

November 19, 2023~ 33rd 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, November 18:
People of the Parish**

Sat., Nov. 25, 2023~4:30 pm Sun., Nov. 26, 2023~10:30 am

**Sunday, November 19:
Jeannette Tidwell
Ronnie Ruffer
Julia Sandoval****GREETERS**

Matt & Kristin Shields

Bryan & Jessica Miller

Monday, November 20:Weekday
No Mass
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62
-63/Lk 18:35-43**LECTORS**

Mary Ann Thatcher

Arlene Hicks

SERVERSAnna & Marian Shields
Baylen Cordes

Millers

Tuesday, November 21:The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Peter~7:00 pm
2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Pat & Juanita Arend**USHERS**

Mike & Barb Britenriker

Bryan & Jessica Miller

Wednesday, November 22:St. Cecilia
St. Peter~9:00 am
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28**ROSARY LEADER**

Mary Schrock

MONEY COUNTERS

Roger Johnson

Nick & Susan Wlasiuk

Thursday, November 23:Thanksgiving
St. Peter~8:30 am *Rosary*
Mass 9:00 am
1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44**Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.****Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.****Friday, November 24:**St. Andrew Dung-Lac
No Mass
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/
Lk 19:45-48**ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.****No weekday rosary.****Saturday, November 25:**St. Catherine of Alexandria
No Mass
1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40**2023 Christmas House**St. Augustine Catholic Church
726 Monroe Street, Napoleon

Vigil

St. Peter~4:30 pm

**Mike & Joyce Britenriker
Gina Damman**

Friday, December 1 9:30 am-7:00 pm

Saturday, December 2 9:30 am-7:00 pm

Sunday, December 3 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, November 26:Our Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Chuck Wurth
St. Peter~10:30 am
People of the Parish
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/
Mt 25:31-46

Stunning displays of holiday home décor, jewelry, homemade frosted sugar cookies, cheese balls, baked goods, fantastic gift items, holiday wreaths, and much more!

Friday lunch: soup & sandwich, desserts dinner (with Santa): chicken sandwich w/chips, chili, mac-n-cheese, hotdogs, desserts (Santa visits Friday 5:00 pm-7:00 pm)

Saturday lunch: sandwich & pie dinner: baked steak dinner (5-7pm)

Sunday (freewill offering): delicious breakfast (9-noon)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend of November 18/19, 2023

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It is a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns.

November is our month to collect items for the Archbold Fish Food Pantry. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Stewardship Saint for November: Saint Albert the Great

Saint Albert the Great was a 13th-century German Dominican priest, considered one of the most extraordinary men of his age alongside Peter Lombard, Roger Bacon and Saint Thomas Aquinas. His stewardship of the intellectual life, his students and our life of faith is profound.

Born in 1200, near Ulm, Albert was the eldest son of a powerful and wealthy German family. He was educated in the liberal arts at the University of Padua, Italy, and against his family's wishes, joined the Dominican Order in 1223. He earned his doctorate at the University of Paris and taught theology with much success in a number of medieval German universities, including Cologne.

For a time, Albert was the pope's personal theologian, and in 1260 was appointed bishop of Regensburg, Germany, against his will. He remained for only three years before returning his time and energy to teaching and writing in Cologne. He enhanced his reputation for humility by refusing to ride horses. Instead, he walked back and forth across his huge diocese, keeping with the rules of the Dominican order.

Albert's influence on scholars is substantial. His fame is due in part to being the forerunner, spiritual guide and teacher of Saint Thomas Aquinas. But he also composed an encyclopedia containing treatises on almost every branch of learning known at the time. His work fills thirty-eight volumes and covers subjects ranging from astronomy and chemistry to geography and philosophy. His knowledge of science was considerable, and for the age remarkably accurate. He also displayed an insight into nature and a knowledge of theology that surprised his contemporaries, who named him "Magnus" ("the Great") to recognize his genius. Albert even inspired a mystical school of theology among fellow Dominicans such as Meister Eckhart.

Albert participated in the Second Council of Lyons, France, in 1274, the fourteenth of the Catholic Church's 21 great councils (Vatican II was the twenty-first). On his way to the council, he was shocked to learn of Aquinas' death at age 49, and he publicly defended his former student against attacks on the Catholicity of his writings.

After suffering from what is now thought to be Alzheimer's disease, Albert died in Cologne on November 15, 1280. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931, one of only 33 individuals bestowed that honor. His tomb is in the crypt of the Dominican church in Cologne, and his relics are in the Cologne Cathedral. His feast day is November 15.



Our Parish Potluck, Silent Auction, and Cookie Walk event is just one week away (December 3!) We have a table in the hallway for donations to our Silent Auction and you can bid NOW. This was a really fun event last year and we are hoping it is even bigger and better this year!

We need volunteers to deliver Christmas Cheer items on December 4 between 10:00 am-3:00 pm. We also will need help transporting items to the St. Vincent store in Fayette. Contact Kevin Seibert: (567) 239-1316

Check your mailboxes! If you discover you are missing a box contact the office.

There will be no Religious Education classes this week.



Thanksgiving service

St. Peter

Rosary 8:30 am

Mass 9:00 am

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: \$3264.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:

(\$111.00)

Past collections:

November 5 \$5548.00

October 29 \$2886.00

October 22 \$1860.05

Dear Padre

November 19, 2023

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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