

January 14, 2024~ Second 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, January 13:**  
People of the Parish

Sat., Jan. 20, 2023~4:30 pm

Sun., Jan. 21, 2023~10:30 am

**Sunday, January 14:**  
Jeannette Tidwell  
**Cindy Eddy**  
**Julia Sandoval**

**GREETERS**

Seibert Family

Evan &amp; Carly Wyse

**Monday, January 15:**

Weekday  
No Mass  
1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

**LECTORS**

Peg Hines

Barb Dominique

**Tuesday, January 16:**

Weekday  
St. Peter~7:00 pm  
1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

**SERVERS**

Seiberts

Millers

**Wednesday, January 17:**

St. Anthony  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/  
Mk 3:1-6

**USHERS**

Paul &amp; Deb Herring

John Smith  
Steve Dominique**ROSARY LEADER**

John Smith

**Thursday, January 18:**

Weekday  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7/  
Mk 3:7-12

**MONEY COUNTERS**Dave & Mari Yoder  
Ron & Carlene Reese

**Friday, January 19:**

Weekday  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

**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, January 20:**

Sts. Fabian & Sebastian  
No Morning Mass  
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/  
Mk 3:20-21

Vigil

St. Peter~4:30 pm

**John Grieser**

**Sunday, January 21:**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Giovanni Stella  
St. Peter~10:30 am

**People of the Parish**

Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/  
Mk 1:14-20

**Our Lady of Mercy  
Altar Rosary  
CABIN FEVER  
Adult Night Out  
Where: Our Lady of Mercy  
When: January 27 at 6:30 pm**

**Adults 21 years and over  
BYOB-Bring your own beverage  
(Alcoholic beverages allowed)**



**Altar Rosary will be providing SNACKY food for your enjoyment  
Come and enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship and games!**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 13/14, 2024

In today's Gospel Jesus asks two of John the Baptist's followers who now want to follow him, "What are you looking for?" That is, of course, a very practical question. It is a very good question for us to ask ourselves as we begin this new year: What is it that we seek? What is it that we really want in following Jesus? How do we wish to live so that Christ will know that we have an authentic desire to be his disciples? This is a stewardship question. By our very human nature we are on a spiritual quest and we have many choices. Is our choice truly to be followers of Jesus Christ? If so, what changes will we make in our lives that will draw us closer to the Lamb of God.

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Stewardship in the New Year: Making Commitments to the Lord

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in one or more of the following samples:

**Stewardship of Prayer:** Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord through prayer. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. If you are a beginner, commit to short, daily prayer times.

**Stewardship of Family:** Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together. Practice patience and forgiveness.

**Stewardship of Health:** Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

**Stewardship of Possessions:** Resolve to possess a little more "lightly" this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.

**Stewardship of the Parish Family:** Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish's outreach or education and formation efforts. Is it also time to enhance your generosity to the parish?

**Stewardship of Money:** Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

**Stewardship of Work:** Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.

**Stewardship of Mind:** Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your bible. In this presidential election year in the United States, become even more familiar with Catholic social teaching.

**Stewardship of Neighbor:** Resolve to be a person of hospitality and mercy. Make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

**Stewardship of the Poor:** Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.

Thank you to Jeanie Alt, Lois Grime and Peg Hines for hosting coffee and rolls Sunday!

There will be a *Rosary Altar Society* meeting today after Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcomed to attend.



COMMUNITY DINNER

**Community Meal at St John Christian Church on Tuesday, January 16**

Workers please be there at 4:45 pm. St. John Church is open at 8:00 am and anyone donating cookies can drop them off there.

Tuesday, January 16  
*Parish Council Meeting*  
7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 17  
*Religious Education*  
*(On-Site/Safety Lesson)*

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: \$5523.60

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00  
Over/(Under) Budget: \$2148.60

Past collections:  
January 7 \$1783.00  
December 24 \$9353.50  
(Regular Masses & Christmas Eve)  
December 17 \$3892.00



# Dear Padre

January 14, 2024

**If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?**

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●

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