

January 7, 2024~ The Epiphany of the Lord



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# THE CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

A MEMBER OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE DEANERY

## WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

Website: [stpeterarchbold.com](http://stpeterarchbold.com)

### **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 6:  
People of the Parish**

Sat., Jan. 13, 2023~4:30 pm

Sun., Jan. 14, 2023~10:30 am

**Sunday, January 7:**Marcel Bonin  
Ron Lichtenwald  
Jeremy Belson**GREETERS**

Sylvia Miller

Abby Harrow

**Monday, January 8:**The Baptism of the Lord  
No Mass  
Is 55:1-11/Mk 1:7-11**LECTORS**

Dexter Krueger

Theresa McColl

**Tuesday, January 9:**Weekday in Ordinary Time  
St. Peter~7:00 pm  
1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28**SERVERS**

3 Kruegers

Carson Armstrong  
Caleb Harrow  
Alexa Alt**Wednesday, January 10:**Weekday  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/  
Mk 1:29-39**USHERS**Tom Young  
Tami BevinsAaron Alt  
Chuck McColl**ROSARY LEADER**

Anahi Garcia

**Thursday, January 11:**Weekday  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45**MONEY COUNTERS**Dave & Mari Yoder  
Ron & Carlene Reese**Friday, January 12:**Weekday  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12**Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.****Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.****Saturday, January 13:**St. Hilary  
No Morning Mass  
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a/  
Mk 2:13-17**ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.  
No weekday rosary.****Vigil**St. Peter~4:30 pm  
**People of the Parish****Faith and Family Day with the Toledo Walleye****Sunday | February 4 | 2024****Doors Open: 4:00 PM | Puck Drops: 5:15 PM****Sunday, January 14:**Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Jeannette Tidwell  
St. Peter~10:30 am**Cindy Eddy****Julia Sandoval**1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/  
Jn 1:35-42**This event is open to the Youth and Families and the Office of Accessibility Families in the Diocese of Toledo. Come gather with us at the Huntington Center and share your faith on this special day!**



Wednesday, January 3:  
*Religious Education (on-site)*

Sunday, January 7:  
*Coffee & Rolls*

Tuesday, January 9:  
*Finance Council Meeting*

Wednesday, January 10:  
*Religious Education (at home)*

Friday, January 12:  
*Fish Fry starts*

Sunday, January 14:  
*Rosary Altar Society Meeting*

Tuesday, January 16:  
*Community Meal (St. John)*  
*Parish Council Meeting*

Wednesday, January 17:  
*Religious Education (Safety Lessons)*

Friday, January 19:  
*Fish Fry*

Sunday, January 21:  
*Meet & Greet for Confirmation Sponsors*

Wednesday, January 24:  
*Family Catechesis Event (on-site)*

Friday, January 26:  
*Fish Fry*

Wednesday, January 31:  
*Religious Education (on-site)*

Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass. Everyone is invited!

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, gifts, and greetings this Christmas season. Blessings to you now and in the New Year.

*Deacon Larry*

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



Tuesday, January 9  
*Finance Meeting*  
7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 10  
*Religious Education (at home)*

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: \$1783.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00  
Over/(Under) Budget: (\$1592.00)

Past collections:

December 24 \$9353.50  
(Regular Masses & Christmas Eve)  
December 17 \$3892.00  
December 10 \$4,475.00

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

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



# Dear Padre

January 7, 2024

**On what date was Jesus born? Was it December 25 or some time between December and April, when shepherds watched over their sheep?**

Due to the complexity of history's various calendars and ways of calculating time, we cannot be sure of the date. Matthew and Luke, the two Gospels that detail the birth of Jesus, do not give a date.

Early Christians observed an annual feast to remember Jesus' death and resurrection, focusing on the paschal mystery rather than on his birth. As Christianity grew and spread, however, Christians wanted to celebrate more events from Jesus' life. The celebration on December 25 has more to do with an expression of faith in Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us," than with establishing the exact date of his birth.

December 25 is listed as the date of Jesus' birth in a fourth-century calendar of martyrs, but how this date was chosen is unclear. Some scholars believe Christians in Rome chose December 25 to counteract the celebration of the pagan sun god Emesa. Another theory follows the influences of the seasons: early Christians believed John the Baptist was conceived on the autumnal equinox and born at the summer solstice. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' conception took place six months after John's. That time line would place Jesus' birth at the winter solstice, December 25 on the Julian calendar. A third theory says Jesus' birth would have occurred on the same date as his death, which we believe to be in the spring at Passover. Regardless of the exact date, we celebrate Jesus as the true Son of God who came to enlighten us and, by his death and resurrection, to give us life. ●

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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