

December 8, 2024 ~ 2nd 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, December 7:**  
Gina Damman

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

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

**Sunday, December 8:**  
Eddie Tidwell  
Giovanni Stella  
**People of the Parish**

**GREETERS**

Dave &amp; Jeanie Alt

Susan Bernath  
Sandy Schaffner

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

**LECTORS**

Theresa McColl

Frank Smith

**SERVERS**

Seiberts

Lainey Zientek  
Alexa Alt  
1 Cordes

**Tuesday, December 10:**  
Our Lady of Loreto  
St. Peter~7:00 pm  
Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

**USHERS**

Dave &amp; Jeanie Alt

Karter Zachrich  
Aaron Alt

**Wednesday, December 11:**  
St. Damasus  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

**ROSARY LEADER**

Lainey Zientek

**Thursday, December 12:**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Our Lady of Mercy ~ 9:00 am  
Giovanni Stella  
Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38

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

**Friday, December 13:**  
St. Lucy  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

**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.**

**Saturday, December 14:**  
Vigil  
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm  
**People of the Parish**  
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Siberian Solstice**

**Sunday, December 15:**  
3rd Sunday of Advent  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Marcel Bonin  
Joy Short  
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
**Gina Damman**  
**Frank O & Mary Smith**  
Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/  
Lk 3:10-18

St. Caspar Catholic Church  
1205 N. Shoop Ave., Wasueon, OH  
Sunday, December 8, 2024  
7:00 pm

No Tickets needed, Free-will donation

Presenting a musical show providing an exciting contemporary set of Christmas music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed group "TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA".

*"Siberian Solstice" has ten members on stage to accurately reproduce the TSO style.*



In Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist urges people to prepare the way of the Lord and to make straight his path. Saint John quotes the prophet Isaiah who also states that the mountains and hills will be made low, the winding roads made straight, and the rough ways smooth. The prophet also says that everyone will see the salvation of God. December 9 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception—a special holy day to celebrate Mary our Mother. And December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe—the patroness of the Americas.

**Pray!** Lord, help me to recognize what hurts your heart and have the courage to work to change it. Amen.

**Think!** In what new ways can you share Jesus with others?

**Act!** Make your favorite dessert, and then share it with a friend. Discuss how sharing dessert is good and sharing the Good News of Jesus is even better!



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**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**

*Thank you to everyone who donated items and supported our Rosary Altar Society Silent Auction and Cookie Walk! We made \$1322 from the auction and \$200 from the Cookie Walk.*

Christmas Cheer and St. Vincent donations are due today (Sunday). We will be loading items on Monday at 9:30 am to take donations to the fairgrounds. Any help loading at the church would be appreciated!

*PENANCE SERVICES*  
St. Augustine (Napoleon):  
December 11, 2024  
6:30 pm

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

St. Patrick (Bryan):  
December 12, 5 pm-7 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:

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

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

Past collections:

November 24 \$3289.00  
November 17 \$3252.00  
November 10 \$2242.46

# Dear Padre

December 8, 2024

**If Christmas is on December 25, why is the Immaculate Conception on December 8, rather than sometime in March?**

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception asserts that Mary was free of the stain of original sin from the time she was conceived in her mother's womb. Jesus was also free of the stain of original sin and his conception by Mary is referred to as the Incarnation of Christ. Mary's Immaculate Conception is often confused for Christ's Incarnation.

In the Church's liturgical calendar, Mary's conception is celebrated on December 8; her birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on September 8. Likewise, Christ's conception is celebrated on March 25 on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord; his birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on December 25.

Mary's Immaculate Conception was celebrated many centuries before Pope Pius IX defined it as dogma on December 8, 1854: "The doctrine that maintains that the Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception, by a unique grace and privilege granted to her by Almighty God, in consideration of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of mankind, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful" (*Ineffabilis Deus*). In fact, eight years before, in 1846, the bishops of the United States had already adopted the Immaculate Conception as the patronal feast for Catholics in this country. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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