



# St. Peter Catholic School

*(A Mission of the Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church)*

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After much prayer, discussion and consideration, the decision has been made to expand St. Peter Catholic School to include a seventh and eighth grade in the coming years. Starting in the fall of 2023, we will add seventh grade. The following school year, we will add eighth grade.

This has been a 3-year process, born out of our desire to answer the call of families in the community who wish to offer their children a faith-based education through these formative years. By offering families more options, they'll be able to continue enriching their kids' lives through values-based teaching while maintaining our high level of academics.

Through fervent prayer for wisdom and guidance, the committee has worked to explore this endeavor and address questions of our parish, school, and prospective families. We have sought the guidance of other Catholic schools who have successfully gone before us and have been assured we're on the right track.

This is a step of faith for our school community, not too unlike the ones we find bountiful in the pages of the Gospels. In the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew, we find the disciples telling Jesus to send the 5,000 men and their families away, as they didn't have a way to feed the people. Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." (Matt. 14:16) The disciples brought Jesus what they had, five loaves and two fish, and Jesus fed the multitudes. We firmly believe God is calling us to do the same: to feed the hungry hearts of our young people at St. Peter Catholic School and to help them navigate the junior high waters on a foundation of faith. So it is we find ourselves like our school's namesake, Peter, taking a step of faith.

In that same chapter of Matthew, after feeding the 5,000, the disciples got on a boat and headed out onto on the water. During the night, Jesus joined them, walking on the water and the disciples were afraid. But Jesus said, "Take heart. It is I; do not be afraid." (Matt. 14:27) Peter questioned if it was really Jesus, when Jesus challenged him to come out onto the water. Jesus called to Peter to come, and Peter got out of the boat and walked on water, so long as he kept his focus on Christ. Our faith calls for us to get out of the boat and take a step of faith and when we keep our eyes on Jesus, we can walk on water. Our current fifth graders and beyond will have the opportunity to be wave walkers as well.

We know there are questions, and we encourage folks to ask them. In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to share more information and provide opportunities for you to learn more in person what St. Peter has in store, from academics to facilities and beyond.

There is much work to be done and we have more than a year to do it. What can you do now? Join us in prayer. Pray for wisdom for our school leadership. Pray for our students and families. Pray for the opening of hearts of those would consider being a part of this great school. Pray that the seeds of faith planted in our students will flower and bloom, turning them into the faithful disciples we are all called to be.

In Christ,

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