

December 21, 2025 ~ 4th 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 20:
Christmas Novena

Sat., Dec. 27, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 28, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, December 21:
Christmas Novena

GREETERS

Mike & Barb Britenriker

Matt & Kristin Shields

Monday, Dec. 22:

Late Advent Weekday

No Mass

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

LECTORS

Jenny Graber

Matt Shields

Tuesday, Dec. 23:

St. John of Kanty

St. Peter~7:00 pm

Christmas Novena

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

SERVERS

Kruegers

Anna & Marian Shields
Carson Armstrong

Wednesday, Dec. 24:

Christmas Eve

St. Peter~4:30 pm & 9:00 pm

Christmas Novena

Our Lady of Mercy~7:00 pm

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/

Lk 1:67-79

USHERS

Mike & Barb Britenriker

Chris Lopez
Joe Gonzales

ROSARY LEADER

Evelyn Roth

Thursday, Dec. 25:

Christmas

Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am

Christmas Novena

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/

Jn 1:1-18

MONEY COUNTERS

Chuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

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.

Friday, Dec. 26:

St. Stephen

St. Peter~9:00 am

Communion Service

Christmas Novena

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/

Mt 10:17-22

Saturday, Dec. 27:

Vigil

St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm

John Grieser

Lenny, Andy, and

Cari Breidenbach

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday, Dec. 28:

The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary, and Joseph

Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am

Jimmie Crowell

St. Peter ~ 10:30 am

Cindy Eddy

Cathy Warner

Carolyn Bigger

Dick & Susan Saaf

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23





Joseph faces a dilemma in this Sunday's Gospel. He is engaged to Mary, but she is pregnant and Joseph is not the father. By legal right, Joseph could accuse Mary of adultery and subject her to the punishment of death by stoning. Instead, Joseph takes her and Baby Jesus to live with him as his wife and adopted son. They form a family circle in which Mary and Joseph raise and nurture Jesus. Matthew points Jesus out as *Emmanuel*, meaning, "God-with-us," which fulfills Isaiah's ancient description of the Messiah.





Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24
4:30 pm ~ **St. Peter**
7:00 pm ~ **Our Lady of Mercy**
9:00 pm ~ **St. Peter**

Christmas Morning: Thursday, December 25
9:00 am ~ **Our Lady of Mercy**

New Year's Eve
Wednesday, December 31
4:30 pm ~ **St. Peter**

New Year's Day
Thursday, January 1
9:00 am ~ **Our Lady of Mercy**

Christmas Eve Ministers

(4:30 pm) Greeters-Herman Family, Lector- Steve Bernath, Servers- Milan Herman, Alexa & Gia Alt, Ushers-Steve & Barb Dominique

(9:00 pm) Greeters-Chuck & Theresa McColl, Lector-Theresa McColl, Servers-Seiberts, Ushers-Gary Morman, Joel Felder



**Mission Trip
Fundraiser**

BAKE SALE

**Saturday, December 20 &
Sunday, December 21**
*Please support this
ministry!*

*Thank you to all who
played a part in our
Our Lady of Guadalupe
celebration Mexican
meal last weekend. Such
a wonderful night of food
and fellowship!*

Tuesday, December 23
Confessions-St. Peter
5:30 pm-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:
\$5594.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
\$222.00

Past collections:

December 7 \$2822.68
November 30 \$3607.00
November 23 \$3533.00

Dear Padre

December 21, 2025

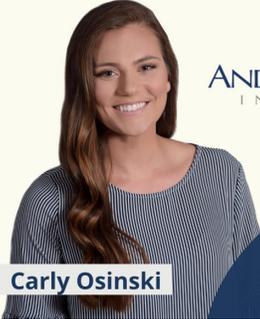
I went to confession, and then, months later, my priest was removed for alcoholism and theft. Is my confession still worthy?

Your confession is not dependent on the worthiness or the unworthiness of the priest. Your confession is made to Jesus; the priest is a witness who pronounces the words of absolution that Jesus intended in the sacrament. "From the moment that a sacrament is celebrated in accordance with the intention of the Church, the power of Christ and his Spirit acts in and through it, independently of the personal holiness of the minister" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1128).

The question of the efficacy of the sacrament and the unworthiness of the minister who performs the sacrament in the name of the Church is not new. During the time of persecution, in the early centuries of the Church, some people, including priests and bishops, avoided martyrdom by offering the required oblation to Caesar. Later, they repented and returned to the Christian community, a community that included the surviving family and friends of the men and women who were martyred. The question was asked, and with some animated energy, "How could these ministers who sinned to save their own lives now represent the Church?" The answer, arrived at with patience and discernment, is that the minister is only the representative of the sacrament, not the source of the sacrament. Jesus is faithful, even when his ministers have been unfaithful. ●

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

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