

November 30, 2025 ~ First Sunday of Advent



# 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 29:**  
John Van Pelt

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 7, 2025~10:30 am

**Sunday, November 30:**  
People of the Parish  
Al Holland  
Betty Zimmerman

**GREETERS**

Paul &amp; Deb Herring

Frank &amp; Benie Smith

**Monday, Dec. 1:**  
Advent Weekday  
No Mass  
Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

**LECTORS**

Peg Hines

Amy Zientek

**Tuesday, Dec. 2:**  
Advent Weekday  
St. Peter~7:00 pm  
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

**SERVERS**

Seiberts

Lainey Zientek  
Alexa & Gia Alt

**Wednesday, Dec. 3:**  
St. Francis Xavier  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

**USHERS**

Paul &amp; Deb Herring

Caleb Harrow  
Aaron Alt**ROSARY LEADER**

Bonnie Wickerham

**Thursday, Dec. 4:**  
St. John Damascene  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
Giovanni Stella  
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

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

**Friday, Dec. 5:**  
Advent Weekday  
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, Dec. 6: 1st Saturday**  
St. Nicholas  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
*Rosary 8:30 am*  
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.**

Vigil  
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm  
John Grieser  
Lenny, Andy,  
Cari Breidenbach

**Siberian Solstice 2025:**

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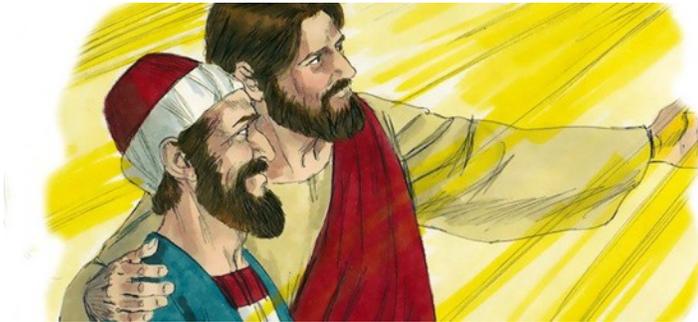
**Sunday, Dec. 7:**  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Eddie Tidwell  
Rosemary Pontius  
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
Frank Grime  
Cathy Warner  
Carolyn Bigger  
Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/  
Mt 3:1-12

**St. Caspar Catholic Church**  
**Sunday, December 7**  
**7:00 pm**

[siberiansolstice.com/showdates.htm](http://siberiansolstice.com/showdates.htm)



The Church's three-year cycle of Lectionary readings begins again on the first Sunday of Advent. We start reading from Year A, which is organized around Matthew's Gospel. The prophet Isaiah's words are used prominently in Advent. They are read as the First Reading each week and are quoted by Matthew in the Gospels. We begin the new Church year by hearing Jesus speak of his coming in glory. He cautions us always to be ready for him and to live each day in the light of God.



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It's that time of year! The **Angel Tree** with the *Christmas Cheer* and *St. Vincent* (no stuffed animals!) tags is up. Donations are due by **Sunday, December 7**. We will need volunteers to deliver collected items at 9:00 am to the Jr. Fair Building in Wauseon on **Monday, December 8**.

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*The Immaculate Conception*  
**Monday, December 8**

**Our Lady of Mercy- 9:00 am**  
**St. Peter: Rosary 6:30, Mass 7:00 pm**

November is our month for donating to Archbold FISH Food Pantry. All items are always welcome as well as monetary donations.

Our parish potluck, cookie walk, and silent auction will be held next **Sunday, December 7** following the 10:30 am Mass. Please plan to attend for great fun, food, and fellowship!

**K-12 Faith Formation**  
*Wednesday, December 3*  
**(ON SITE)**

**Local Penance**

**Services:**

*Wed., December 3*

**St. Caspar, Wauseon**

6:00 pm

*Wed., December 17*

**Holy Trinity,**

**Assumption**

6:30 pm



**Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesdays 8 am-7 pm

*Mass at 7 pm*

Contact Pat Dominique if you want to commit to a Holy Hour. 419-446-2206

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Sunday Offering:

*Not available at time of printing*

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:

Past collections:

November 16 \$3781.00

November 9 \$4354.00

November 2 \$2693.00

# Dear Padre

November 30, 2025

## Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are “every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent” (*Code of Canon Law*, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. (See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 39.) While Advent is more anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.” Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.

Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord’s coming (*adventus* in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior’s Incarnation. ●

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