

December 1, 2024 ~ First Sunday of Advent



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 30:**  
Gina Damman

Sat., Dec. 7, 2024~4:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 8, 2024~10:30 am

**Sunday, December 1:**  
Chuck Wurth  
Frank O & Mary Smith  
Gina Damman

**GREETERS**

Mike &amp; Barb Britenriker

Steve &amp; Barb Dominique

**Monday, December 2:**  
Advent Weekday  
No Mass  
Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

**LECTORS**

Peg Hines

Chris Lopez

**Tuesday, December 3:**  
St. Francis Xavier  
St. Peter~7:00 pm  
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

**SERVERS**Baylen & Ashlyn Cordes  
Caleb Harrow

Brooks &amp; Layne Miller

**Wednesday, December 4:**  
St. John Damascene  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

**USHERS**

Mike &amp; Barb Britenriker

Steve &amp; Barb Dominique

**Thursday, December 5:**  
Advent Weekday  
Our Lady of Mercy ~ 9:00 am  
Joy Short  
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**ROSARY LEADER**

Evelyn Roth

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

**Friday, December 6:**  
St. Nicholas  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

**Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.****Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**

**Saturday, December 7:**  
Vigil  
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm  
Gina Damman  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.****OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS & DINNER**

**St. Peter Catholic Church**  
**Saturday, December 7**  
**Mass 4:30 pm**

***A free Mexican dinner will follow the service. Everyone is invited!*****THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER**



The Advent Sundays pave the way for the celebration of Jesus' first coming at his birth in Bethlehem, his Second Coming at the end of time, and his continued coming to all who gather in his name. This Sunday's Gospel describes that Second Coming and the fulfillment of the human race at the end of time. This Sunday is also the beginning of the new Liturgical Year.

**Pray!** Lord, I want to become the person you created me to be. Give me the grace to work on those things I need to correct or improve. Amen.

**Think!** How can you serve and help build the Kingdom of God?

**Act!** Display an Advent calendar to count down the days until Christmas. On each day, write something you can do to show Jesus you love him by serving him or others.

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**Sunday, December 1 (After Mass)**  
Potluck, Cookie Walk, Silent Auction, Coffee & Rolls

**Wednesday, December 4**  
Religious Education K-12

**Saturday, December 7 (After Mass)**  
Guadalupe Dinner

**Monday, December 9 (Immaculate Conception)**  
Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 am  
St. Peter 7:00 pm (Rosary 6:30 pm)

**Saturday, December 14 (After Mass)**  
Youth Group Cookie Fundraiser

**Sunday, December 15 (After Mass)**  
Youth Group Cookie Fundraiser

**Wednesday, December 18**  
Religious Education K-12

**Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve**  
St. Peter 4:30 pm & 9:00 pm  
Our Lady of Mercy 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day**  
Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 am

**Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve**  
St. Peter 4:30 pm

**Today is the day! Come join us for all the festivities...**

It's that time of year! The Angel Tree with the Christmas Cheer and St. Vincent (no stuffed animals!) is up. Donations are due by Sunday, December 8.

**PENANCE SERVICES**

St. Caspar: December 4, 2024 6:30 pm

St. Augustine (Napoleon): December 11, 2024 7:00 pm

St. Richard (Swanton): December 12, 2024 7:00 pm

St. Patrick (Bryan): December 3, 6 pm-7 pm, Dec. 12, 5 pm-7 pm, Dec. 17, 5 pm-6 pm and Dec. 18, 6:00 pm-6:45 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: \$3289.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget: (\$86.00)

Past collections:

November 17 \$3252.00  
November 10 \$2242.46  
November 3 \$4531.00



# Dear Padre

December 1, 2024

***I've been Catholic all my life, but I don't understand Advent. It's too much like Lent and seems an odd way to prepare for the birth of a baby.***

In a society that is primarily secular, one skill of the believing Christian is the ability to balance competing realities. From a secular perspective, Christmas is part of the period identified as the "holidays," beginning with Thanksgiving until New Year's Day, when it abruptly ends and stores begin advertising Valentine's Day.

For Christians, Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the great promise fulfilled after centuries of waiting and expectation. The creative energy of the Father is displayed in wonder and awe as the angels sing and people of good faith gather to celebrate. We join our ancestors in anticipation of this event through the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation.

The Christian holy day is a singular day, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord—Christmas—but the Church continues the celebration of God's life and love through the days that follow, culminating in the Baptism of the Lord, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus.

We are invited to hold the secular and the liturgical experiences in an integrated balance. We can celebrate the secular holidays and we can enter the liturgical season that helps us contemplate something much grander and more spectacular. ●

*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

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