

December 24, 2023~ 4th Sunday of Advent



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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, December 23:
Christmas Novena
Intentions

Sat., Dec. 30, 2023~4:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 31, 2023~10:30 am

Sunday, December 24:
Christmas Novena
Intentions

GREETERS

Dave & Jeanie Alt

Brooke & Sheri Bosco

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

LECTORS

Barb Dominique

Frank Smith

SERVERSConnor & Dalton Smith
Karter ZachrichKassidy & Lainey Zientek
Makayla Felder

Tuesday, December 26:
 St. Stephen
 St. Peter~7:00 pm
 Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/
 Mt 10:17-22

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Dave AltJoel Felder
John Smith

Wednesday, December 27:
 St. John
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

ROSARY LEADER

Judy Smith

Thursday, December 28:
 The Holy Innocents
 Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
 No Mass
 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

MONEY COUNTERSChuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

Friday, December 29:
 St. Thomas Becket
 St. Peter~9:00 am
Communion Service
 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

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, December 30:
 6th day within the Octave of
 the Nativity of the Lord
 No Morning Mass
 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Vigil
 St. Peter~4:30 pm
People of the Parish

Sunday, December 31:
 The Holy Family
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
 Living & Deceased Sarnac Family
 Giovannie Stella
 Mike & Joyce Dwyer
 St. Peter~10:30 am
Cindy Eddy
Jeannette Talbot
New Year's Eve Holy Day Mass
 St. Peter~4:30 pm
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-14/
 Col 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40

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JANUARY 12- MARCH 29



Fourth Sunday of Advent
Weekend of December 23/24, 2023

In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
Monday, December 25, 2023

In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.



St. Peter 4:30 pm & 10 pm
Our Lady of Mercy 7:00 pm

St. Adele, Widow. A daughter of King Dagobert II of Germany, **St. Adele** became a nun upon the death of her husband, making provisions for her son, the future father of St. Gregory of Utrecht. She founded a **convent** at Palatiolum near **Trier** and became its first Abbess, ruling with holiness, prudence, and compassion. **St. Adele** seems to have been among the disciples of St. Boniface, the **Apostle** of Germany, and a letter in his correspondence is addressed to her. After a devout **life** filled with **good** works and communion with God, she passed on to her heavenly reward in 730.



THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

Reverend Martin B. Nassr

Senior Status Priest of the
Diocese of Toledo

Died on Thursday, December
14, 2023

May he rest in peace.

Thank you to all who took part in decorating and preparing the church for this blessed holiday!

There are McDonald gift cards for all our servers in the sacristy. Thank you for being a part of this ministry and serving our parish!

Please check your mailbox! If you discover you do not have one, please contact the office.

Monday, December 25
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am

There will be no Religious Education classes this week.



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: \$3892.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget:
\$517.00

Past collections:
December 10 \$4,475.00
December 3 \$4,042.00
November 26 \$2856.00

Dear Padre

December 24, 2023

The Bible talks about Jesus' brothers and sisters. Is there scriptural proof that Jesus was Mary's only child?

The Catholic Church's position is that Mary had only one child; her son called Jesus. Yet there are at least ten scriptural references to "the brothers of Jesus" or to his "sisters" (see Matthew 13:55-56, Mark 6:3, and Luke 8:19-21).

The difficulty is that the meaning of the term "brothers" (translated from the Greek *adelphos*) isn't restricted to the sharing of a parent. On the contrary, it may not only refer to other relatives, including cousins, but also to close relationships, such as disciples. This is not unlike how we might refer to "brothers in arms" as those who fought in a war together, or a religious order of brothers or sisters.

Recall, too, that Jesus and his disciples spoke Aramaic, and there is no equivalent for the meaning of "cousins" as we know it in that language. Instead, the word for brother or sister was used when referring to cousins. Thus, when St. Jerome (circa 340—420) translated the Bible from Hebrew into Church Latin, he considered "the brothers of Jesus" as cousins, not siblings. After all, it would have been the rightful responsibility of these male relatives of Jesus to take care of Mary when Jesus died. Yet Jesus entrusts his mother to the care of his beloved disciple John (John 19:26). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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