

December 14, 2025 ~ 3rd 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, December 13:
John Van Pelt

Sat., Dec. 20, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 21, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, December 14:
Marcel Bonin
Rosemary Pontius
Al Holland
Lowell & Barbara Merillat
Simplicio & Chris Lopez
anniversary blessing-49 years

GREETERS

JR & Linda Lauber

Andy & Lois Grime

LECTORS

Linda Lauber

Arlene Hicks

Monday, Dec. 15:
Advent Weekday
No Mass
Nm 24:2-7, 15-7a/Mt 21:23-27

SERVERSConnor & Dalton Smith
Lainey Zientek

Langenderfers

Tuesday, Dec. 16:
Advent Weekday
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Christmas Novena
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

USHERSJR Lauber
Tami BevinsTyson Langenderfer
Aaron Alt

Wednesday, Dec. 17:
Late Advent Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
Christmas Novena
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

ROSARY LEADER

Arlene Hicks

Thursday, Dec. 18:
Late Advent Weekday
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Christmas Novena
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

MONEY COUNTERSChuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

Friday, Dec. 19:
Late Advent Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
Christmas Novena
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

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, Dec. 20:
Vigil
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
Christmas Novena
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, Dec. 21:
4th Sunday of Advent
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
Christmas Novena
Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/

Christmas Novena

We will start the *Christmas Novena* on Tuesday, December 16 through Christmas, December 25. All prayer intentions in our hearts will be prayed at the weekly/weekend Masses during these days. A short prayer to add to the Novena
“*Jesus, I surrender to you.*”





In Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, who is truly human and truly God. Healing actions prophesied by Isaiah—making the blind see, the deaf hear, and the lame leap, as well as preaching the Good News to the poor—all tell John the Baptist who Jesus is. Jesus’ loving actions continued to be completed by his followers today. Jesus calls us to be just and loving as he is, especially by helping people unable to help themselves. All the readings for this Sunday recall the themes of reconciliation and wholeness.



Thanks to our parishioners who supported the Christmas Cheer event this past week! Representing St. Peter were Peg Hines and Lois Grime who provided the meal for 125 volunteers on Thursday. Special thanks also to Kevin Seibert for organizing our parish participation, and to Lilli Radabaugh for serving as director of this ministry. It was another successful year with over 400 households being served!



Mission Trip Fundraiser- BAKE SALE
Saturday, December 20 &
Sunday, December 21

Please support this ministry!

The January devotionals are in: *Living Faith* and *Word Among Us*. Please pick up a free copy.



The newsletter is on its way!

St. Peter-Confessions
Tuesday, December 16
5:30-6:30 pm

K-12 Faith Formation
Wednesday, December 17
(ON SITE)

Local Penance Services:
Wed., December 17
Holy Trinity, Assumption
6:30 pm
St. John, Defiance
6:00 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:
\$2822.68

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
(\$552.32)

Past collections:
November 30 \$3607.00
November 23 \$3533.00
November 16 \$3781.00

Dear Padre

December 14, 2025

Does the Bible say that Mary was in her sixth month of pregnancy at the Annunciation?

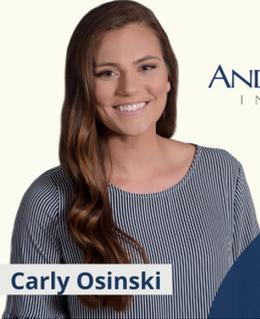
The announcement of Jesus' birth in Luke begins, "In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph... and the virgin's name was Mary" (Luke 1:26-27). This Scripture passage taken out of context could possibly give the impression that "in the sixth month" refers to Mary. However, it refers to Mary's cousin Elizabeth, who was in the sixth month of her pregnancy with John the Baptist. The proper context is a few verses before this one that reads, "Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months" (Luke 1:24).

Regarding Mary's pregnancy, at the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells her, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Luke 1:31, 35). Gabriel also informs Mary, "And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren" (Luke 1:36).

In general, women already in their sixth month of pregnancy would likely be aware of their condition, and it would not be easy to conceal from others. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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