

August 24, 2025 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, August 23:
Loman Radabaugh

Sat., Aug. 30, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Aug. 31, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, August 24:
Rosemary Pontious
Sean Ricko
People of the Parish

GREETERS

Steve & Barb Dominique

Chris Lopez

Monday, August 25:

Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz
No Mass
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/
Mt 23:13-22

LECTORS

Peg Hines

Arlene Hicks

SERVERS

Cordes

Brooks & Layne Miller
Taylor Schrock

Tuesday, August 26:

Weekday
St. Peter~7:00 pm
1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26

USHERS

Steve & Barb Dominique

Gary Morman
Bryan Miller

Wednesday, August 27:

St. Monica
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

ROSARY LEADER

Arlene Hicks

Thursday, August 28:

St. Augustine
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

MONEY COUNTERSDave & Mari Yoder
Ron & Carlene Reese

Friday, Aug. 29:

St. Augustine
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 Thes 4:1-8/Mk 6:17-29

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

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

Saturday, August 30:

Vigil
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
Loman Radabaugh
1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

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

Sunday, August 31:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Rosemary Pontious
Sean Ricko
Giovanni Stella
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
People of the Parish
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb
12:18-19, 22-24a/
Lk 14:1, 7-14

Care & Share Gift & Thrift in Archbold would like to THANK YOU for your church family's continued support of our mission around the world and in our community.

We have an immediate opening for a full time (32-35 hrs/wk) Furniture & Store Operations Coordinator. A complete job description and other information is available contacting our Office Manager at 419-445-1926, x7.

We value your continued support and prayers as we look to fill this position.

Kathy Nofziger

General Manager



Called From Every Nation

On the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we hear how God gathers people from all corners of the earth. The message is clear. God's love is not limited to one group. He wants all people to come to Him.

This Sunday reminds us that following God is not always easy. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the narrow gate. He says that many will try to enter, but not all will succeed. It takes effort, trust, and a steady heart.

Hebrews tells us that discipline is part of love. Just like a parent teaches a child, God teaches us. This is not to punish us but to help us grow stronger.

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us to keep walking with God, even when the road is hard. God is calling all people to come and share in His joy. Let us respond with open hearts and ready hands.



The Catholic parishes of Fulton County will once again host an informational booth at the Fulton County Fair. St. Peter Church has been assigned the following dates:

- Friday, August 29—6:00 pm-9:00 pm**
- Tuesday, September 2—4:30 pm-7:00 pm**
- Wednesday, September 3 (Senior Day)—All day**

A sign-up sheet for the various shifts, along with additional volunteer information, is on the table in the hallway. Contact Dave Alt (419) 230-8561 or Jeanie Alt (419) 230-8560 if you have any questions. We are thankful for and appreciative of your help.

St. Peter is hosting the Mass at the Fulton County Fair on Saturday, August 30.

- Rosary 6:30 pm**
- Mass 7:00 pm.**



Welcome to all who are new or visiting St. Peter Church. If you would like to register as a parishioner you can find a membership form on the table in the entryway.

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for volunteers to help at the store. Days are Mondays and Thursdays to sort and put donations out. If interested or need more information please call Marge Crowell 419-237-2362.

We are still in need of catechist/helpers for Religious Education. If you have questions or interest, please contact Deb Herring, Father Bill or the office.



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: \$2612.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget: (\$763.00)

Past collections:

August 10	\$1929.25
August 3	\$4533.01
July 27	\$2700.00

Dear Padre

August 24, 2025

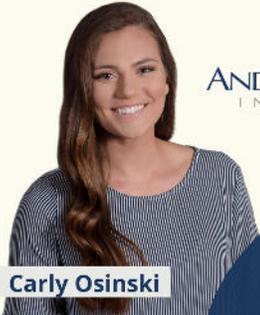
My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of "waiting" in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●

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

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