

July 30, 2023~ 17th 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 29:**  
**Gina Damman**  
**John Grieser**

Sat., Aug. 5, 2023~8:30 pm

Sun., Aug. 6, 2023~10:30 am

**Sunday, July 30:**  
 For the People  
**Amelia Salinas**  
**Mona LaNeve**

**GREETERS**

Mike &amp; Barb Britenriker

Pacholski Family

**Monday, July 31:**  
 St. Ignatius of Loyola  
 No Mass  
 Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/  
 Mt 13:31-35

**LECTORS**

Theresa McColl

Barb Dominique

**SERVERS**

Caleb Harrow  
 Baylen Cordes  
 Makayla Felder

Seiberts

**Tuesday, Aug. 1:**  
 St. Alphonsus Liguori  
 St. Peter~7:00 pm  
 Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28/  
 Mt 13:31-35

**USHERS**

Mike &amp; Barb Britenriker

Natalie Seibert  
 Matt Pacholski

**Wednesday, Aug. 2:**  
 St. Eusebius of Vercelli  
 St. Peter~9:00 am  
 Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

**ROSARY LEADER**

Brylee Grime

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Roger Johnson  
 Nick & Susan Wlasiuk

**Thursday, Aug. 3:**  
 Weekday  
 Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/  
 Mt 13:54-58

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

**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**

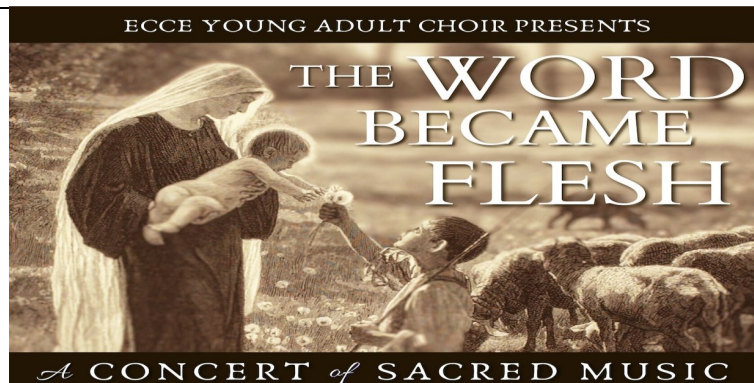
**Friday, Aug. 4:**  
 St. John Vianney  
 St. Peter~9:00 am  
 Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-  
 37/Mt 13:54-58

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

**Saturday, Aug. 5:**  
 The Dedication of the Basilica  
 of St. Mary Major  
**FIRST SATURDAY**  
 St. Peter~8:00 am  
 Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

Vigil  
 St. Peter~4:30 pm  
**Mike & Joyce Britenriker**

**Sunday, Aug. 6:**  
 The Transfiguration of the  
 Lord  
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
 Chad Miller  
 St. Peter~10:30 am  
**Mary Grime**  
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/  
 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9



**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](mailto:jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com)

**THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Weekend of July 29/30, 2023

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that affect the lives of others. During these disquieting times, are we asking God for an understanding heart? Are we exercising good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Are we sharing our compassionate hearts with others?

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Fr. Herman F. Scherger, Senior Status Priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Saturday, July 8, 2023.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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According to tradition, Sts. Anne & Joachim prayed fervently for many years for a baby before the arrival of Mary, the Immaculate Conception. Let us ask these great saints, parents of the Blessed Mother and grandparents of Jesus, to intercede for those hoping to have a child.

The Community Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow at St. Martin Church, July 31-August 4, 6:00 pm-8 pm.

Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass next Sunday, August 6. Everyone is invited!



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: \$2942.16

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00  
Over/(Under) Budget: (\$433.00)

Past collections:  
July 16 \$2423.00  
July 9 \$3797.69  
July 2 \$3069.45

# Dear Padre

July 30, 2023

## What is spiritual Communion?

Saint Thomas Aquinas said spiritual Communion is "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament"... and to lovingly embrace "Him as if we had actually received Him." It is the practice of desiring union with Christ in the Eucharist by those who cannot receive holy Communion for valid cause, such as an infirmity or an irregular marriage. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis also said the practice is "highly recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament."

A prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori is ideal for those unable to receive holy Communion:

*My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Saint John Paul II wrote, "It is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual Communion,' which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints....Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: 'When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you'" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 34). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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