

September 8, 2024 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Times



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, September 7:**  
**Daryl Graber**  
**Eddie Abila**

Sat., Sept. 14, 2024~4:30 pm

Sun., Sept. 15, 2024~10:30 am

**Sunday, September 8:**  
 Marcel Bonin  
 Living & Deceased Sarnac Family  
 Ron & Melody Lichtenwald Family  
**Frank O & Mary Smith**  
**Cathy Warner**

**GREETERS**

Dave &amp; Jeanie Alt

Alt Family

**LECTORS**

Peg Hines

Amy Zientek

**SERVERS**

3 Seiberts

 Alexa Alt  
 Lainey Zientek  
 1 Miller

**Monday, September 9:**  
 St. Peter Claver  
 No Mass  
 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday, September 10:**  
 Weekday  
 St. Peter ~ 7:00 pm  
 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

**USHERS**

Dave &amp; Jeanie Alt

 Aaron Alt  
 Chris Lopez

**Wednesday, September 11:**  
 Weekday  
 St. Peter ~ 9:00 am  
 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

**ROSARY LEADER**

Arlene Hicks

**Thursday, September 12:**  
 The Most Holy Name of Mary  
 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/  
 Lk 6:27-38

**MONEY COUNTERS**
 Chuck & Theresa McColl  
 Leonard Gustwiller

**Friday, September 13:**  
 St. John Chrysotom  
 St. Peter ~ 9:00 am  
 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/  
 Lk 6:39-42

**Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.**

**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**

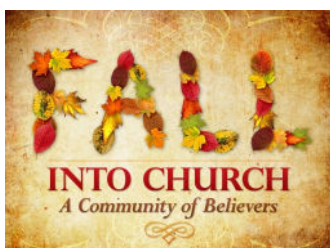
**ROSARY ~** The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.  
 No weekday rosary.

**Saturday, September 14:**  
 Vigil  
 St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm  
**Gina Damman**

**Sunday, September 15:**  
 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
 People of the Parish  
 St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
**Loman Radabaugh**  
 Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/  
 Mk 8:27-35

The Bryan Knights of Columbus Council 1915 will be holding a golf outing on September 28 at Patriot Hills golf course. This is a two person scramble and you can build your own team. Tee time is at 9 AM and it is open to the public.

Contact Jeff at 567-239-1106 or Jose at 419-551-7519.



There are many prizes for all!

In celebration of Bishop Daniel E. Thomas' 10-year anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, we are building a "spiritual bouquet" to present to him.

WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET?

A spiritual bouquet is a collection of prayers, sacrifices, or devotional acts offered by one person or a group of people for a particular intention or as a gift to another person. It is a way to show support, love, and gratitude through spiritual means. Instead of physical flowers, the "bouquet" consists of spiritual offerings like:

1. Prayers: Specific prayers, such as the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.
  2. Eucharistic Holy Hours: Spending an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament praying for the intention.
  3. Masses: Having Masses offered for the person's intentions.
  4. Fasting: Offering a period of fasting or abstinence.
- Acts of Charity: Engaging in acts of kindness or service.

These spiritual gifts are often presented to the recipient in a card or letter, sometimes beautifully designed to resemble a bouquet of flowers, indicating the types and numbers of spiritual acts being offered.

Visit [toledodiocese.org/10ye](http://toledodiocese.org/10ye) to send in your offerings for the spiritual bouquet. They will be presented to Bishop Thomas on October 22, 2024.

*Please note: This will be a surprise for Bishop Thomas! Please do not mention it to him.*

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**St. Caspar every Sunday at 1:00 pm**

**St. Augustine the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm**

**THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER**

Thank you to Arlene Hicks, John & Judy Smith and Frank & Benie Smith for hosting coffee and rolls last weekend.



Thank you to all who helped at the Fulton County Fair Catholic booth!



There is a Rosary Altar Society meeting today following the 10:30 am Mass. All women of the parish are welcome to attend!

Tuesday, Sept. 10  
*Finance Meeting*  
7:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 11  
*Parent Meeting*  
*Registration*  
6:30 pm  
*Catechist Meeting*  
7:30 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:  
\$5232.15

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00  
Over/(Under) Budget:  
\$1857.15

Past collections:

August 25	\$2138.00
August 18	\$2562.00
August 11	\$2665.00



# Dear Padre

September 8, 2024

**What is the "gospel of prosperity"? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God's favor?**

That's a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a "gospel of prosperity," Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn't write it, and it isn't about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called "Gospels of poverty." Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although "nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It's what wealth does to people that is the core issue. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded. ●

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