

March 2, 2025 ~ 8th 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, March 1:

John Van Pelt
Susan Saaf

Sat., Mar. 8, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Mar. 9, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, March 2:

Frank O & Mary Smith
Jeanette Talbot
People of the Parish

GREETERS

Mike & Brigitte Schrickel

Herman Family

Monday, March 3:

No Mass
St. Katharine Drexel
Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27

LECTORS

Dexter Krueger

Chris Lopez

Tuesday, March 4:

St. Casimir
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

SERVERS

Kruegers

Caleb Harrow
Milan Herman
Carson Armstrong

Wednesday, March 5:

Ash Wednesday
St. Peter~7:00 am & 6:30 pm
OLOM~9:00 am
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

USHERS

Tami Bevins
Mike Schrickel

Mike Kennedy
Gary Morman

ROSARY LEADER

Bonnie Wickerham

MONEY COUNTERS

Chuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

Thursday, March 6:

Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Our Lady of Mercy ~ 9:00 am
James Eisel
Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

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

Friday, March 7:

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
St. Peter~9:00 am
Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.

Saturday, March 8:

Vigil
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
John Van Pelt
Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Craft Show: St. Michael Ridge Altar & Rosary Society

Saturday, March 15
10:00 am-3:00 am
K of C Hall Defiance, OH

Free Admission*Lunch Stand

Sandwiches, Soup, Pies & Desserts

Bake Sale*Basket Raffle

For more information contact: Sandy Wagner @ (419)769-7926

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In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to teach us to worry about our own actions before we criticize things other people do. When we are good, Jesus says, we produce good from our heart. But when we do evil things, they come from our heart as well. The point is to keep our hearts pure by loving God and one another.

Pray! Lord, help us to have eyes to see what you want us to learn and ears to hear your teaching. Amen.

Think! How are you blind about what the Church teaches? What can you do to learn more?

Act! Sunday's Gospel compares being blind to not knowing the faith. As a family, read and discuss a Bible story together so that your family learns and shares faith.



Saturday, March 1
1st Communion Retreat

Sunday, March 2
Coffee & Rolls
Confirmation Retreat

Wednesday, March 5 (ASH WEDNESDAY)
St. Peter: 7:00 am & 6:30 pm
Our Lady of Mercy: 9:00 am

Friday, March 7
Fish Fry

Sunday, March 9
Rosary Altar Society Meeting

Tuesday, March 11
Finance Council Meeting (7:30 pm)

Wednesday, March 12
Religious Education (AT HOME)

Friday, March 14
Fish Fry

Tuesday, March 18
Parish Council Meeting (7:30 pm)

Wednesday, March 19
Family Catechesis Night (6:30 pm)

Friday, March 21
Fish Fry

Wednesday, March 26
Religious Education K-12

Friday, March 28
Fish Fry



Welcome to all who are new or visiting St. Peter Catholic Church. If you would like to register as a parishioner there are membership forms on the table.

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

Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

Wednesday, March 5

St. Peter
7:00 am & 6:30 pm

OLOM
9:00 am

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:
\$1980.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
(\$1395.00)

Past collections:

February 16 \$3176.00
February 9 \$2097.00
February 2 \$3356.15

Dear Padre

March 2, 2025

Does pregnancy qualify as an exemption from abstinence and fasting in Lent?

Yes, it does. Just to be clear, abstinence is not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent and applies to Catholics over the age of fourteen. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obligated to fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal. In addition to children and elders, exemptions from these disciplines include pregnant or nursing women and the physically or mentally ill, including those with chronic illnesses, like diabetes.

It is presumed that mature Catholics will seek balance and integration in the practice of the faith and will routinely make careful, informed decisions and apply them to spiritual practice. Obviously, being informed and aware of what the Church teaches, why the Church teaches something, and how it is to be applied and understood will only enhance a person's discernment.

The health of an unborn baby is a clear responsibility and of the utmost importance. Maintaining a healthy and balanced diet during pregnancy and adjusting any habitual practices that may endanger the health of the baby should be a primary concern. While exempt from fasting and abstinence, a pregnant woman may want to observe Lent by adopting another penitential discipline, something that would do no harm to the baby but would still be in the spirit of Lent. ●

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

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