic School

130 East Temperance Street

Covington, Louisiana 70433

Voice: (985) 892-1831 Fax: (985) 898-2185 Website: [www.stpetercov.org](http://www.stpetercov.org).

## *Councils*

**Finance Council:** The Finance Council assists the pastor with the financial matters of St. Peter Parish by developing and overseeing the budget and the operational and capital needs of the parish.

*Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

**Pastoral Council:** The Pastoral Council is a consultative ministry to the pastor in parish matters. The members commit themselves to serve God and the parishioners of St. Peter Parish in matters spiritual and temporal. It provides a valuable means of communication between the church, school and the various parish ministries and committees.

*Please note: The St. Peter Pastoral Council consists of six elected members, two appointed members and the St. Peter Parish Finance Council Chair.*

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## *Faith Formation*

**Adult Formation:** The members of the St. Peter Parish Adult Formation Committee coordinate opportunities in the parish for adults to be formed in their Catholic faith.

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**Bible Study (Parish):** The Parish Bible Study offers an in-depth study of the Word of God. Although emphasis is on Sacred Scripture, explorations are also made into the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the history of the church. The classes are open to teens and adults of all ages.

**Bible Study (Women):** This Bible Study is geared to women. This ministry provides a framework for women to explore their faith through the study of Sacred Scripture as they share their experiences in a receptive and loving atmosphere.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori program for children ages 3 to 4, allowing them to begin to experience an encounter with God. Certified catechists direct the children to receive the announcement of God's love in the person of the Good Shepherd.

*This ministry requires mandatory Archdiocesan Safe Environment training for volunteers 18 years of age and older.*

**Fiat Friday:** Fiat Friday is a mother's prayer group imitating Mary's "Yes" through prayer and fellowship. Fiat Friday is open to all moms and expectant moms, with childcare available for moms with infants and preschool children.

*This ministry requires mandatory Archdiocesan Safe Environment training for volunteers 18 years of age and older serving in childcare.*

**Little Flower and Junior Flowers Girls Club:** Little Flowers Girls Club creates an environment in which the Catholic faith and virtues are nurtured. Mothers and daughters share this time together by participating in crafts, songs, and fellowship as they work together to grow in virtues.

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**Liturgy of the Word for Children:** This ministry provides children with a specially designed time and place to “soak in” the Gospel message on a level that they can understand. The children are sent forth with catechists during the 9:30 AM Mass. This ministry is for all children ages three through six. Volunteers are needed to serve one weekend a month and serve in teams of two or more.

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**Mother/Daughter and Father/Son Programs:** These ministries with the guidance of the Family Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, seek to assist parents in providing formation in chastity and timely information regarding sexuality in a positive atmosphere of love, virtue, and respect for the gifts of God, in particular the gift of life. These programs respect the rights of both parents and child, considering different phases of development, privacy and modesty while presenting the truth and beauty of God’s gift of our fertility. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

**St. Peter Catholic School:** St. Peter Catholic School provides students with a challenging academic formation grounded in the spiritual and moral teachings of the Catholic Church. The philosophy of St. Peter Catholic School is as follows: We strive: 1. To provide a favorable environment where children have the opportunity to live a life of faith, hope, and charity – a life marked with love of God and neighbor. 2. To provide a strong academic foundation, not solely for the sake of gaining knowledge, but the sake of using knowledge for the betterment of humanity. 3. To provide teachers and staff who excel professionally and imitate Christ in their personal lives. 4. To assure opportunities for students to develop an awareness of their individual God-given abilities and talents. 5. To involve parents in the educational process in line with their responsibility to nurture the development of their child physically, academically, morally, and spiritually.

*Please note: If you would like to register your child or need further information, please call St. Peter Catholic School at (985) 892-1831 or visit the school’s website at [www.stpetercov.org](http://www.stpetercov.org).*

**That Man Is You:** That Man Is You is an interactive men’s program focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and the greater society.

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**Vacation Bible School:** This ministry provides a week of summer-time catechesis in the Catholic faith using skits, games, and crafts to help the children learn more about Jesus and His Church. Vacation Bible School is for children in kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Students in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> are invited to participate as captains. This is held during the month of June.

*This ministry requires mandatory Archdiocesan Safe Environment training for volunteers 18 years of age and older.*

**Youth Faith Formation:** The St. Peter Youth Faith Formation Program, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the direction of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Religious Education, and our pastor, affirms and assists parish families in their role as primary catechetical educators of their children's faith. Through prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, and ongoing catechesis, we aspire to create opportunities for the family to deepen their knowledge of God, and encounter Him in a personal way.

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## *Family Life*

**Embrace:** Embrace offers prayers, support and consolation to those who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or other infant death. Embrace offers a personal contact and means of memorializing the lost baby. Embrace strives, with the help of St. Catherine of Siena, to provide for some physical, emotional, and spiritual need of those in mourning as they seek a measure of healing.

**Vocations:** The members of this committee assist in creating an atmosphere in the parish to help identify and assist individuals in discerning their baptismal call to holiness as lived out through a religious vocation in the priesthood, deaconate, sisterhood or brotherhood.

**Young at Heart:** This ministry serves the senior (55 years and older) members of St. Peter Parish through social, spiritual and service events that foster a feeling of 'family' within our parish community. The members strive to be the matriarchs and patriarchs within the parish community and have open arms and kind words for others, especially before and after Masses.

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## Liturgical

**Altar Servers:** Altar Servers assist the celebrant and the entire worshipping community during the celebration of the liturgy of the Mass, during special liturgies, and during the celebration of sacraments. All boys in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and/or nine years old and up are invited to serve in this ministry. Training is provided and essential.

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**Baptismal Hospitality:** The members of this ministry create an atmosphere of welcome at the St. Peter Parish monthly community parish Baptisms. They welcome parents, godparents, family members, and visitors alike with a friendly smile and assist as needed.

**Environment:** The members of this ministry help to prepare and maintain the worship space to reflect the season being celebrated by providing and caring for the plants, flowers, and décor. The purpose is not to decorate but to create an atmosphere for worship that invites the community into prayer.

**Eucharistic Processions:** The Eucharistic Processions at St. Peter Parish on the Solemnities of Corpus Christi and Christ the King, give witness outwardly of our parish's love of Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, our desire to proclaim this to others, and our realization that Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament is not just for us, but for the whole world.

**EMHC (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion):** The members of this ministry assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. *Please note: Members of this ministry are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry and must be trained and given delegation by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Parish training is also required.*

**EMHC (Homebound):** Parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend Mass are brought Holy Communion by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This outreach of care and support to our elderly and/or sick of our parish nourishes the person with the Body of Christ and provides a visible connection to our parish community.

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**EMHC (Hospital):** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Holy Communion to the Catholic patients at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. *Please note: Members of this ministry are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry and must be trained and given delegation by the Archdiocese of New Orleans.*

**EMHC (Nursing Home):** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Holy Communion to the Catholic patients in Nursing Homes as needed. *Please note: Members of this ministry are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry and must be trained and given delegation by the Archdiocese of New Orleans.*

**Hospitality:** Hospitality Ministers welcome parishioners and visitors alike at our Masses with a friendly smile, assist those in need, help with special liturgies and other events in church, distribute the parish bulletin at the end of Mass, and ensure that the church is left in order after the Masses.

**Lectors:** The lectors of St. Peter Parish proclaim the Word of God at Mass. Training is required. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

**Liturgy Committee:** The members of the Liturgy Committee meet monthly with the Pastor and clergy to assist with planning all details pertaining to upcoming liturgies at St. Peter Parish. Following the liturgies, evaluations are conducted. The committee also oversees the scheduling and training of liturgical ministers. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

**Music:** The members of the Music Ministry of St. Peter Parish provide music for the liturgy which serves to glorify God and sanctify His people. Parishioners are invited to participate in the 9:30 Mass Choir, the 11:30 Mass choir, the Schola Cantorum, Teen Choir, Children's Choir, and Cantor Program. *This ministry requires mandatory Archdiocesan Safe Environment training for volunteers 18 years of age and older.*

**Ushers:** The members of this ministry pick up the collections, seat people and assist as needed at the weekend Masses.

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## *Marriage*

**Annulment Pastoral Care:** This ministry provides pastoral care, guidance, and support as needed for those seeking a church annulment. It offers assistance in obtaining required documents, in filling out forms, and in writing the testimony. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

**Divorce Pastoral Care:** This ministry extends a helping hand in charity to assist those carrying the cross of divorce. Presentations that addresses the social, physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual changes that one may experience following a divorce is offered periodically in the parish.

**In-Home Marriage Preparation:** Engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage with a priest from St. Peter will be assigned a mentor couple to work closely with them to assist the preparing priest in laying a foundation of faith and knowledge from which to fully enter into marriage and family life. One of the engaged must be a parishioner of St. Peter Parish.

**NAIM:** This ministry provides spiritual, emotional and social support to those who have lost their spouse to death.

**Supper and Substance:** This ministry supports, enriches and strengthens marriages in our parish. Married couples are given the opportunity to spend a romantic and affordable evening together enjoying a delicious meal and listening to an inspiring marriage journey presentation.

**Wedding Coordination:** Those who will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Peter Parish have the benefit of a Wedding Coordinator who provides guidance according to the liturgical guidelines for Catholic weddings. The coordinator provides assistance as needed but particularly at the rehearsal and wedding.

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## *Prayer*

**Eleventh Hour:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion offer this ministry for the dying and recently deceased parishioners of St. Peter Parish. When the coordinator of the ministry is informed that there is a dying or recently deceased parishioner, calls are made to three (or more) of the prayer ministers who are asked to pray, in appropriate manner, for the dying or recently deceased person. The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet are the most frequently used forms of prayer. Prayer ministers additionally offer prayers for all of our deceased members of St. Peter Parish.

*If you know a parishioner of St. Peter Parish who is dying or has recently died, please notify the parish office or answering service at 985-892-2422.*

**Enthronement of the Sacred Heart:** This devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus assists in restoring faith in the merciful love of the Redeemer for those most dear to His Heart- the family. This ministry makes arrangements for parishioners requesting the Mass and an Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in their homes.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** This ministry offers the opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection in the presence of the Holy Eucharist in the St. Peter Parish Adoration Chapel. *All parishioners are invited and encouraged to sign-up and commit to one hour (the same hour) in the Adoration Chapel each week.*

**Friday Morning Intercessory Prayer:** If you or anyone you know is experiencing problems such as health, financial, family, marriage, emotional, etc., the Friday Morning Prayer Ministry provides prayer immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass each Friday morning in Church. The prayer team not only prays with those in need, but also prays for any intention that is brought to their attention. If you have special intentions to be prayed for, please meet with the prayer team members after 8:30 am Mass on Friday mornings.

**Lectio Divina:** This prayer opportunity is for those who desire to enrich their personal prayer life by gaining a deeper understanding of praying with the daily scriptural readings of the liturgical calendar.

**Prayer Blanket:** A ministry of hope for those who are sick and suffering, hospitalized, recovering from illness or surgery, or for any other need for prayer. Each prayer blanket is “stitched in prayer” as it is prepared for the recipient who will in turn be “covered in prayer” by members of our parish family interceding for their healing.

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## *Sacramental Preparation*

**Confirmation Preparation:** The St. Peter Parish Confirmation Preparation program, led by the Holy Spirit, the guidance of the Archbishop, and our pastor, provides formation to the high school age youth of our parish, with the mission of cultivating within each candidate a sense of belonging in the parish, fuller participation in the liturgical life of the Church, relationship with God through prayer and the sacraments, and a desire to live as a true witness of Christ in the world.

*This ministry requires mandatory Archdiocesan Safe Environment training for volunteers 18 years of age and older.*

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):** This ministry is for adults who are not baptized or baptized in a Christian denomination interested in becoming Catholics or for baptized Catholics in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

**RCIC (Catechumenate for Children):** This ministry is for **children (seven years old or older)** who are not baptized or baptized in a Christian denomination to prepare to become Catholic. It is also for baptized Catholic children (seven years or older) in need of First Communion who are at least two years behind in catechetical instruction.

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**Youth Faith Formation:** The St. Peter Youth Faith Formation Program, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the direction of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Religious Education, and our pastor, affirms and assists parish families in their role as primary catechetical educators of their children's faith. Through prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, and ongoing catechesis, we aspire to create opportunities for the family to deepen their knowledge of God, and encounter Him in a personal way.

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## *Parish Service*

**Altar Society:** The Altar Society provides baptismal garments for infants, washes and irons the purificators used at Mass, furnishes the flowers for Our Blessed Mother when needed and donates financially whenever possible.

**Bereavement (Food):** The members of the Bereavement Food Ministry offer an outreach of care and support to those who have lost a loved one by providing food for the bereaved families and friends following the funeral.

**Emergency Preparedness:** The members of the Emergency Preparedness Ministry commit to serve the parishioners by seeking to prepare, develop, implement, and monitor an effective emergency response plan for our parish church, school and community.

**Gardens:** The Gardens Committee provides opportunities for beautifying our gardens around St. Peter Church, the Adoration Chapel, and St. Mary's Hall. Volunteers are invited to "adopt" a small section of the gardens for beautification and upkeep. Open to families or individuals.

**Meals for New Moms:** The Meals for Moms Ministry supports families in a very practical way by supplying meals after the birth of a child or when mom experiences complications during the pregnancy.

**Media Outreach:** Members of the Media Outreach Commission seek to help every parishioner to embrace new media tools. By this means, the parishioners are able to nurture existing and new relationships, receive inspirational and formational messages from St. Peter Parish, and commit to efforts of their own media messages with the goal of helping others become or grow as disciples.

**Men's Association:** The members of the Men's Association seek to develop fellowship among the men of the parish, to work in association with the Pastor for the well being of our church community, and to draw men closer to God through prayer and various activities. All men in the parish are invited.

**Money Counters:** Members of the Money Counters Ministry strive to correctly count and reconcile the church collections weekly or as needed, and to prepare the correct and necessary banking and Archdiocesan forms required of this Ministry.

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**Parish Library:** Our parish library, which is located in the St. Peter Parish Ministry Center, offers an opportunity for parishioners to check out books, videos, or DVDs for spiritual enrichment. A large inventory is available for adults and children.

**Parish Receptions:** The Parish Receptions Committee plans, coordinates and implements receptions for special parish events providing a warm, welcoming atmosphere for St. Peter parishioners and guests to enjoy fellowship.

**Welcoming New Parishioners:** The Welcoming New Parishioners Ministry extends a warm welcome by various means to all new members who join our parish family at St. Peter Catholic Church.

## *Social Responsibility*

**Angel Tree:** The Angel Tree Ministry provides a service at Christmas in which parishioners are given the opportunity to reach out to those in need. Gifts, chosen for age and gender appropriateness, are anonymously given and received in the spirit of Christian charity.

*If interested in helping someone in need at Christmas, look for the Angel Tree in Church during the Advent Season.*

**Prison:** Men and women of all Christian denominations are incarcerated at the St. Tammany Parish Jail in Covington, Louisiana. Inmates are visited and because of the different faiths, scripture reflections are emphasized. Parishioners from other parishes also take part in this ministry. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

**Pro-Life:** The members of the St. Peter Parish Pro-Life Ministry, in response to the Gospel of Life, are committed to prayer, education, and action in defense of life. The members of this ministry foster in our parish community an awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death.

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For more information or to sign-up for one or more ministries, please go to our parish website at [www.stpeterparish.com](http://www.stpeterparish.com) or call the parish office at 985-892-2422.

## *Youth and Young Adults*

**High School Youth (St. Peter CYO):** This ministry provides opportunities for high school youth to come together for God and each other. Its mission is to foster the total personal and spiritual development of each young person as they grow in Truth and integrate into the sacramental life and mission of the Church. This ministry is for students 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

*This ministry requires mandatory Archdiocesan Safe Environment training for volunteers 18 years of age and older.*

**Jr. High Youth (R.O.C.K. “Really Outrageous Catholic Kids”):** This ministry helps to guide the Jr. High Youth of our parish into a deeper relationship with God and to help them to begin to live a life devoted to the teachings of the Catholic Church through Scripture, the Sacraments, Service and Community. This ministry is for students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades.

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**Young Adults (Via Christi):** The Young Adults ministry is open to all young adults married or single (ages 18-40...). It offers opportunities for prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, service and fellowship. Inspired by the lives of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Gianna Molla, the members strive to radiate Christ to each other, our families, our parish and to the world.

## *Organizations Affiliated with St. Peter Parish*

**Knights of Columbus Council #12906:** The Knights of Columbus is a national, Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to promoting the ideas of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. It is open to Catholic men age 18 years old and older.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Peter Parish offers tangible assistance to those in need who reside within our parish boundaries. When an individual or family requests assistance, two members of the Society visit their homes and determine their need. Assistance may include advocacy, intervention, consultation, or often direct dollars or in-kind services. The St. Peter Parish Society meets for prayer and planning on the first and third Thursday of each month.

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## *Leaving a Legacy*

### ***St. Peter Catholic Church***

In 2013, our Pastor, Fr. Otis Young Jr., established an endowment fund for St. Peter Catholic Church that will be a source of blessings for generations to come. Any size legacy gift given to the St. Peter Parish Catholic Church Endowment Fund will build and grow to become a constant source of income and benefit to St. Peter Parish ensuring the sustainability of our Church ministry and the advancement of Christ's mission.

### ***St. Peter Catholic School***

An endowment fund was established in March, 2008 by our former Pastor, Fr. Bill McGough, for St. Peter Catholic School with the mission to help as many students as possible to meet tuition costs so they can experience a Catholic education. Legacy gifts to St. Peter Catholic School are critical to the long term sustainability of the School. The monetary gifts provide essential financial support for students in need of tuition assistance.

Legacy gifts can be made to either one of the above endowments through cash donations, memorials, bequests, insurance policies, trusts, retirement plans or other estate gifts. If you would like additional information concerning planned giving or would like to donate to one of our existing endowments, please contact the St. Peter Parish Office at 985-892-2422 or [rectory@stpeterparish.com](mailto:rectory@stpeterparish.com). A gift is very personal, all information you provide will be kept in the strictest confidence.

*Together, we can build on our strong foundation of 175  
years and ensure a solid future for  
St. Peter Parish.*

Your gift to the St. Peter Catholic Church or St. Peter Catholic School  
Endowment Fund is tax deductible.

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