

January 18, 2026 ~ 2nd 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, January 17:
People of the Parish**

Sat., Jan. 24, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Jan. 25, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, January 18:

Jeanette Tidwell

Giovanni Stella

Dick & Susan Saaf**GREETERS**

Chuck & Theresa McColl

Matt & Kristin Shields

Monday, January 19:

Weekday

No Mass

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

LECTORS

Dexter Krueger

Matt Shields

Tuesday, January 20:

Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

St. Peter~7:00 pm

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

SERVERS

Kruegers

Anna & Marian Shields

Makayla Felder

Wednesday, January 21:

St. Agnes

St. Peter~9:00 am

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/
Mk 3:1-6**USHERS**

Tami Bevins

Chuck McColl

Joel Felder

Matt Pacholski

ROSARY LEADER

Evelyn Roth

Thursday, January 22:

Day of Prayer for the Legal

Protection of Unborn

Children

Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7/
Mk 3:7-12**MONEY COUNTERS**

Ron & Carlene Reese

Dave & Mari Yoder

Friday, January 23:

Sts. Vincent &

Marianne Cope

No Mass

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.****Saturday, January 24:**

Vigil

St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm

John Grieser2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/
Mk 3:20-21**Sunday, January 25:**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am

Frank Grime

St. Peter ~ 10:30 am

Al HollandIs 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23**Blood Drive-Ruihley Park Pavilion**

Tuesday, February 3

11:00 am to 5:00 pm

To register, please contact 1-800-RED-CROSS or go online to redcrossblood.org and use keyword: RUIHLEYPARK

Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

Come give blood 1/26-2/28 for a \$20 e-gift card to your choice of merchant. See rcblood.org/heart



John 1:29-34

In this Sunday’s Gospel, John the Baptist announces the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. John gives us a picture of who Jesus is and what he has come to do. The lamb, the animal that symbolizes the Israelite’s liberation from Egypt, shows that Jesus’ mission is to give his life for us. The Gospels show us that Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit from the beginning of his ministry. This week, your family will learn to recognize the Spirit of God in your family life and in the life of the Church.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

With winter weather upon us, this will be the implementation of closure for St. Peter.

Sunday Mass – St. Peter will close when there has been a Level 3 Emergency issued for Fulton County.

Weekday Morning Mass/Adoration– if Archbold/local schools are closed or delayed because of ice or snow, there will be NO Mass at St. Peter.

Wednesday CCD- If Archbold/local schools close due to ice or snow then the Religious Ed activities for that evening will be cancelled.

Wednesday, January 21 at 6:00 pm there will be a new server training/server refresher course before religious ed class.

Contribution reports for 2025 are in your mailbox. Everyone clean out your box...



Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 20
7:30 pm

K-12 Faith Formation
Wednesday, January 21
(Teaching Safety)

K of C FISH FRY
Friday, January 9 -April 3
4:30-7:30 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:
\$2843.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
(\$532.00)

Past collections:

January 4 \$5243.29
December 28 \$4071.00
Christmas Eve 4157.00

Dear Padre

January 18, 2026

I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●

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

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