

July 23, 2023~ 16th Sunday of Ordinary Times



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. 6:15 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, July 22:
Mike & Joyce Britenriker

Sat., July 29, 2023~8:30 pm

Sun., July 30, 2023~10:30 am

Sunday, July 23:
For the People
Mary Grime

GREETERS

Dave & Cindy Gustwiller

Bryan & Jessica Miller

Monday, July 24:
St. Sharbel Makhluf
No Mass
Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

LECTORS

Mary Ann Thatcher

Steve Bernath

Tuesday, July 25:
St. James
St. Peter~7:00 pm
2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

SERVERS

Carson Armstrong
Alexa Alt
1 Langenderfer

Millers

Wednesday, July 26:
Sts. Joachim & Anne
Parents of the Blessed Virgin
Mary
St. Peter~9:00 am
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

USHERS

Dave & Cindy Gustwiller

Bryan & Jessica Miller

ROSARY LEADER

John Smith

Thursday, July 27:
Weekday
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/
Mt 13:10-17

MONEY COUNTERS

Brooke & Sheri Bosco
Bryan & Jessica Miller

Friday, July 28:
Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

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

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

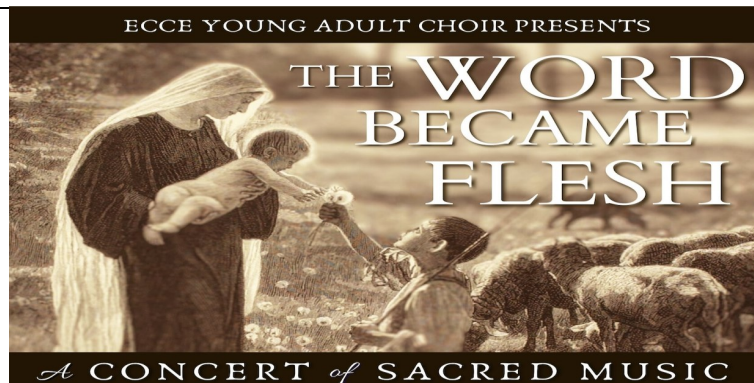
**ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.
No weekday rosary.**

Saturday, July 29:
Sts. Mary Martha, Mary and
Lazarus
No *MORNING* Mass
Ex 24:3-8/Jn 11:19-27

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
Gina Damman
John Grieser

Sunday, July 30:
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
For the People
St. Peter~10:30 am
Amelia Salinas
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-46

Summer Time Blessings



July 29th at 1:00pm, Queen of Angels Parish
Sacred Music Seminar immediately following, from 2-3pm
1500 W State Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808

July 30th at 3:00pm, Novel Blends
116 S Main St, Bowling Green, OH 43402

August 6th at 3:00pm, St. Wendelin Parish
323 N Wood St, Fostoria, OH 44830

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For more information, contact Jessica Schuster, Director: jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com

THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

VBS is only 8 days away! Let's get a head start on this years VBS memory verse!

July 31-August 4
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
St. Martin Lutheran Church



For anyone interested in joining the Catholic Faith, now is the time to be putting us in contact! Beginning on Wednesday, July 26th at 6:45 pm we will start the dynamic series created by Fr. John Riccardo. *Anyone is welcome to attend.*



The faith formation of our children is so important! We are in need of Catechists and helpers for the upcoming Religious Education year.

It may seem a long way off, but *now* is the time to start thinking and praying about this ministry and if you have a calling to fill a role. If you have questions or interest, please contact Deb Herring, Father Bill or the office.

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: \$3069.45

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget: (\$305.55)

Past collections:
June 25 \$2876.00
June 18 \$2458.61
June 11 \$4289.60

Registration is still open <https://www.myvbs.org/thewelcomeplace>

Feast Day: July 23

Patron: of Sweden



Saint Birgitta was the daughter of Uppland's Lagman, Birger Petersson and his wife, Ingeborg, who was a member of the same clan as the reigning family. Birgitta's family was pious; her father went to confession every Friday and made long and arduous pilgrimages as far away as the Holy Land. Birgitta's mother died, leaving Birgitta, ten years old, Katharine, nine and a newborn baby boy, Israel. The children were sent to their maternal aunt for further education and care. It seems that as a young child, Birgitta had a dream-vision of The Man of Sorrows. This dream was very vivid. Birgitta asked Him who had done that to Him. His answer: 'All those who despise my love.' The memory of this dream never left Birgitta and may have even left an indelible mark on her sub-conscious. As was usual during the Middle Ages, Birgitta was married when she was 13 years old to a young man, Ulf Gudmarsson with whom she had eight children, four daughters and four sons, all of them survived infancy, and that was very rare at that time. When the King of Sweden, Magnus Eriksson married Blanche of Namur, he asked his kinswoman, Birgitta to come and be Lady-in Waiting and to teach the young queen the language and customs of her new country. After her years of service at Court, Birgitta and Ulf made the long pilgrimage to Santiago di Compostela. On the return journey Ulf became dangerously ill in Arras. Birgitta feared for his death and sat all night by his bed praying, and then a bishop appeared to her, promised that Ulf would recover and 'God had great things for her to do.' He told her that he was Denis, Patron of France. Ulf recovered and was able to continue his work as Lagman in the province of Närke until early in the year 1344, when he was very ill so Birgitta took him to the monks at Alvastra where he died and was buried. Birgitta remained in a little house near the abbey and she spent along hours in prayer by Ulf's grave. She said that she 'loved him like my own body.' She arranged her affairs among her children and various charities and prayed for guidance. She was 41 years old and in the abbey at Alvastra God called her 'be My Bride and My canal'. He gave her the task of founding new religious order, mainly for women. He said that the other orders had fallen into decay and this new order would be a vineyard whose wine would revivify the Church. He showed her how her abbey church was to be built, gave directions concerning the clothing and prayers of the nuns, 60 in all, who needed priests as chaplains, 13 priests, 4 deacons and 8 lay brothers. These two communities were to be ruled by an abbess, who was to represent the Blessed Virgin Mary together with the Apostles in the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

Dear Padre

July 23, 2023

Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?

Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). ●

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