

Sunday, January 3, 2021 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord



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THE CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

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Parish Mission Statement

For all who enter; we at St. Peter are a community who believe Jesus Christ is the center of our lives. We are committed to live life in relationship with each other; we strive to heed the call to reach out and touch the lives of people. We invite newcomers to join us and those who have been away to rejoin us!

New Parishioners

A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office as soon as possible, 419-446-2150. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish roster.

Sacrament of Marriage

Initial arrangements are to be made 6 months prior to the actual wedding day. The Diocesan policy is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament. Please call the rectory to make arrangements or Deacon Larry.

Sacrament of Baptism

If someone is to be baptized, please call Fr. Stanbery. All parents must attend pre-baptism sessions for their first child. Call the rectory to make arrangements, 419-446-9288 or Deacon Larry (419) 966-7091.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Having questions about the Catholic faith? Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You can learn more by attending our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions. Classes start each fall. Call Fr. Stanbery at 419-446-9288

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

Office Hours: Tue. & Thurs.

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

St. Peter, Archbold

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 4:30 PM

Sunday ~ 10:30 AM

Reconciliation Sat. 4:00
or by appointment



Office Hours: Tue. & Thurs.

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy,
Fayette

Weekend Mass

Sunday ~ 8:30 AM

Reconciliation Sun.
8:00 AM or by
appointment

THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

Saturday, January 2:
All Souls

Sat., January 9~ 4:30 pm

Sun., January 10~10:30 am

Sunday, January 3:
Matt Kunesh
For the People

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION**

Monday, January 4:
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
No Mass
1 Jn 3:22-4:6/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

GREETERS**LECTORS**

Linda Lauber

Arlene Hicks

SERVERS

Tuesday, January 5:
St. John Neumann
No Mass
1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

USHERSJR Lauber
Chuck McColl

Doug & Vicki Williams

Wednesday, January 6:
St. Andre' Bessette
No Mass
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

ROSARY LEADER**MONEY COUNTERS**To be announced
(*We need more volunteers!*)

Thursday, January 7:
St. Raymond of Penafort
No Mass
1 Jn 4:19-5/Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 8:
Christmas Weekday
No Mass
1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**

Saturday, January 9:
Christmas Weekday
No Mass
1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass. No weekday rosary.

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
All Souls

Sunday, January 10:
The Baptism of the Lord
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
For the People
St. Peter~10:30 am
Jean Dominique
Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/
Mk 1:7-11

March for Life in Washington, DC.**Thurs., Jan. 28 - Sat., Jan. 30, 2021**

Buses of college students, young adults and their families will leave St. Thomas More Parish in Bowling Green, OH, on Thurs., Jan. 28 and return Sat., Jan. 30. Catholic Charities Office for Life and Justice is leading the trip which includes two nights in a Washington D.C. hotel. For more information, email Peter Range, Catholic Charities Director of Life and Justice at prange@toledodiocese.org.

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Father Stanbery is currently in quarantine. Weekend Masses will however continue as normal with a substitute priest. There will be no daily Masses during this time.

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The 13th annual *March for Life* will be held January 22 at noon at the Defiance County Courthouse. The march is sponsored by Mother Teresa Respect for Life. The purpose of the March for Life is for participants to walk and stand up for unborn children who cannot speak for themselves. The march will start with prayer with Father Stanbery. A police escort will lead participants from the Defiance County Courthouse to the Monument of the Unborn at St. John Catholic Church. Jamie Blank will host the march and lead a prayer for life at the monument. From there, the event moves to the basement of St. John Church where Colleen Hammons whose parents are the late Dale and Madonna Hammons will talk on modern day miracles that are changing peoples attitude on their lives. Mary Juarez will talk who is a Mom Grandmom and author and founder of Never Let Go Ministries. Mary will be speaking of being adopted by a beautiful family and how she wanted to meet her birth Mom. Wayne Staszal who is a chimney sweep will speak about the feelings as the father of an aborted baby and how it affected him and haunted him over the years. Culture for Life is a group of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue. They will speak on the dignity of the human person inviting our culture to become alive. Ed Sitter RTLACO president will give some pro life remarks. "He's got the Whole World in His Hands" and "God Bless America" will be sung by Jim Zipfel. The event will close with prayer. Masks are asked to be worn with distancing. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated by Father Doug Taylor of St. John Catholic Church, Defiance, at 9:00 am. Throughout the day there will be exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction with Deacon Mark Homier at 4:45 pm.

A big thank you from Our Lady of Mercy and St. Vincent De Paul for the donated items for Christmas. Your generosity serves many! We are working on safely opening back up on January 7.

The 2021 calendars and the new issue of Living Faith devotional can be found on the table in the entryway.

If you were a server this year, you may pick up your Christmas gift certificate in the sacristy. Thank you for being a part of this ministry!

Lector books are on the cart in the sacristy.

We are in need of more money counters! Please contact Doug Williams or Father Stanbery if you can help.

St. Peter website is up and running! Signing up is EASY!

Go to:

stpeterarchbold.com

Eucharistic Adoration starts at 8 am ending with Mass at 7 pm every Tuesday. Call Dennis Schwind: 419-335-2652.

Stewardship of Treasure
Sunday Offering: \$3314.00
Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget: (\$136.00)

Past collections:
December 20 \$6825.00
December 6 \$4590.00
November 29 \$2330.00

Dear Padre

January 3, 2021

A friend who is a fundamentalist insists Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I say there's no way it could have. Who is right?

Catholics believe each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there is a saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1-12. And there is a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably did not happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true king, the light to all nations, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR

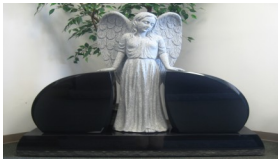
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