

December 18, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



614 North Defiance Street
Archbold, OH

THE CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

A MEMBER OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE DEANERY

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

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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. Bill. 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. Bill 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

Tues. 6:30 pm & 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, December 17:
Mary Oyer

Sat., Dec. 24, 2022~4:30 pm

Sat., Dec. 24, 2022~10:00 pm

Sunday, December 18:
Eddie Tidwell
John Herr
Marjorie Grime

GREETERS

Andy & Lois Grime

Bryan & Jessica Miller

Monday, December 19:
Late Advent Weekday
No Mass
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

LECTORS

Amy Zientek

Theresa McColl

Tuesday, December 20:
Late Advent Weekly
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Ritzert Family
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

SERVERSBrennan Garrow
Kassidy Zientek
Lainey Zientek

Millers

Wednesday, December 21:
St. Peter Cansius
St. Peter~9:00 am
Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45

USHERS

Andy & Lois Grime

Bryan & Jessica Miller

Thursday, December 22:
Late Advent Weekday
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

MONEY COUNTERSChuck & Theresa
Leonard Gustwiller

Friday, December 23:
St. John of Kanty
St. Peter~9:00 am
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

Saturday, December 24:
Christmas Eve
Vigil

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

St. Peter~4:30 pm

Chris Short

Eddie Joe Britenriker

10:00 pm

Marjorie Grime

Our Lady of Mercy ~7:00 pm

Sunday, December 25:
The Nativity of the Lord
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
For the People
Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18

Area Happenings

Archbold Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for January 13, 2023 as our first fish fry. We will be serving 13 weeks this year and finish on Good Friday April 7.



Fourth Sunday of Advent
Weekend of December 17/18, 2022

In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, the "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, see how we give comfort to the poor and afflicted, and share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!"



Gia Alt

Peyton Cordes

Zoey Curry

Harper Graber

Kenzie Guelde

Milan Herman

Cy Langenderfer

Molly Seibert

A special blessing to our students who received their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 14.

THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

A big THANK YOU to the Rosary Altar Society and to everyone involved in the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 10. The parish hall was festively decorated and the tamale dinner, which included the traditional "Tres Leches" cake for dessert, was delicious!



St. Peter: Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24
4:30 pm & 10:00 pm
Our Lady of Mercy: 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy:
Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25
9:00 am

This Week

Wednesday, December 21
Religious Education K-12
6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration
starts at 8 am ending with
Mass at 7 pm every
Tuesday. Call Pat
Dominique: 419-446-2206

Stewardship of Treasure
Sunday Offering: \$3,453.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget:
\$78.00

Past collections:
December 4 \$4215.10
November 27 \$2230.00
November 20 \$3835.00

Dear Padre

December 18, 2022

My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the "Eucharist." I grew up calling it the "Mass." Why the difference?

Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. "Eucharist" was used to describe the early Church's gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means "the sending." This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." In the Latin Mass, this phrase is "*ite missa est.*" No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the "missa" or "mass." Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the "dismissal," or the "Mass." ●

— *The Redemptorists*
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