

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN...

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Every year, St. Peter's provides us a way to help others outside our walls through the Advent Trees. This year, the project focuses on supporting at-risk and vulnerable children and youth here in Tallahassee and in the South Rwenzori Diocese in Uganda. Beginning *TODAY, December 3rd*, there will be two trees in the back of the church decorated with ornaments that you can choose from to help a child in need either here or in Uganda.

For many years, St Peter's has provided tuition support to vulnerable children through the ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN (OVC) tuition assistance program in Uganda thanks to generous sponsors, and WE NOW NEED NEW SPONSORS. During our recent trip, we were able to sit down with program administrators and better understand the needs there and streamline administrative processes to make it easier to get information about the sponsored student back to the sponsor and to get letters to the student from the sponsor. On our trip, we had the privilege of meeting and talking with several students currently sponsored. **Hearing their goals of becoming engineers, teachers, craftspeople, and even one young man who wants to be a priest was heartwarming.** This program supports primary and secondary students on either a vocational or university track.

For the 2024 school year, our goal is to sponsor 100 students, and we are asking for a donation of \$200 per sponsored student. The \$200 represents an average annual cost per student for tuition assistance and administrative expenses, as some students' tuition is higher than others at more advanced school levels. To sponsor a student, please take the ornament with their name and sign your name by the student's name on the sheet.

Locally, you can make Christmas a little brighter for some of the most vulnerable children in our community through the CLEAN START INITIATIVE or support homeless and at-risk youth through CAPITAL CITY YOUTH SERVICES. You will simply choose and sign-up for an ornament with the child's name and wish list, go shopping for the item(s), and bring them back unwrapped but in a gift bag to the Church by December 17th. This is an excellent opportunity for your whole family to get involved in choosing gifts.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING YEAR AFTER YEAR!

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

PRISON: COFFEE DRIVE | St. Peter's is now collecting **GROUND COFFEE** for our prison ministry needs. If you see it on sale at Publix, Costco, or anywhere else, pick up a few containers and bring them to the cathedral along with your peanut butter for ECHO. Please remember it will need to be **GROUND COFFEE** (*not coffee beans*). This will be used during our regular Prison Ministry events at local facilities. The large 3lb cans go the furthest, but we will take any and all that you can offer!

PARTNERED EVANGELISM: CHRISTMAS ON THE COURT | Our Partner, **NEW DESTINY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** in Quincy will be holding its annual Christmas on the Court on *Saturday, December 9th* from 11AM TO 1PM at *Shaw Quarters Park*. Volunteers are needed to help with food and games on the morning of the event. There is a goal of giving away 50 bicycles at the event. You can donate either gift cards to Academy Sports, Walmart or Target, or make a check out to St. Peter's with 'bicycle' in the memo line if you would like to help with the bicycles.

LIFE: HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY! Join us at a Christmas celebration with the children and families at Hope Community. Volunteers are needed to help with games, food, and sharing the Christmas Story with these vulnerable families. The party is at *6pm on Tuesday, December 12th* at the community located at *2729 W Pensacola Street*. Contact Julie Dombroski with questions at JULIEDOMBROSKI@COMCAST.NET

UNDER-RESOURCED: GRACE MISSION | Grace Mission serves our homeless and under resourced population in downtown Tallahassee. They are currently in need of the following items:

- Ladies' underwear | Sizes M-2XL
- Ladies' bras | All Sizes
- Men's socks | Black & Blue
- Men's boxers | Sizes M-2XL
- Deodorant
- Men's t-shirts | Sizes L-3XL

Items may be dropped in the box in the Narthex until November 30th. Please reach out to Heidi King with questions HEIDI@HEIDITKING.COM

DISCIPLED EVANGELISM: CHRISTMAS CAROLING | Come join us to spread some holiday cheer to parishioners and neighbors on *Saturday, December 16th*! We'll meet in the St. Peter's Parish Hall for cookies and coffee at 4PM, then head out to visit those we'll be singing for. ALL singing talent levels are encouraged to join! Contact Chuck Lang at CHUCKLANG45@GMAIL.COM or 850.264.3377 with any questions.

PRISON: MERCY HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY! Help St. Peter's celebrate Advent with the residents of Good News Outreach's Mercy House and 4th Avenue Women's Re-entry locations. We will gather at each location on next *Sunday, December 10th, 2023 at 5pm* for fellowship and Christmas tree decorating with the residents. We will also provide dinner and decorations for them. For more information, please reach out to Jason White at JASONWHITE48@GMAIL.COM or 850.566.7702 as space is limited.

THE BIG RED BUS IS COMING

Sunday, 10 December | 8:30am-1:30pm

Donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, and a comfy blanket! Sign up at STPETERSFL.COM/BIGREDBUS



DISCIPLESHIP

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY | *Tuesday, December 12th | 6:30-8pm* | The Dead Theologians Society will begin a study of C. S. Lewis' classic book *The Great Divorce* (chapters 1-2). Anyone interested in this great book is welcome to attend. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in the Sacristy.

CATHEDRAL TOUR

Saturday, 9 December | 10-11AM | From stone to spire, arch to altar, the traditional Gothic architecture of St. Peter's reflects the orthodox truth of Holy Scripture. Seriously. Take a tour and be inspired!



POINSETTIAS AND MUSIC DEDICATIONS

Our lovely Christmas services will be even prettier with donations for brilliant poinsettias and special instruments to accompany our glorious choir! Look for the special envelopes in your pew or complete your dedication online at StPetersFL.com/Give

Send your submission on or before *Monday, 18 December*. Suggested minimum donations are \$25 for poinsettias and \$25 for music. Please print your dedication *legibly*.

STEWARDSHIP

You may have noticed that Pledge Cards for the 2023-2024 Operating Budget have been distributed. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord is nudging you to continue (*or increase!*) your financial support of the Kingdom work happening in, through, and beyond this Cathedral. We only exist by the grace of God and the generosity of you, our members! May we continue to be a thriving cathedral parish that is blessed to be a blessing to the hurting world around us! Be on the lookout for more stewardship materials coming to your mailbox!

PLEDGES MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR VISITING StPetersFL.com/STEWARDSHIP

Any questions should be directed to our Bookkeeper, Lynn Stafford.

SECOND SUNDAY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Sunday, December 10th | 6:30-8PM | Calling all middle and high schoolers—let's celebrate the season together. We'll eat junk food, play games, and have a guest speaker! Dinner provided. It's sure to be a holly, jolly time!

MOVIE ON THE LAWN!

Friday 8 December | 6:30pm

Join us for Movie Night on the lawn in two weeks! Bring your blankets and snacks and let's watch *The Grinch* outside on the big screen!

DECEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST



Thursday, 7 December | 7AM | \$5

Join us in the Parish Hall where the Men's Ministry Leadership Team will have hot coffee and a sausage biscuit breakfast ready for you! Enjoy your breakfast over a time of fellowship with other men! Visit StPetersFL.com/MENSBREAKFAST to RSVP to ensure we have enough breakfast, or you are welcome to bring your own breakfast.

VISIT FROM THE BISHOP OF MYRA

Sunday, 10 December | 10:30am | Families! Please join us between services next Sunday, in the Parish Hall where Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, will be making a special appearance!



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WORSHIP

VISITING THE CATHEDRAL?

Welcome—we're so glad you're worshipping with us today! Our nursery is available during Sunday morning services for children newborn through Kindergarten. We hope you'll join us on the lawn for coffee & other refreshments between morning services! Whether today is your first time or you've been coming for awhile, we are so glad you're here!

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST & CARE MINISTRIES



If you have any pastoral needs or know of someone who needs pastoral care and prayer, please contact Care Ministries Coordinator, Alice Sanderson at ASANDERSON@STPETERSFL.COM

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email ASANDERSON@STPETERSFL.COM to be added to the Cathedral Prayer List. YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST OR CARE MINISTRY NEED AT [STPETERSFL.COM/PRAYER](https://www.stpetersfl.com/prayer)

Military: Lucas Bell, Jose Betancourt, Lt. Col. David Chichetti, SSG Corey Daws, LCpl Sam Henri, SSgt Corey Owen, Lt. Col. Daniel Dean, Capt. James Dilworth, Capt. John Easterbrook Jr, Airman Drew Edwards, Sgt. Michael Gaskins, Capt. Griffin Jax, Capt. Savannah B. Jax, Capt. Parker Jax, Capt. Chandler B. Jax, 1st Lt. Carson Jax, 1st Lt. Rebecca Jax, Gabriel Melendez, Col. Burt Newman, Major Gen. John Richardson, Capt. Oliver Rushing, Spc. Andrew Sanderson, Lt. Cmdr. Chris Smith, SFC Dewey Spence, Lt. Patrick Swain, Capt. Parry Thomas, Lt. Cmdr. Blake Van Brunt Jr, MM3 Tommy VanLandingham, SN Benjamin Waddill, PFC John P. Warren, 2nd Lt Jack Ubben, PFC Noah C. Bielling

Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends: Rob Wheeler, Kel Farris, Paul Martin, Janet Clemons, the Shields Family, Heidi Fisher, Bonnie Canada, John Dawirs, Eva, Fred, Clayton & Philip, Vicki, Bart, Katherine *as of 11.29.23*

CHORISTER CHRISTMAS | *Wednesday, 20 December | 5:30pm*

Prior to the Chorister Christmas Program on December 20th, you're invited to a Family Christmas Dinner in the Parish Hall. Please contact Amy Stewart for more information by emailing ASTEWART@STPETERSFL.COM

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LESSONS
& CAROLS

TONIGHT!
5PM