

October 22, 2023~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, Oct. 21:
People of the Parish

Sat., Oct. 28, 2023~8:30 pm

Sun., Oct. 29, 2023~10:30 am

Sunday, Oct. 22:
Giovanni Stella
Mike & Joyce Britenriker
Pat & Juanita Arend

GREETERS

Kevin & Elizabeth Seibert

Susan Bernath
Sandy Schaffner

Monday, Oct. 23:
St. John of Capistrano
No Mass
Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

LECTORS

Mary Ann Thatcher

Theresa McColl

Tuesday, Oct. 24:
St. Anthony Mary Caret
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-
21/Lk 12:35-38

SERVERS

Seiberts

Millers

Wednesday, Oct. 25:
Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

USHERSMike Kennedy
Dave GustwillerTami Bevins
Chris Lopez**ROSARY LEADER**

Vivian Pifer

Thursday, Oct. 26:
Weekday
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

MONEY COUNTERSAndy & Lois Grime
Cindy Krueger

Friday, Oct. 27:
Weekday
Communion Service~9:00 am
Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

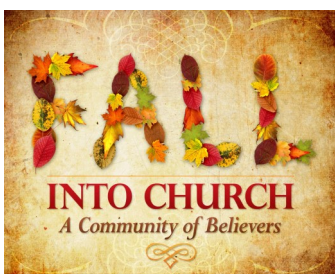
Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**

Saturday, Oct. 28:
Sts. Simon & Jude
No MORNING Mass
Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

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

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
Ronnie Ruffer
Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

Sunday, Oct. 29:
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
People of the Parish
St. Peter~10:30 am
Pat & Juanita Arend
Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/
Mt 22:34-40



St. Richard Catholic Church's

AUTUMN CRAFT SHOW!

OCTOBER 28, 2023
9 am - 2 pm

333 Brookside Dr. Swanton Ohio
Held in School Gym

☞ HOLIDAY DÉCOR ☞ CRAFTS ☞ JEWELRY
☞ WREATHS ☞ FOOD ☞ KIDS DRAWING CLASS
☞ ORNAMENTS ☞ WOODEN SIGNS ☞ MORE

Canned food donations for the food pantry will be taken at the entrance/exit doors. Canned meats, soups, cereals are suggested but any non-perishable food is appreciated.

THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend of October 21/22, 2023

Jesus offers us a profound teaching on stewardship in this weekend's reading: What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? Christian stewards recognize that everything they have belongs to God. God created them, and God has claims on every part of their existence. They also realize that the sovereign is an institution whose nature and purpose is to promote the common good and protect the welfare of its citizenry. As long as it accomplishes this mission while treating every single person with deep respect, justice and compassion, it merits the steward's support and cooperation. Christian stewards know what belongs to the Lord, and they are better citizens when they live their lives according to his Gospel.



How Will You Celebrate World Mission Sunday?

Busy schedules can make family members feel as though they live as ships passing in the night. October 22 is World Mission Sunday! Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). Every year, this Sunday in October celebrates and encourages our efforts to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed. One parish marked the occasion by offering a glimpse into the Church's global solidarity. Students representing the cultural diversity of the parish processed, readings and songs were offered in various languages, and a feast offering ethnic dishes followed the liturgy. That Sunday, parishioners enjoyed an intimate connection to the legacy of missionary support that can be traced back nearly two centuries. North America was "mission territory" in the early 1800s when Pauline Jaricot gathered small groups in her family's mill in Lyon, France to offer prayers and sacrificial giving to support missionary work in North America and China. Her effort grew to become the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which continues to promote the global mission of the Church. By the early 1920s, the United States was no longer a primary focus of missionary activity. But there was concern that Catholics in the United States, who focused primarily on their local Church, lacked an understanding of the Church's global and mission outreach. In 1926, Church leaders designated the second to last Sunday in October as World Mission Sunday to broaden the understanding of the Church's global mission. Every parish is asked to raise awareness of the worldwide evangelizing efforts of the Church. Parishes also take up a collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to be used for the missions. Worldwide efforts like World Mission Sunday support more than 1,000 missionary dioceses. In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council, echoing the missionary credo found in the words of the Gospel of Mathew (28:18), emphasized that the Church is missionary by nature, and every baptized Catholic is called to missionary work through good works and setting a good example. The new understanding of 'mission' is focused on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and his proclamation of the Kingdom of God. St. Paul maintained that the Kingdom of God is peace, justice, joy and life in the Holy Spirit. If we understand 'mission' as this spreading of the Kingdom of God, then we work for peace and justice. We celebrate life as gift from God lived joyfully in the Spirit.

As the November election nears, it is vital for every Catholic in the Diocese of Toledo and all of Ohio to understand the grave moral seriousness of Issue 1 and realize that this is not a political issue but an issue of *life*. In order to help the faithful understand the proposed abortion amendment, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas made a video going through the actual text of the and what it means.

Please join Bishop Thomas and all the faithful of Ohio is praying for the defeat of Issue 1 and voting no on Issue 1!

Link to video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucKKK1c0SEo>

Link to video on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bishopdethomas/videos/1764393774038509>



Wednesday, October 25
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: \$2349.99

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget:
(\$1548.01)

Past collections:

October 8	\$3898.00
October 1	\$5996.30
September 24	\$3143.00

Dear Padre

October 22, 2023

Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1–7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation. ●

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